



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am

Nursery provided next door in Treacy Hall for both Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm

Parish Staff

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Sacraments

Matrimony | Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Infant Baptism | Class for parents, required only once; by appointment; before or after birth of baby.

Anointing of the Sick | First Friday after Mass or can be scheduled at anytime.

Our Mission

As the oldest Catholic community in northern Alabama, we welcome all to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love God, and follow Jesus Christ through faith, worship, and witness.

Office Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.3741

Contact Us

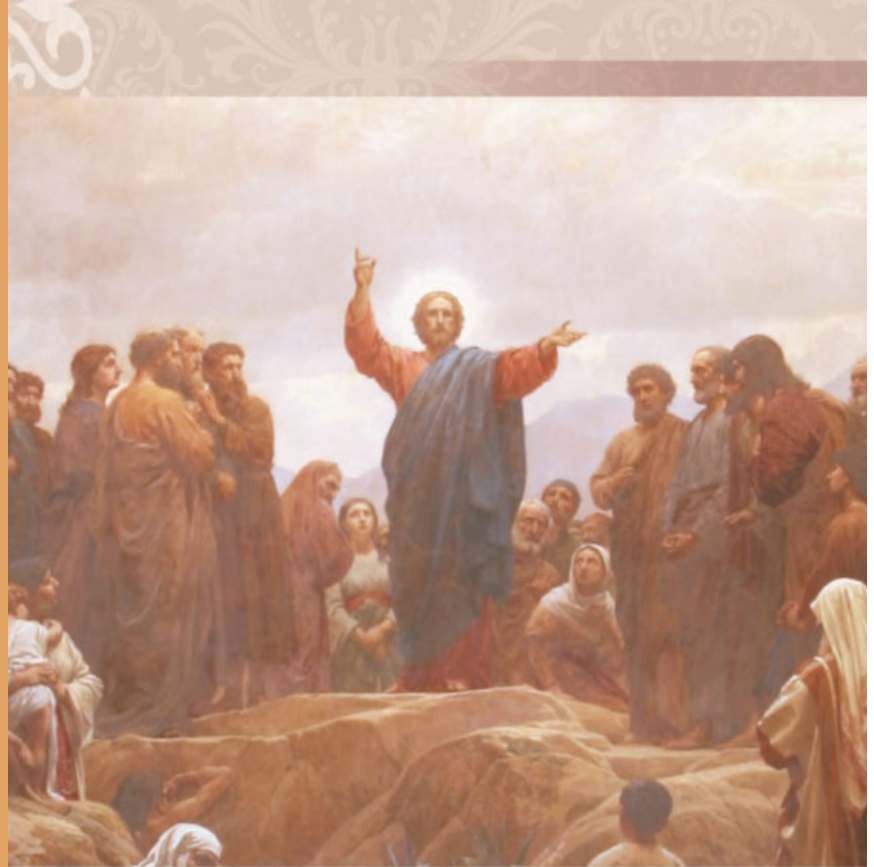
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7th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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Save the Date

Feb 26—Lenten Journey Overview for New Catholics in the Parish Hall

Mar 5—Ash Wednesday/Masses at 8am, 12:15pm, and 6pm

Mar 7—Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in the Parish Hall

Mar 14—Potluck Supper in Treacy Hall

Mar 15—St. Patrick's Day Parade Blessing

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

February 15/16

Weekly Church Support.....\$18,791

Holy Family.....\$180

JPII High School.....\$150

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

For information on how to donate online, see page 2 of the bulletin.

Homebound Ministry to the Sick & Shut-In

We bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to illness, disability, or other circumstances, allowing them to receive the Sacrament and feel connected to the parish community. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, or residing in a nursing home and unable to attend Mass, you may request a Eucharistic minister who can bring Holy Communion, ensuring that you can still participate in this sacred sacrament and experience the presence of Christ. If in need please contact the office at smvparish@smvparish.org or 256-536-6349.

Parish Registration

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend Visitation on a regular basis and have not registered, please register at the parish. The registration form is on our website or pick up a form on the buffet in the narthex. Any changes to your information can also be made on the form.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp will burn each day for the intentions of one of our parish families. If possible, please stop by the church on your day and say a prayer.

Feb 22-Mar 2 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. Chris Flores
- Mon** Ms. Cheyenne Flowers
- Tues** Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Fontenot
- Wed** Ms. Samantha Fowler
- Thurs** Dr. & Mrs. Elijah Fox
- Fri** Mr. James Fox /Ms. Catherine Swafford
- Sat** Ms. Joy Francis
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. John Franks



Weekly Readings & Observances Week of February 23rd

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38 **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50 **St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

The **Becoming Catholic** program for baptized, non-Catholic Christians interested in learning about the Catholic faith and/or joining the Church begins Ash Wednesday (March 5). The class meets weekly with Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (June 8). For info or to register for the class, contact **Mike Janssen** (mjj032753@gmail.com).

The **Men of St. Joseph** is an association of Christian men, united under the Catholic Church, who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families. We meet to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings to have a better understanding of God's word. All men (single or married) of the parish are invited to join us **Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Holy Family Room**. For more information, contact **Deacon Jeff at** jeffmontgomery@35758@gmail.com.

Weekly emails are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

Please send news, pictures, etc., for consideration in the SMV Monthly Newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com **by the 15th of the month** to be in the next month's newsletter.

For a complete list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.org or pick up a Guide to Ministries (available in the narthex).

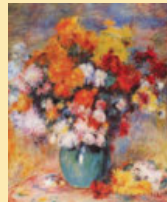
Pray with us!

Our 7th grade class asks you to pray with them this week for people who are struggling financially, especially single mothers, and also for those who have been hurt or abused, that God will help to heal their hearts & bodies and bring them comfort.



Faith Formation

Online Giving Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.com by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office at 256-536-6349 if you have questions or for more information.



Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Please contact the office for more information.

Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Treacy Hall (next door to the church) during the 8 & 11am Masses.



Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Kathy Rogers, Emory & Virginia McCullough, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Joey Nees, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, Ghada Almahdi, and Ann Geist.

Have A Prayer Request Or Need A Pastoral Visit?
Contact us for a prayer request 256.536.6349



Life in Faith Ministry is hosting a Lenten Journey Overview for New Catholics on February 26 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center (220 Lincoln Street). All parishioners are welcome to this review of Lenten expectations and traditions, with recent RCIA and Becoming Catholic members particularly encouraged to attend.



**Felix Ignatius Merritt
February 15, 2025**



**Suraiya Turner
February 10, 2025
Wife of
Jesse Turner**

Mary's Prayer Garden

still has some available bricks. Suggested donation is \$100. Order forms are available online, in the narthex, or in the office.



Nursery Worker Paid Position Opening

The nursery worker cares for preschool children, age 4 and under, during Sunday Masses. **If interested, please call the church office or email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.**

WOMEN'S CURSILLO

Looking to grow your faith and love of Jesus? The Cursillo Movement offers the method, tools and support needed to live a fuller, more vibrant Christian life. The next Women's weekend will be held March 27-30, 2025 at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman.

For more information contact

Linda Schaaf at

[256-541-2687](tel:256-541-2687) or LSchaaf325@gmail.com.



Join us for a Lenten Fish Fry, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, on March 7, March 21, and March 28. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is requesting the following items: canned chicken, meat, and tuna; Vienna sausages; canned fruit; soups; peanut butter and jelly; cereal (regular size or variety packs; peanut butter or cheese crackers. Thank you for support and donations.



Scan the QR code to the left to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.

Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 22

5:30pm | For the Parish

6:30pm | Mardi Gras Potluck & Dance (PH)

Sunday, February 23

8:00am | † Jeffrey Skupien

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30 | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion Ministry

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, February 24

4:00pm | Quilting Class (VH)

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am | † Patrick Bolton

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, February 26

8:00am | † Bea & Charles Albright

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | St. Lawrence Ministry (VH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Lenten Journey Overview for New Catholics (PH)

Thursday, February 27

8:00am | † Josh Jarrell

6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, February 28

8:00am | † Gertrude Keeley

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

6:30pm | Catholic Homeschoolers (TH)

Saturday, March 1

5:30pm | For the Mary's Hand Ministry

Sunday, March 2

8:00am | For the Parish

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30 | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | † John & Andria Votovich

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(C) Church

(PH) Parish Hall

(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy Hall

(O) Office

(VH) Visitation Hall

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or following this link – <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

Create your account by entering the primary email listed on your parish registration and following the directions on-screen.

You can also download the app to your phone using the appropriate link below:

iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221>

Android - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members&pcampaignid=web_share

Active membership at the Visitation is usually determined by: registration at the parish for at least six months; attendance at Mass every weekend; use of your financial stewardship envelopes or enrollment in On-line Giving or active involvement in parish ministries. Active membership status is required to serve on Parish Councils, as Commission Chairs, or to have parishioner status at local Catholic Schools.



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