

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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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

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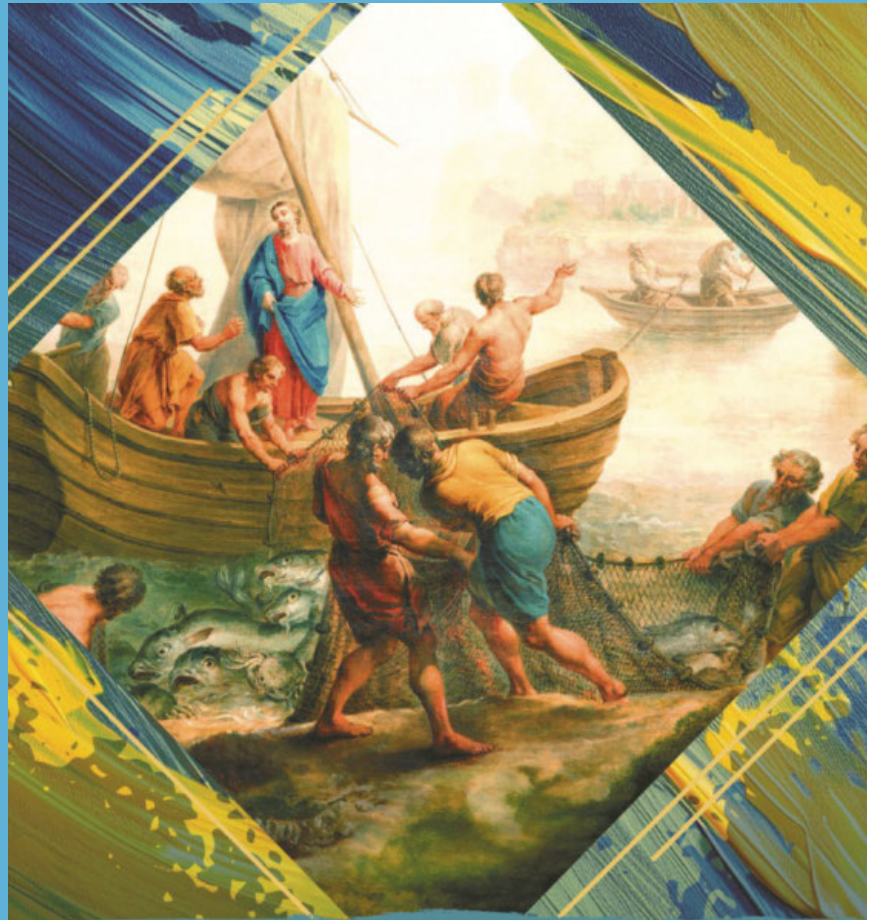
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They left everything and followed him.
- Lk 5:11

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Save the Date

Feb 22—Mardi Gras Dance Party in the Parish Hall

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

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

Mar 8—Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament

Mar 15—St. Patrick's Day Parade Blessing

Mar 22—Parish Pilgrimage: Why I Love Being Catholic

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

February 1/2

Weekly Church Support.....\$20,500

Holy Family.....\$147

JPII High School.....\$5

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

The Knights of Columbus invite all men to **"Into the Breach"**, a groundbreaking 12-episode video series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. "Into the Breach" tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jason Evert and many others. Each episode is independent of the rest. Should you miss one or so it's no big deal!

We will eat a small breakfast, watch the 15-minute video and then discuss. Coffee and egg casserole provided. Please bring a protein favorite or sweets if you wish. Age appropriate = 18+.

Contact Chris Henderson with questions, 251-458-6700 or cathdad1970@gmail.com Third Saturday each month. Begins February 15, 7:00-8:00am, in the Parish Hall

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 9–Feb 16 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. Michael Engle
- Mon** Mr. Jeffrey English
- Tues** Mr. Jacob Eshleman
- Wed** Ms. Carole Eskridge
- Thurs** Dr. Shawn Fahl
- Fri** Ms. Kathleen Felker
- Sat** Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Fenuccio
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fields



Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56

St. Scholastica, Virgin

Tuesday: Gn 1:20–2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13 **Our Lady of Lourdes**

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37 **Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day**

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

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.

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**.

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!

This week, our 4th grade class asks you to join them in praying that the homeless community find food, shelter, and spiritual comfort and that those sick in hospitals find physical and spiritual healing.



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, David Geist, Jesse Turner, Suraiya Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, and Ghada Almahdi.



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

The Homebound Prayer Ministry for parish shut-ins/homebound or those living alone will come to your home and pray the rosary with you and your family. If you would like to be on this ministry team or if you are a shut in/homebound or living alone please **contact Steve Venckus at svenckus1@verizon.net**.



Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and Eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church; look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase Your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Light Ahead: The Journey of Addiction and Recovery

meets again on Friday, February 14th, at 6pm, in Treacy Hall.
Contact is Nicky Lanza, nlanza32@gmail.com.

The **Becoming Catholic** program for baptized, non-Catholic Christians interested in learning about the Catholic faith and/or joining the Church begins Mar 5. The class meets weekly with Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (June 8). A Q&A session will be Feb 16 at 9:30am in the Church. For info or to register for the class, contact **Mike Janssen (mij032753@gmail.com)**.

Men's Clothing Drive

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is conducting a clothing drive to assist local homeless and less fortunate men. Underwear/long underwear (NEW) in all sizes, gently used shirts, jeans, jackets, gloves, and hats are all NEEDED. The Knights were told that the women and children are pretty well supplied. They do, however, need disposable diapers (6mo-1yr sizes) and wipes. Drop-off will be the morning of **February 16, 8:00am-12:30pm, at St Mary's Parish Hall, 220 Lincoln St NE, Huntsville, during our monthly Family Breakfast.** Just pull up under the awning and we will unload your donation!

Women's Ministry

Continuing with the parish theme of RENEW: Living the Virtues Daily, all ladies of the parish are invited to the **Women's Ministry Paint Night on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm in Treacy Hall.** Come enjoy the fun with *ChaChalk Couture* by Lisa to create a wooden door hanger with chalk paint that will give you a beautiful visual reminder to "live the virtues daily". There will be several designs to choose from to create one with a specific virtue that you are working on improving. There are 25 spots available. To reserve your place, please contact **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.**



Rosary Makers Needed

The Rosary Making Ministry will host a class at **9:15am, February 16, in Visitation Hall.** For more information contact **Jed Park at jedpark66@gmail.com.**



Food Pantry

The food pantry is requesting the following needed items: soups; canned chicken, meat, and tuna; canned fruit; instant rice mixes; cereal (regular size or variety packs); peanut butter, jelly; Hamburger Helper; and ramen noodles. Thank you for your support and generous donations.

Scan the QR code below to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 8

5:30pm | † Lamar Howell Gilmore

Sunday, February 9

8:00am | For the Candlelight (Devotional) Ministry

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 | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, February 10

4:00pm | Quilting Class (VH)
7:00pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, February 11

8:00am | For the Parish

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)
6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)
6:30pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, February 12

8:00am | † Arthur & Dorothy Davis

10:00am | Pray & Play –contact Erin Townsend, erin.townsend18@gmail.com for location
6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)
6:00pm | Knights of Columbus (PH)
6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

Thursday, February 13

8:00am | Brooke Dacy (I)
6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, February 14

8:00am | † Kathryn Moore
8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)
6:00pm | The Light Ahead (TH)

Saturday, February 15

5:30pm | † Angela Forese-Prior
7:00am | Into the Breach (PH)

Sunday, February 16

8:00am | For the Parish

8:30-10:30am | KofC Family Breakfast (PH)
9:15am | Rosary Making Class (VH)
9:30am | Becoming Catholic Q&A (C)
9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)
9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)
9:30am | RCIA (TH)
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | Mira Kruja (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church (PH) Parish Hall
(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy Hall
(O) Office (VH) Visitation Hall

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ♥

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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