

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025 | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



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

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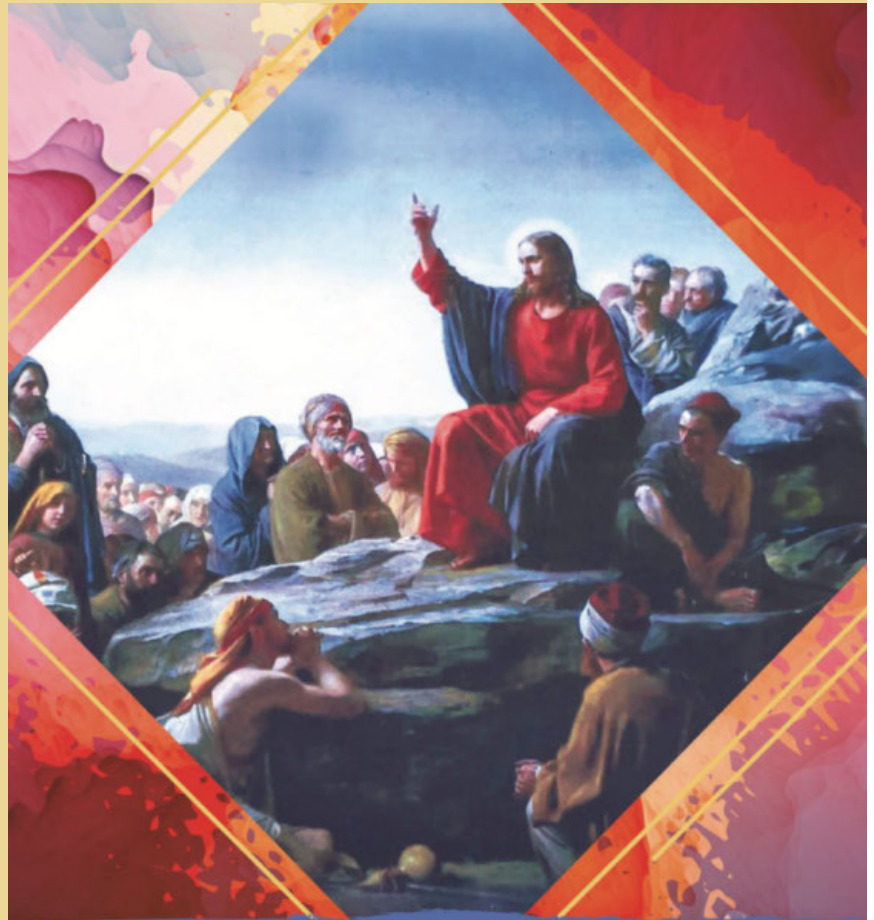
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“Blessed are you.” - Lk 6:21

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Save the Date

Feb 22—Mardi Gras Dance Party and Potluck 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 7—Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in the Parish Hall

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

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

February 8/9

Weekly Church Support.....\$19,626

Holy Family.....\$185

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.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart
in imitation of Yours.

Bless me, Lord, help me to see people
as You do, and to hear their needs.

Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding
with Yours. Amen.

Acts of Generosity

"Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is 'not about swooning in mystic rapture.' Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves."

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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).

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 16-Feb 23 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fields
- Mon** Mr. Erich Finckenor
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Finckenor
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Finn
- Thurs** Mr. Peter Finzel
- Fri** Mr. Mark Fisher
- Sat** Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Fitter
- Sun** Mr. Chris Flores



Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26 **6th**

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13 **The Seven Holy**

Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1 **St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

ALL GRADES MEET IN THEIR NORMAL CLASSROOMS THIS WEEKEND

Pray with us!

This week, our 6th grade class asks you to pray with them for those less fortunate, that opportunities and resources for them be abundant and easily found.



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.

Congratulations!

McKenna Ann Tharpe and

Patrick Ryan Carter

Married February 14, 2025

Thank you to the couple for donating their flowers for the altar.



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



55+ February Gathering, Friday, February 21, 5:00pm at the Parish Hall. Dinner will be provided.

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.**

Rosary Makers Needed!

The Rosary Making Ministry will host a class **TODAY, February 16th, after the 8am Mass in Visitation Hall.**



Knights of Columbus

Family Breakfast

TODAY, February 16

8:30-10:30am
in the Parish Hall

Saint Mary of the Visitation invites you to the

MARDIS GRAS DANCE AND POTLUCK

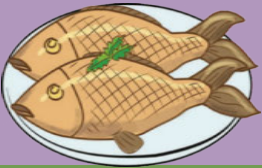
Saturday, Feb 22
Dinner at 6:30
SMV Parish Center

Attire: Dressy/Formal/Masquerade
Dancing and Instruction starting at 5:30

Please bring a main dish that will feed your family +2

All Ages! Desserts also welcome!

"LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!"



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 in need of the following items: soups; peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; canned chicken, meat, and tuna; cereal (regular size or variety packs); instant rice mixes; Hamburger Helper; Vienna sausages. Thank you for your generous donations. Don't forget the "SMV's Food Pantry" for your food drive donations.



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

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



Men's Clothing Drive

Drop-off will be **TODAY, 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!

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

- Saturday, February 15**
7:00am | Into the Breach (PH)
5:30pm | † Angela-Forese Prior
- 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
- Monday, February 17**
4:00pm | Quilting Class (VH)
7:00pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)
- Tuesday, February 18**
8:00am | † Catherine Roling Nenninger
6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)
- Wednesday, February 19**
8:00am | † Marguerite Leslie
5:15pm | Homebound Prayer Ministry (VH)
6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)
6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry (VH)
- Thursday, February 20**
8:00am | † Marianne Kershaw
6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)
- Friday, February 21**
8:00am | † Catherine Berger
8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)
5:00pm | 55+ (PH)
- Saturday, February 22**
5:30pm | For the Parish
6:30pm | Mardi Gras Dance & Potluck (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
(C) Church (PH) Parish Hall
(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy Hall
(O) Office (VH) Visitation Hall

Our **Church Directory** is available to view on your computer or smartphone! Instant Church Directory—the program we use to build our church directory—has a member website. **You can access this website by scanning this QR code or following this link – <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>**

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

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



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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