

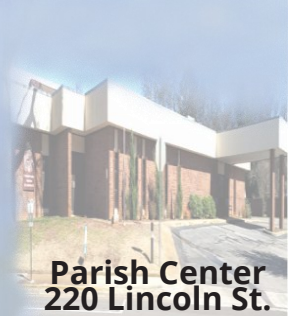
JUNE 28TH 2026 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 & 12:30pm

Nursery provided next door in Visitation Hall for the 8:00am & 11:00am Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday-Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Mass & Adoration

1st Fridays | 6:30pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jose Raphy Ambooken

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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: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

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Huntsville, AL 35801

256.536.6349/www.smvparish.com



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“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - Mt 10:37-38

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Save the Date

**Sunday, July 5th—8:00 Mass
honoring Police & Active
Military**

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$20,119**

June 20/21

Weekly Church Support.....\$15,986
Holy Family.....\$289
JPil High School.....\$195
Mission Cooperative.....\$953

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Dear Parish Family,

As we come to the end of June and begin a new month, I would like to thank all of you for your active participation in the life of our parish. Over the past several weeks, we have been publishing Family Tips in our bulletin to encourage and strengthen Catholic family life. I am delighted that many families have responded by signing up to have their homes blessed. The house blessings are continuing, and I have greatly enjoyed visiting your homes, praying with your families, and getting to know you better. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the parish office to schedule a visit.

This week the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. These two great apostles are pillars of the Church and models of faith, courage, and missionary zeal. Through their prayers, may we remain faithful to Christ and His Church.

On July 3, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle. This feast is especially meaningful to me because Saint Thomas is the founder of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, the Eastern Catholic Church to which I belong. We proudly call ourselves "St. Thomas Christians," believing that the Apostle brought the Gospel to India. His profession of faith, "My Lord and my God," continues to inspire Christians throughout the world.

As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4, let us thank God for the blessings and freedoms we enjoy in this country. We remember with gratitude all who have served and sacrificed for our nation. At the 8:00 a.m. Mass on July 5, we will honor our parishioners who serve in the military, law enforcement, and other uniformed services.

I would also like to update you on the rekeying of our parish facilities. The Parish Center and Administration Building have been completed, and work on the church will be finished soon. Thank you for your patience during this process. If you need information regarding building access or keys, please contact the parish office.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42), Jesus reminds us that discipleship requires commitment and sacrifice. May we place Christ first in our lives and faithfully carry His love into our homes, parish, and community. God bless you and your families.

Fr Jose

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.

Online Giving—Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.com by selecting the secure "Donate" button located in the menu. For more information call the office at 256-536-6349.



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.

June 28–July 5 For the intentions of:
Sun Ms. Stephanie Alley
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Justin Allyn
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Noel Almario
Wed Ms. Ann Anderson
Thurs Ms. Barbara Anderson
Fri Ms. Brittian Anderson
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Richard Anderson
Sun Mr. Sean Anderson

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of June 28, 2026

Sun: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Tues: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wed: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Thurs: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Fri: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

St. Thomas, Apostle

Sat: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Independence Day

Want to support our program?
 Consider signing up to provide items from our
 Faith Formation Wishlist!

Scan the QR Code
 to view the list



Enrollment for Pre-K – 12th Grade Faith Formation
Classes is open for the 2026-2027 School Year. Visit the RE tab
on the parish website to register!

For a list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.com or pick up a Guide to Ministries in the church narthex.

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

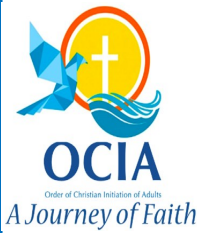
Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses.

Prayer Requests Jennifer Michael, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Joan Smith, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, Lisa Downard, Seraphina Newquist, and Paul Torrey.

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



Interested in Becoming Catholic?



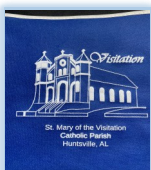
The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process for participants to experience a journey of faith while discerning their call to become Catholic or fully initiated in the Catholic faith. Join us to learn more about the Church and the possibility of becoming Catholic. **We meet on Sundays at 9:30 am and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm beginning in August.**

OCIA is for those who have been baptized Catholic but have yet to receive First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, those who have been baptized in a valid Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, and those who have never been baptized in a Christian faith.

Registration is now open for the upcoming OCIA program. Please visit the "Becoming Catholic" page of the St. Mary website for the online registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jeff Montgomery at smvparish.ocia@gmail.com.

Monthly Newsletter

Please send announcements for next month's newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.



**VISITATION TOTE BAGS
FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE
\$2.00 EACH**

Mass July 5th, 2026

At the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, July 5th, we would like to honor **police officers and active military personnel!** If you will be attending this Mass, please contact the Church Office via **phone or email**. A reception will be held after Mass in Treacy Hall. Thank you for your service!

Single's Ministry at Mercy Parish

Come visit us and make new friends. We are inviting you to find out more about Mercy Singles Ministry. Looking for anyone above 21 years old to join us. You have to be single, divorced or widowed. Please come to one of our activities. Our purpose is to form a Christ-centered community where singles can grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and serve the community. For more information email us at singles@mercyparish.church.

Cursillo Weekends for Men and Women

will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL.

-Men's Cursillo Weekend:

August 13-16, 2026

-Women's Cursillo Weekend:

April 8-11, 2027

If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time! Contact Linda Schaaf at lschaaf325@gmail.com

The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 27

5:30pm | † Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer

Sunday, June 28

8:00am | For the Parish

11:00am | For Poor Souls in Purgatory

12:30pm | For Poor Souls in Purgatory

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Tuesday, June 30

8:00am | † Antanas Venckus

Wednesday, July 1

8:00am | † William C. Wall, Jr.

Thursday, July 2

8:00am | Silvia Maldonado (I)

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

Friday, July 3

8:00am | † Sam Tumminello, Jr.

6:30pm | † Grandma Tzeng

Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, July 5

8:00am | Barbara Martin

8:00am | Mass honoring police & active military (C)

9:00am | Reception for police & active military (TH)

11:00am | Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

12:30pm | Maggie Roughneen (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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

The food pantry is in need of the following items: cereal; jelly; applesauce; Chef Boyardee; ramen noodles; canned chicken, and meat; gravy; and pasta sauce. We now have plenty of cornbread mix, and mashed potatoes.

Thank you for your continued support and donations.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List. Or type: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



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.