



222 Jefferson St. N

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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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mk 1:17

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Save the Date

Jan 26: Young Professionals Gathering (PH)

Feb 3: Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner & Dance (PH)

Entering from Washington Street
Parking Lot Gate Code 222

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$14,470**

Due to the office being closed for inclement weather, the information for January 13/14 will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Leadership Team of Visitation

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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.

Jan 21–Jan 28 For the intentions of:

Sun Mrs. Claudia McCoy
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Emery McCollough
Tue Mr. Keenan McDonald
Wed Mr. Stan McDonald
Thu Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell McFeely
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Peter McGraw
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Chris McGriff
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNally



SMV WEEKLY & MONTHLY INFORMATION

Weekly emails to all registered parishioners will be sent every Wednesday and will serve as a reminder of upcoming events

Please send news/announcements/pictures 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.

Prayer Commission

Altar Flower Ministry

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Altar Servers

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Altar Linen Ministry

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WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Tues: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35 **St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 **St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Thurs: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

Fri: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34 **Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 **St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

Faith Formation

Pray with us!

Our 6th grade class asks that you join them this week in praying for cancer patients, that they receive the treatment they need to get well and find God's love along the way.



Online Giving

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

Altar Flowers

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.



Nursery



Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in Treacy Hall.

Prayer Requests

Claudia McCoy, Liam Cook, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Milton Mantler



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

Homebound Ministry

The Homebound Ministry needs volunteers who can serve at least one hour a month or more to bring Christ's presence into the lives of our homebound parishioners. Training is provided. We are blessed to come together to celebrate Mass as a community and receive Christ in the Eucharist. The Homebound Ministry connects the homebound parishioner with the parish family by bringing the Eucharist to them on Sundays after Mass. What a blessing it is to see the joy on their faces as they are able to connect with the parish by receiving Christ in the Eucharist. Contact is **Liz Montgomery, 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.**

St. Mary's Book Club will resume on January 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Visitation Hall. This time our book will be "When the Church Was Young" by Marcellino D'Ambrosio. Who decided what should be in the Bible? If the word "trinity" isn't in Scripture, why is it an integral part of our faith? The Church Fathers provide the answers. These are the men who hammered out the Creed, gave us our understanding of sacraments and salvation. Their stories provide a rich legacy of the early Church, and set the foundation for our worship today.

Join us! Contact **LuAnn at 256-426-8898** if you have any questions.

NO Pancake Breakfast Today—Cancelled Due to Weather

The Liturgy Council is meeting Monday, January 22 at 6:00pm in Treacy Hall. Any interested parishioner is welcome to attend. For more information contact Jackie Henderson at 251-602-6963 or cjadk@aol.com.

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers Ministry is hosting a class **TODAY** after the 8:00am Mass in Visitation Hall.

Memorial Bricks

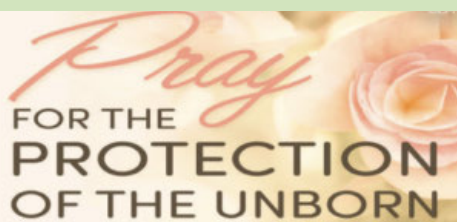
Mary's Prayer Garden memorial bricks, 8" x 8", can now be ordered. Suggested donation is \$100. Plan and layout and order forms are in the narthex. Manfred Segewitz is the chair.

55+

Join us for a homemade soup lunch and a bit of trivia fun on Friday, January 26 at 12:00 noon in the formal room at the Parish Hall. This is a time to get to know our fellow 55+ parishioners. If you're "nearing" 55, you are invited also! Hope to meet you there. **Patti Hicks and Cherie Miller, 256.651.6492.**

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Being sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, benefits the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center. Take a bottle, fill with cash, checks, and coins and return by **Sunday, Feb 11, 2024.** Bottles available in the narthex.



Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Pasta; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; canned meat, chicken, and tuna; Vienna Sausage; Hamburger or Tuna Helper; peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; applesauce; Ramen noodles; instant mashed potatoes; and cereal. Scan the QR code below to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20

10:00am | Food Pantry (TH)
10:00am | 1st Reconciliation (C)
5:30pm | † Patrick McCoy
6:30pm | Choir Practice (C)

Sunday, January 21

8:00am | † Bud Shatzer
NO Pancake Breakfast
9:15am | Adult Faith Formation—Rosary Makers Class (VH)
9:15am | RCIA (TH)
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)
11:00am | For the Parish
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Monday, January 22

6:00-7:30 Liturgy Council (TH)

Tuesday, January 23

8:00am | † Fr. William Kregelberg
6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)
7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Wednesday, January 24

8:00am | † Marianne Kershaw
11:00am | Bible Study (VH)
10:00am | Pray & Play
6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)
7:00pm | Bible Study (VH)

Thursday, January 25

8:00am | † Bill Stejskal
6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Friday, January 26

8:00am | † Al Melbourn
8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)
12:00pm | 55+ Lunch & Trivia (PH)

Saturday, January 27

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, January 28

8:00am | † Jess Jones
9:15am | Adult Faith Formation
9:15am | RCIA (TH)
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)
11:00am | For the Altar Flower Ministry
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

(O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall (VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church

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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