

MAY 3, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama



Parish Center  
220 Lincoln St.

222 Jefferson St. N

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 & 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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**Deacon: Dn. Jeff Montgomery**

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**Director of Religious Education**

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**Office Manager**

**Lois Lindsey** | *smvparish@smvparish.org*

**Ministries Coordinator**

**Cherie Miller** | *ministries.smv@gmail.com*

## 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

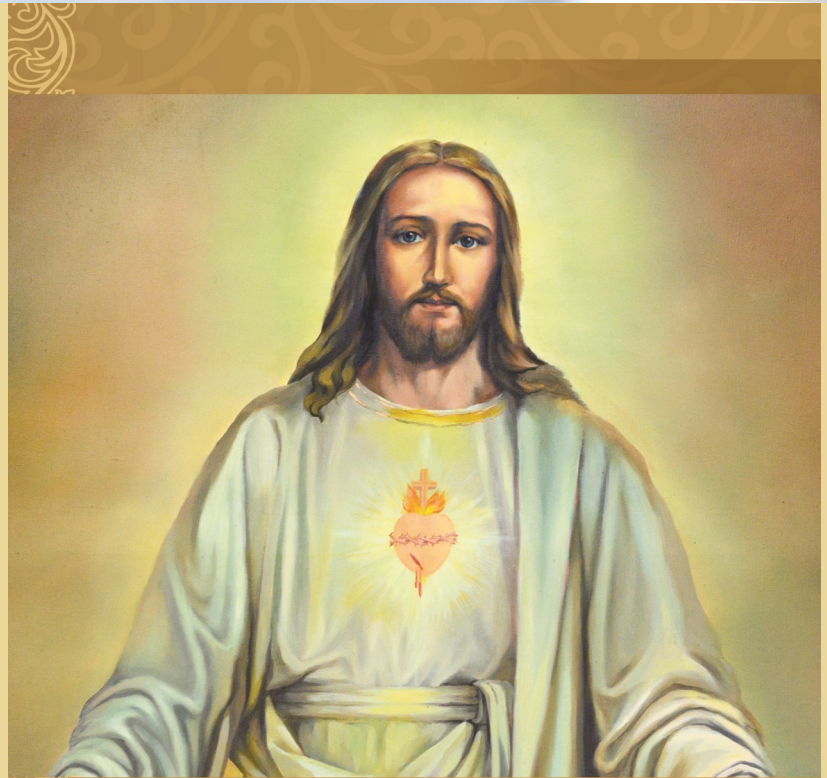
Mon–Thu 8:30am–3:30pm | Fri 8:30am–12:30pm

**After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758**

## Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N  
Huntsville, AL 35801

**256.536.6349/www.smvparish.com**



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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## Save the Date

**May 17**—Parish Picnic at the Parish Hall including a Ministry Fair

### Second Collection Next Week

There is a second collection on the 2nd Sunday of every month for the continued renovations of our facilities.

## Financial Contributions

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

### April 25/26

Weekly Church Support.....\$14,544  
Holy Family.....\$231  
JPII High School.....\$136  
Catholic Home Mission.....\$1,657

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

# Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Dear Parish Family,

With grateful hearts, I would like to thank everyone who made our annual fundraiser, "A Night at the Races," held on May 2nd, such a joyful and successful event. My sincere appreciation goes to the organizing team, the many dedicated volunteers, those who generously purchased horses, and all who supported the event by buying tickets. Your spirit of unity and generosity continues to strengthen our parish community.

Last weekend, we celebrated the dedication of our renovated Parish Hall. It was a beautiful moment of fellowship and gratitude. Thank you to all who joined us for this special occasion, and in a particular way, I extend my appreciation to the family who kindly sponsored the refreshments. May God bless your generosity.

As we observe the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel from Gospel of John (14:1-12) reminds us of Jesus' comforting words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." In the midst of life's uncertainties, Christ calls us to trust in Him, for He is "the way, the truth, and the life." Let us renew our faith and place our hope firmly in His promises.

May 7th is observed as the National Day of Prayer in the United States. I encourage each of you to take time to pray for our nation, our leaders, and for peace in our world. Prayer has the power to transform hearts and guide us toward unity and justice.

Today also marks the conclusion of our Faith Formation year. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our catechists and volunteers, and especially to Jennifer Kilroy, our Director of Religious Education, for their tireless dedication. To our dear parents, thank you for your commitment, sacrifice, and for placing such importance on your children's faith journey. May God bless you abundantly. We keep all our children in our prayers for a fruitful and grace-filled year ahead.

Finally, let us keep in our prayers the 14 children of our parish who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 9th. May this sacred encounter deepen their love for Christ and strengthen their faith.

Wishing you all a blessed week!  
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](http://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.

**May 3– May 10** For the intentions of:  
**Sun** Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Tripiano  
**Mon** Ms. Amelia Tucker  
**Tues** Ms. Angela Tucker  
**Wed** Ms. Debbie Tucker  
**Thurs** Mr.&Mrs. Sam Tumminello  
**Fri** Ms. Regina Tuten  
**Sat** Mr. Andy Valerio  
**Sun** Mr.&Mrs. David Van Dyke

## Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of May 3, 2026

**Sun:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

**Mon:** Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

**Tues:** Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

**Wed:** Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

**Thurs:** Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 **National Day of Prayer**

**Fri:** Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

**Sat:** Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

## Faith Formation

### Pray with us!

This week, our 1st grade class would like you to join them in praying for those in Faith Formation preparing for their 1st Communion.



We are so incredibly blessed to have an amazing team of caring, faithful, creative catechists leading our faith formation classes each week, supported by a wonderful group of patient and flexible parent volunteers who jump in as needed. Our program is what it is because of their devotion to the faith and our parish. **Thank you catechists and subs!** If you'd be interested in being part of our faith formation programs in the fall, please email: [Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com)

**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.

**For a list of our ministries visit our website at [www.smvparish.com](http://www.smvparish.com) or pick up a Guide to Ministries in the church narthex.**

**Prayer Requests** Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, George Bury, 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



## LECTORS WANTED

Interested in being a lector at Saint Mary of the Visitation? Look for our table at the Parish picnic May 3, 2026. There will be a short training session soon. Contact Erin Boles at [erindacy@icloud.com](mailto:erindacy@icloud.com) or 256-603-6781 for more information.

### Women's Ministry

All ladies of the parish are invited to our annual **Tea Party with Blessed Mother Mary** on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Trecey Hall. Join us for an evening of garden party hats, fellowship, scones, and petit desserts. Our guest speaker, Mary Fitter, will share her insights and passion regarding her impactful work with the Pro-Life Ministry.



**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - Join the Knights of Columbus! All practicing Catholic men 18 yrs of age & over are invited to become a Knight of Columbus. contact [tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com](mailto:tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com) by May 11<sup>th</sup> if interested

With a grateful heart, we thank our OCIA core team & sponsors for walking the journey of faith with our catechumen and candidates this year.



Your witness of faith, service, and love has helped them encounter Christ in a powerful way. May God bless you abundantly.

Join us again next year as we continue the mission.

In Christ's service,  
Deacon Jeff & Liz Montgomery



The **Food Pantry** is needing the following items: canned meat, chicken, and tuna; peanut butter or cheese crackers; canned fruit; Chef Boyardee; pasta, pasta sauce; peanut butter and jelly; Vienna sausages; soups; and cereal (any size). **Thank you for your continued generosity.**



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

### Weekly Schedule & Intentions

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE**

#### Saturday, May 2

**5:30 | For the Parish**

#### Sunday, May 3

**8:00am | Tom, Sheila & Daniel Bruen (I)**

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

**11:00am | Mark Gerry (I)**

**12:30pm | † James L. Pickle, Jr.**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

#### Monday, May 4

3:30pm | Quilting Class (VH)

#### Tuesday, May 5

**8:00am | † Anne Essig**

5:00pm | Finance Council (O)

6:30pm | Pro-life Ministry (TH)

#### Wednesday, May 6

**8:00am | † Don Gary Wood**

6:00pm | St. Lawrence (VH)

#### Thursday, May 7

**8:00am | Barbara Martin (I)**

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

#### Friday, May 8

**8:00am | † Patrick George Torrey**

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

#### Saturday, May 9

**5:30pm | † Robert Rees**

6:30pm | Nite at the Races (PH)

#### Sunday, May 10

**8:00am | † Jeffrey Skupien**

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

**11:00am | For All Mothers**

**12:30pm | For the Parish**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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



Get ready for  
**Rainforest Falls VBS!**

**June 15-19**

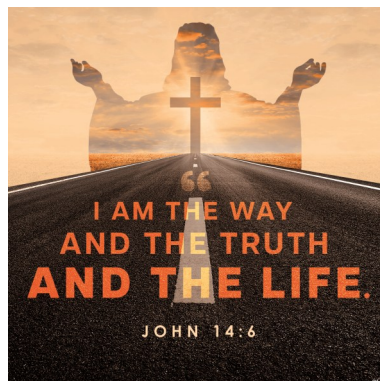
for preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Scan the QR code to register



All are invited to the  
**St. Mary of the Visitation Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 17, at the Parish Hall.**

Our Parish Council will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, and fixings.

SMV Ministries will also be represented and this will be a good opportunity to talk with representatives of the various ministries and sign up with you time and talents!



**Parish Seniors 55+**  
**Flower Power Pot Luck Dinner**  
May 15th - 5:00pm Parish Hall  
Tenders, Dessert, Drinks provided  
Please bring a side dish to 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.