



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish

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 (Contemporary Choir)

Nursery provided for both Sunday

Masses next door in the Fr. Trecy Room.

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 | The Church recommends this Sacrament to all who are grievously ill or in danger of death.

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

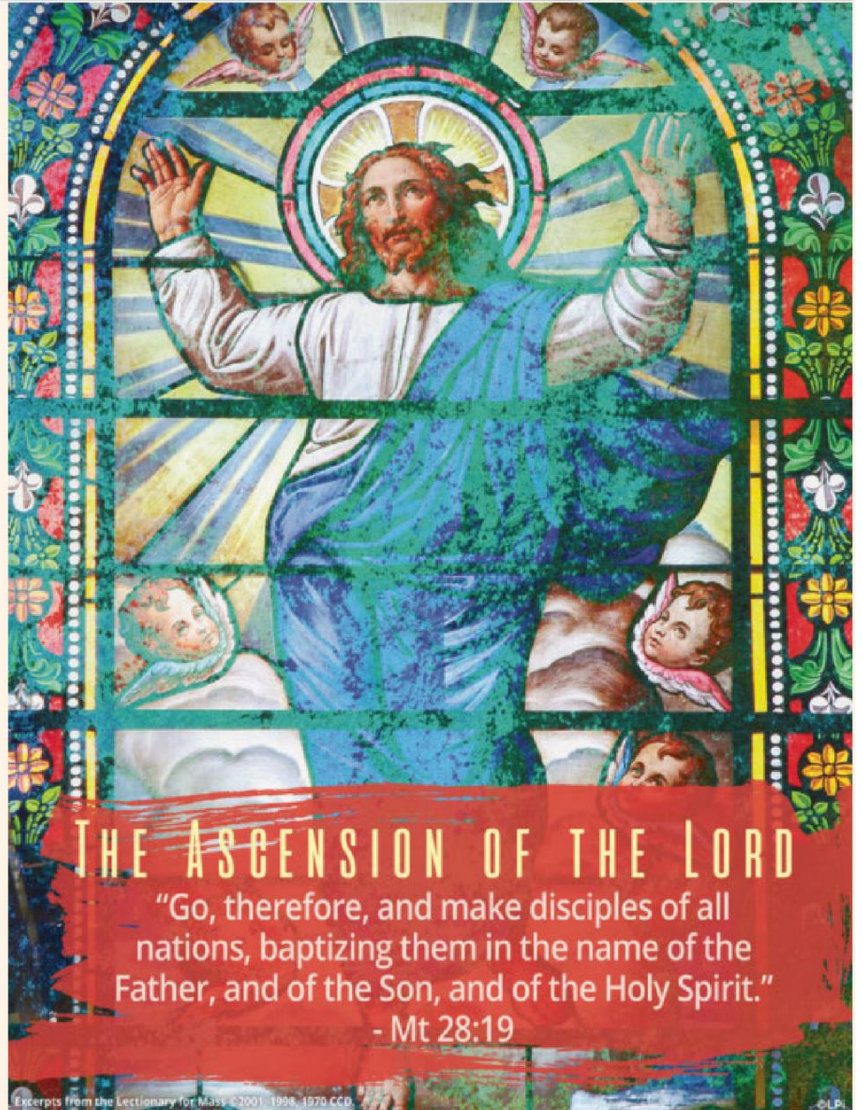
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Save the Date

-May 21st: Parish Picnic

-May 31st: 6pm Feast Day Mass followed by a dessert potluck in the Father Trecy Room

-June 3rd: Church Dance (Theme: Beach!)

-June 15th: 13 hour Adoration

-June 18th: Father's Day Brunch

Entering from Washington Street
Parking Lot Gate Code 222

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses:
\$14,470

May 13th & 14th, 2023 income:
Weekly Church Support...\$ 12,819
Holy Family School.....\$ 265
JP II High School.....\$ 85

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

For information about how to give online, see page 2 of the bulletin

PRAYER, WORSHIP, MINISTRY

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Mary's Hand

Arrange the Hymnals and book mark them
Fill oils for altar candles and clean pews
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Weekly Readings and Observances

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sun: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 **The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day**

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 **St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

Tues: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26 **St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19 **St. Philip Neri, Priest**

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-2 **St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Faith Formation

We are now accepting online registrations for
Faith Formation classes for the **2023-24 School Year**

To Register, Visit the Parish Website:

www.smvparish.com

and hover over "Religious Education" at the top of the page, then select
the appropriate tab.

For questions, please email our DRE at: Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com

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 the buffet in the narthex. Or if you have an address change, please update it with our office.



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.



Prayer Requests

Pat Tumminello, Liam Cook, Manfred Segewitz, Miria Finckenor, Dewey Schleeper, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Anna Fowler, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert.

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

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.

Nursery

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

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.

May 21—May 28

For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. Robert Baesman
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Bailey
Tue Mr. & Mrs. Judson Bailey
Wed Ms. Elizabeth Barry
Thu Mr. & Mrs. Damon Beck
Fri Dr. & Mrs. Edward Behmer
Sat Mr. Gus O. Benavides
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Ashley Bennett



Parish Picnic

Come join us in celebrating our parish and our graduating seniors at our annual Parish Picnic **this weekend** on **Sunday May 21st** after the 11:00am Mass from 12:30pm-2:30pm at the Parish Center! We'd love to see you there! Like last year, it will be a cookout menu of burgers, hotdogs, chips, and desserts with tea, lemonade and coffee. We ask that if you can, please bring a dessert to share!

Feast of the Visitation

Dessert Potluck

There will be a dessert potluck after the Feast of the Visitation Mass being celebrated **Wednesday, May 31st** at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dessert to the Fr. Trecy Room before Mass then join us after the Mass to enjoy the desserts.

Mother's Day Brunch

Thank you to the St. Lawrence Social Committee and all of the volunteers who helped with our Mother's Day Brunch! We appreciate all of your hard work and time put in to celebrating all of our mothers!



Congrats Class of 2023!

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! We wish you the best of luck as you work towards your future endeavors!

25 Years of Grace

We, the priests from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda serving the Diocese of Birmingham, with immense gratitude, invite you for a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception. Your presence and prayer will be highly appreciated as we celebrate this milestone of our ministry in this Diocese for the last 25 years. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church if you plan to attend the reception. The Mass will be on Sunday, May 28th at 5:30pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Universe Catholic Parish in Huntsville. The celebrant of the Mass will be our Bishop, **Most Rev. Steven J. Raica**, and the co-celebrants will be our Bishop Emeritus, **Most Rev. Robert J. Baker** and the Bishop of Irinjalakuda, **Most Rev. Pauly Kannookadan**.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, our next Women's Ministry meeting is Tuesday, June 13. Feel free to come early for social time at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Trecy room. Our program starts at 6:30 pm. This month, our guest speakers are Ron & Inma Rodrigues. They will share the love and devotion they have to St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Militia of the Immaculata (MI) which is a worldwide evangelization movement founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917 to spread devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.

All ladies of the parish are welcome. Inspired by our Blessed Mother Mary, we are creating a community of faithful women who come together in friendship and service. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month for food, fun, and fellowship. For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

St. Mary of the Visitation Beach Potluck & Dance

Summer's here and it's time for ST. MARY'S FIRST-EVER BEACH PARTY!

WHO: All parishioners of all ages. Hawaiian shirts and Sundresses are welcome!

WHAT: A pot luck dinner plus activities. Please bring a main course and a veggie/dessert to share!

WHEN: Saturday, June 3rd after the 5:30 Mass.

WHERE: The Parish Center.

WHY: Because we want to bring our St. Mary's community together for a fun evening!

We hope to have great food, dancing, games, a great beach play list---come out and enjoy the FUN! All we need is YOU!



This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20

Wedding Reception (PH)
5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, May 21

8:00am | Shelby Musgrove (I)
11:00am | † Susan Selix
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
12:30pm-2:30pm | Parish Picnic (PH)

Tuesday, May 23

8:00am | † Bea & Charles Albright

Wednesday, May 24

8:00am | Caroline Jenkins
6:00pm | Becoming Catholic Retreat (C)
6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

Thursday, May 25

8:00am | Roger Anthony

Friday, May 26

8:00am | † Ottavio Fassina
8:30am | Coffee after Mass (VH)
All Day | Parish Center Rental (PH)

Saturday, May 27

5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie
All Day | Parish Center Rental (PH)

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost

8:00am | Becoming Catholic Candidates
11:00am | For the Parish
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(O) Office, (JTR) Fr. Jeremiah Trecy Room, (VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church, (PH) Parish Hall



Congratulations to **Caum Joel Avatar Madison** on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism!

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following: **Soups; instant mashed potatoes; instant rice; pasta; pasta sauce; canned fruit; fruit cups; applesauce; Vienna Sausages; jelly; cereal, regular size, variety pack, or bags.**

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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