

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025 | THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025

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 Visitation 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

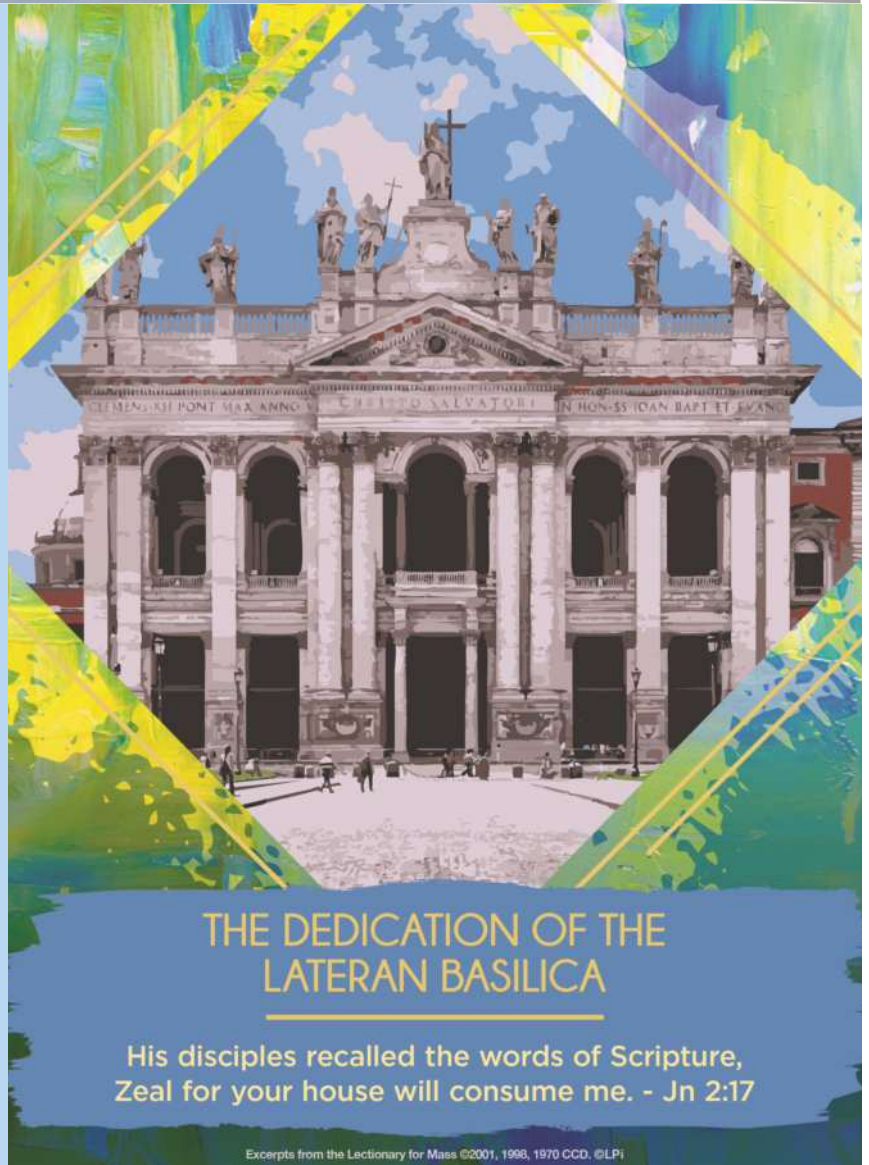
After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N

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Save the Date

November 11: Veterans' Day
Remembrance—Mass at 6pm



November 22/23: Holiday Bake
Sale after all Masses

November 29/30: Advent Giving
Tree Begins

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

November 8/9

Weekly Church Support.....\$29,432

Holy Family.....\$200

JPII High School.....\$165

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer of Missionary Zeal

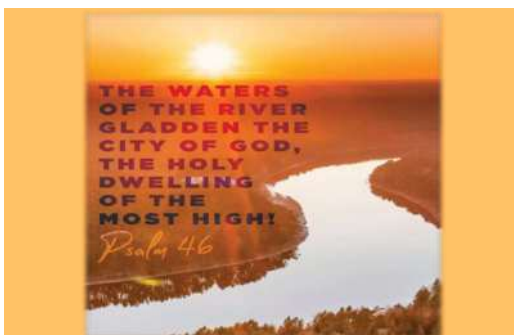
Dear Lord,
Give us eyes to see the depth of grace You provide to Your Church. May that goodness ignite in us fire to share the truth of Your mercy with every soul we encounter.
Amen. ©LPi

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica John 2:13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.
— Father John Muir ©LPi



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.

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.

Nov 9-Nov 16 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. Michael Owens
Mon Mr. Brendan Oxford
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Richard Paladino
Wed Mrs. Audrey Paludan
Thurs Mr. & Mrs. Jed Park
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Jef Park
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Michael Park
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Park



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of November 9

Sun: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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Mon: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 **St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Tues: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wed: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 **St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

Thurs: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

Fri: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8 **St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Faith Formation

Pray With Us!

This week our 6th grade class asks you to join them in praying for the poor, that they have the necessary resources for the upcoming winter.



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Frank Gennaro Marchio
Father of Cristina Benzenhafer (Eric)

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.

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

Weekly Emails
are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

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

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, Ann Geist, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, and Jim Bodine.

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



Catholic Daughters Pecan Sales

THIS WEEKEND after all Masses! We will be set up outside with pecans on hand.

All pecan products are \$12 each.
We thank you for supporting our work!

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Put on your cowboy hat and boots and giddy on down to the Fr. Treacy Hall for a Potluck Supper
Friday, November 21st, 5:00pm
Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert
Drinks provided

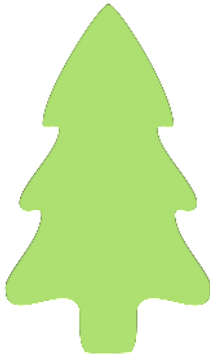
Veterans Day Remembrance

Join us November 11 at 6:00 pm for Mass followed by a Rosary Procession to the Veterans' Memorial Park for prayers and a wreath laying.

Contact Ed Poniatowski at 256-426-8874 or skibert@aol.com if you have any questions or would like to help.
All are welcome!

2025 Advent Giving Tree

This year our parish will give to the isolated and elderly living in our downtown community as well as our weekly Food Pantry patrons. The Advent Giving Tree will begin Nov 29/30 and gifts will be due Dec 13/14.



Women's Ministry Our November Women's Ministry meeting has been rescheduled. Ladies, please join us for a **Friendsgiving Potluck** on Tuesday, **November 18 at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall.** Join us for food, fun and fellowship. The turkey is provided, just bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come be a part of our *Gratitude Tree* activity that brings together our community of faithful women. **Please RSVP to Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or at 281-705-6697.**

Winter Clothing Drive

Greater Huntsville Area is in desperate need of Winter Clothing!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is conducting a clothing drive to assist local homeless and less fortunate men, women and children.

Gently used..... Coats (all adult and children's sizes)
Sweaters and sweatshirts,
Gloves/mittens,
Winter hats.

Donations will go to the Catholic Center of Concern

Drop-off is November 23rd

Noon - 1:30pm

St Mary's Parish Hall

220 Lincoln St NE, Huntsville

Just pull up by the flagpole and Knights will unload your items!

Holiday Bake Sale

November 22/23

after all Masses. This sale funds the Education Award. Your home-baked sweet or savory treats are greatly needed to make the sale successful. Drop off your donations before Mass (location to be determined), and then stop by after Mass to buy a goody to take home. For more information, call Mary Davis at 256-527-9013.



The Food Pantry is requesting the following regular items: pasta; Hamburger Helper; canned tuna; ramen noodles; and gravy. We are still collecting our Thanksgiving items until the end of the week. Thank you for all your generous donations during this time, they are very much appreciated.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List
Or type in:

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 8

5:30pm | † Marilyn Plonka

Sunday, November 9

8:00am | For the Parish

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 | † Thomas Hartley, Sr.

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, November 10

3:30pm | Quilting Club (VH)

6pm | St. Veronica's Blanket Ministry (HFR)

7pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, November 11

8:00am | For the Parish

6:00pm | For all Veterans

Mass followed by Rosary Procession & Lite Supper

Wednesday, November 12

8:00am | † Bea & Charles Albright

10am | Pray & Play—Erin Townsend,
erintownsend18@gmail.com for location

6pm | Parish Pastoral Council

6pm | Knights of Columbus

Thursday, November 13

8:00am | † Monica Lan T. Tan

6pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

6pm | St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, November 14

8:00am | † Kathryn Moore

8:30am | Coffee Social

6pm | The Light Ahead (TH)

Saturday, November 15

7am | Into the Breach (TH)

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, November 16

8:00am | † Marilyn Plonka

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 | † Patrick Bolton

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, **(HFR)** Holy Family Room,
(O) Office, **(PH)** Parish Hall, **(TH)** Treacy Hall, **(VH)** Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

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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