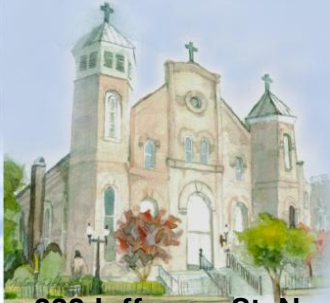


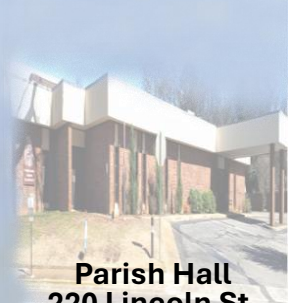


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Mass Schedule

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

First Fridays

8:00am Mass & Anointing; 6:30pm Mass & Adoration

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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 any time.

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

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“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”

MATTHEW 18:15

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Save the Date

Sep 25: “Who is the Man of the Shroud” Exhibit in the Parish Hall

Oct 4: Blessing of the front stained-glass windows after the 8am Mass and Blessing of Pets after the 12:30pm Mass.

Oct 7: Rosary for World Rosary Day at 7pm in the church

**OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
SEP 7 FOR LABOR DAY**

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

Aug 29/30

Weekly Church Support.....\$16,352

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Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, we celebrate the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus teaches us how to deal with one another when there is disagreement or hurt within our community. He reminds us that fraternal correction is not about judging or condemning another person, but about helping one another return to the right path with love, patience, and humility. As members of one Christian family, we are called to seek reconciliation and to build a community where forgiveness and understanding prevail. Jesus assures us that wherever two or three are gathered in His name, He is present among us.

This week, we joyfully celebrate two beautiful Marian and saintly feasts. On Tuesday, September 8, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, rejoicing in the birth of the Mother of our Savior. May Mary continue to guide our families closer to her Son. On September 9, we celebrate the Feast of St. Peter Claver, a courageous missionary who devoted his life to serving and defending the dignity of enslaved people. May his example inspire us to recognize Christ in every person, especially those who are vulnerable and in need.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in our First Friday devotion. Your presence, prayers, and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are a beautiful witness of faith.

On September 7, we observe Labor Day. Let us give thanks for the gift of work and pray for all workers, especially those who labor under difficult circumstances. May every workplace be a place of dignity, justice, and respect.

As I announced last weekend, you will find a QR code on page 3 in this bulletin to submit the details of parishioners celebrating their Silver (25th) and Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversaries. Couples who have celebrated more than 50 years of marriage are also invited to submit their information. We look forward to honoring these beautiful witnesses of faithful married love.

Family Tip # 15: Finally, as October approaches, begin planning to create a "Mary Altar" in your home. This can be a simple and beautiful family devotion during the month of the Holy Rosary. Let Mary lead our families closer to Jesus through prayer.

May God bless you and your families, and may Our Blessed Mother always accompany us.

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 during office hours and say a prayer.



Sep 6-Sep 13 For the intentions of:
Sun: Ms. Allison Bosworth
Mon: Mr. Keith Boudreau
Tues: Ms. Tammy Boulanger
Wed: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bouska
Thurs: Mr. Joel Bowman
Fri: Mr. & Mrs. John Bowman
Sat: Ms. Tammy Bowman
Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Boyle

Readings for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Observances for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Monday: Labor Day; Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest; Friday: Patriot Day; Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary



Faith Formation Pray with us!

Please join our 5th grade class this week in praying for those in our parish with family members who are very sick, that God will heal their loved ones.

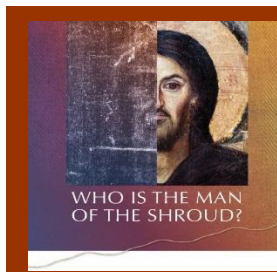


Exhibit September 25-27 in the Parish Hall

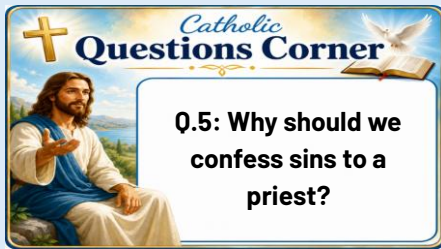
Hours open for visitors will be:
Friday 3pm-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 11am-2pm

Our Altar Flowers were donated by Marilyn Rees in memory of Robert Rees.

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

Prayer Requests Dawn Drumm, Jennifer Michael, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, and George Bury.





Fifty-Five Plus (55+)

Fun and Games
Friday September 18th
5:00pm - Parish Hall
Pizza and drinks provided
Please bring side dishes or dessert to share



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The **Food Pantry** needs the following items: pasta sauce; ramen noodles; cereal (any size will help); Chef Boyardee; and jelly. Thank you so much for your continued donations. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. **Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List. Or type: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>**



Saint Frassati's Adventurers -

Next meeting is Monday, September 28th at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall. Outdoor adventures for October and November will be discussed and confirmed. All ladies in the parish 19 and older are welcome to join this ministry.

Contact Julie Bury for more information at Julie_Bury@yahoo.com

Weekly Emails

are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing events for the week and other announcements. If you are not receiving the email and would like to please contact the office at smvparish@smvparish.org.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 5

5:30pm † Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer

Sunday, September 6

8:00am † Robert Rees

No Youth Faith Formation

9:30am OCIA (TH)

11:00am † Peter John McGraw, Sr.

12:30pm For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

Monday, September 7

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

8:00am † Monica Bannon

5:00pm Finance Council (O)

6:00pm Life in Faith (VH)

Wednesday, September 9

8:00am † Robert Smith

5:30pm OCIA dinner; 6pm Class (TH)

6:00pm Parish Pastoral Council (VH)

Thursday, September 10

8:00am † Maris Mattingly

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

6:30pm St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, September 11

8:00am † Greg Pfister

8:30am Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, September 12

5:30pm † Robert James Bartlett

Sunday, September 13

8:00am † Mike Imhoff

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

11:00am † Mary Jane Pfister

12:30pm For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

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

Vocation Discernment Series for single Catholic women 17-35 who are interested in learning more about vocation discernment and religious life - September 9: What is Discernment and How Do I Do It? November 11: Knowing Yourself in Him 6:30pm-8:30pm. Compline with the Dominican Sisters, Talk, Small Groups, Adoration. Where: St Rose Convent and Academy. Space is limited, so please RSVP by Monday, Sept 6: birmingham@op-tn.org

Marriage Anniversaries

Parishioners celebrating their Silver (25th) and Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversaries and couples who have celebrated more than 50 years of marriage are invited to scan the QR code below to submit their wedding anniversary information. **(See Father Jose's Pastor's Note on Page 2)**



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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