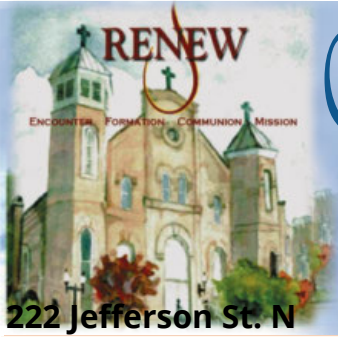


SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellissery, PhD

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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

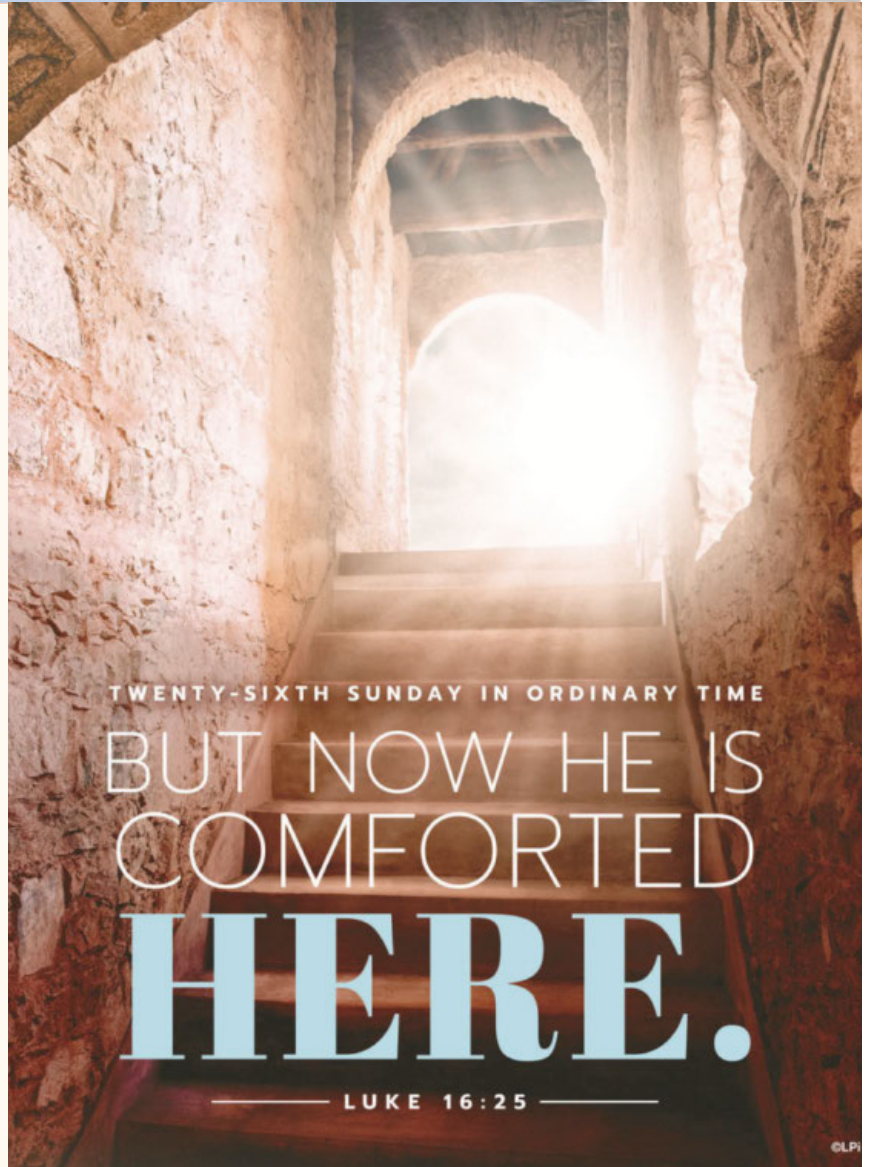
After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.3741

Contact Us

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Save the Date

Oct 7-8: 24-Hour Chain Rosary

Nov 1: All Saints Day Mass at 9am

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

September 21/22

Weekly Church Support.....\$16,428

Holy Family.....\$110

JPII High School.....\$5

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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



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Prayer for Father Joy

Dear Lord, as Fr. Joy prepares to leave, we ask for Your abundant blessings to be upon him. Surround him with Your peace and grant him strength as he embarks on this new journey. May he find joy and fulfillment in the new community he will serve, and may he feel Your presence in every step he takes. Bless us as a parish during this time of transition. Calm any fears or uncertainties we may feel and remind us that You are always in control. Help us to trust in Your plan for our future and to welcome the next spiritual leader You will send. Above all, Lord, we pray that Your will be done in this transition. May Your name be glorified, and may Your church continue to grow in faith and love. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 28th

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God,
We thank You for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience Your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for Your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of Your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of Your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

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.

Sep 28-Oct 5 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Jack Miller
Mon Mrs. Jennifer Miller
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Miller
Wed Mr. & Mrs. Brian Mitchell
Thurs Dn. & Mrs. Jeff Montgomery
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Brian Moore
Sat Mrs. Judith Moore
Sun Mr. Ivan Morales



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of September 28th

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday**
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 **Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56 **St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62 **St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (45b)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10 **The Holy Guardian Angels**
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24 **St. Francis of Assisi**

Faith Formation

Pray With Us!

Please join our 1st grade class in praying for the souls in purgatory and that they get to meet God soon.



Nursery Worker Needed (Paid Position) to care for children age 4 and under during Sunday Masses. If interested, email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.



Weekly Emails

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

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.



Monthly Newsletter

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

Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Steve Montgomery, 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

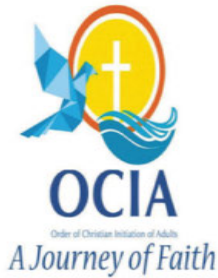




This is Fr. Joy's last weekend with us. Be sure to wish him farewell and continue to pray for him in his new endeavor.



Thank you Fr. Joy for all you have done!



Our classes began on September 7 with 33 men and women who are on a journey of faith. The OCIA Team is deeply grateful for the opportunity to accompany all those who are seeking the Catholic faith. Together, we journey through the first stage of OCIA, the Pre-Catechumenate session, which is a time of inquiry. We invite our parish family to join us in praying for the Inquirers as they discern God's call and take their first step toward full communion with the Catholic Church. May our support and intercession encourage them as they continue their walk of faith.

The Homebound Prayer Ministry

visits our homebound parishioners and prays with them and anyone from the parish that may need a prayer visit in their homes. If you are interested in having a prayer visit, please contact **Steve Venckus at 703-599-8528 or email Svenckus1@verizon.net**. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Steve as well.

24-Hour Chain Rosary On Tuesday, October 7, we will begin a 24-hour Chain Rosary Prayer at 7:30am with Adoration and the Rosary followed by Mass at 8am and we will conclude on Wednesday, October 8 with Adoration and the Rosary at 7:30am followed by Mass at 8am. If able to participate, please sign-up in the narthex or use the Signup Genius on our website, smvparish.com. You can pray the Rosary anywhere. We are making a special plea to Our Lady for her intercession to help in our renovations.

Congratulations to our parishioner, Lt General Dan Karbler, US Army, Retired. He has a part in the upcoming movie, *A House of Dynamite*, having a limited release in theaters on October 10th and then streaming on Netflix on October 24th. Dan is a member of our Finance Council and very active in our Buildings & Grounds Ministry.



First Thursday Adoration
October 2 at 7pm

First Friday Mass/ Anointing

October 3 at 8:00am
Join us afterwards for a lite breakfast and fellowship in Visitation Hall.



The Food Pantry is requesting the following items: soups; peanut butter, jelly; Chef Boyardee; canned chicken, & meat; canned fruit; Vienna sausages; pasta sauce. Thank you for your continued donations. God Bless!

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List.

Or type in:

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



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 Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 27

5:30pm | † Raymond Schleeper

Sunday, September 28

8:00am | † Judy Mulherin

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, September 29

7:00pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, September 30

8:00am | † Lucille Johnson

Wednesday, October 1

8:00am | † Marguerite Leslie

Thursday, October 2

8:00am | † Otto & Lou Tauffener

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration

Friday, October 3

8:00am | Bob & Hilda Gabrys (I)

8:00am | First Friday Mass & Anointing

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast

Saturday, October 4

5:30pm | † Manuel Corona

Sunday, October 5

8:00am | For the Parish

No Adult/Youth Faith Formation

No Nazareth House

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | † Lynn Gagne

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)



Newly Baptized

Susan May Park

September 20, 2025



Congratulations!

Kirstie Ruff & Taylor Stine

Married September 20, 2025

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Harold Wayne Shelton

September 8, 2025

Grandfather of Logan Shelton

Michael Mario Zenone

September 12, 2025

Brother of Angie Clawson and

Uncle of PJ Clawson

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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