

JULY 12TH 2026 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

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 & 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

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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

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Save the Date

Jul 19: KofC Family Breakfast in
the Parish Hall

Jul 25–26: Car Blessings after
Masses

Aug 15–16: Catholic Daughters
Bake Sale in Visitation Hall

Financial Contributions

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

June 27/28 & July 4/5

Weekly Church Support.....\$42,704
Holy Family.....\$1,008
JPIL High School.....\$620

Thank you for your generosity and
continued support!

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

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel (Matthew 13:1-9), Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. The same seed is generously scattered everywhere, but it bears fruit only where the soil is prepared. God continues to sow His word into our hearts through the Scriptures, the Eucharist, prayer, and the witness of others. The question for each of us is: What kind of soil am I? Let us ask the Lord to remove the rocks of indifference, the thorns of worldly distractions, and the hardness of sin, so that His word may take deep root and produce an abundant harvest in our lives.

On July 14, the Church in the United States celebrates the feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint. Her life of holiness, courage, and unwavering love for Christ continues to inspire us to seek sanctity through fidelity, purity of heart, and perseverance in faith. May St. Kateri intercede for our parish and our nation.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Huntsville Police Chief Kirk Giles and the officers of the Huntsville Police Department who joined us for the reception following Mass. Thank you also to the police officers, military personnel, first responders, and all public servants from our parish—both those who were able to attend and those who faithfully served while on duty. Your dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting our community are deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless and keep you safe.

Family Tip #8: Bless your children every day before they leave for school. Throughout the Old Testament, blessings were passed from one generation to the next by placing hands upon the head and praying. Make it a daily habit to bless your children before they leave for school. Your simple prayer can become a lifelong source of strength and grace. As they grow, they will cherish and even look forward to receiving your blessing whenever they come home. Husbands and wives, make this a daily practice as well. Before leaving for work, bless one another with the sign of the cross and a prayer. Homes that pray and bless one another become homes where God's miracles are experienced every day.

May God bless you and your families.

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 on your day and say a prayer.

July 12–July 19 For the intentions of:
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Aswin
Mon Mr. Ronaldi Aswin
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Joe Aurelio
Wed Ms. Judith Babin
Thurs Ms. Karryn Baca
Fri Ms. Julie Backmann
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Backmann
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bailey

Readings –Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 101:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Observances – Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time; **Monday:** St. Henry; **Tuesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin; **Wednesday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; **Thursday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel; **Saturday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Next weekend is the AL Sales Tax Holiday!

We've updated our Faith Formation Wishlist to include the school supplies we'll need to purchase for our classrooms this year. If you'd like to provide any of these items for us, just sign up to let us know what you'll contribute!



Scan the QR Code to view the list

Visit the RE tab on the parish website to enroll students in youth classes for the fall! Registration closes 7/26!

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

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.

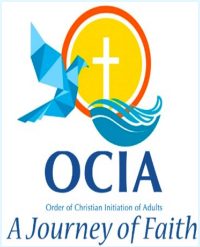
Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses.

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, Joan Smith, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, Lisa Downard, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, and Peter John McGraw.



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



Are you ready to make a journey of faith? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming new members and guiding them through the journey of conversion and initiation into the Catholic faith. It's a gradual process of learning, prayer, and spiritual formation designed for adults. **We will have a Meet & Greet on Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 am in Treacy Hall.**

OCIA class starts Sunday, August 23 for the Sunday session at 9:30 am in the Fr. Treacy Hall. And the Wednesday session starts August 26 at 6:00 pm in Treacy Hall.

Registration is open now for:

- Anyone who has never been baptized and/or expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Anyone who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith.

Registration forms are located in the back of the church or on the church's website under "Becoming Catholic". Submit completed forms to the church office or to Deacon Jeff. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Jeff or Liz Montgomery at smvparish.ocia@gmail.com. We look forward to helping you on your journey of faith.

Women's Outdoor Adventures Ministry at SMV

Saint Frassati's Adventurers is a Catholic women's ministry for those who love exploring God's creation while growing in faith, friendship, and fellowship. This ministry is open to women ages 19 and older and welcomes all experience levels—from seasoned outdoor enthusiasts to those just beginning their adventure. Together, we build lasting friendships, strengthen our faith, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors through activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, and more. Come discover the joy of adventure, community, and encountering God in His creation! Our first meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall.

For more information, contact Julie Bury at Julie_Bury@yahoo.com

Second Collection Today

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

Newly Baptized

Adriana Eva Flores-Anderson
Ethan Ray Flores-Anderson
June 28, 2026
August Beckett Shields
Maximus Samuel Shields
July 5, 2026

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned fruit; pasta sauce; soups; ramen noodles; canned meat, and chicken; gravy, or gravy mixes; rice mixes; jelly; instant oatmeal; and cereal (any sizes).

Thank you for your continued support and donations.

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<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11

5:30pm | Camille Travis (I)

Sunday, July 12

8:00am | † Ms. Shema

11:00am | For the Parish

12:30pm | Lois Lindsey (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, July 13

3:30pm | Quilting Ministry (VH)

6:00pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

Tuesday, July 14

8:00am | † Manuel Corona

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

Wednesday, July 15

8:00am | † Billy Lindsey

6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry (VH)

Thursday, July 16

8:00am | † Eileen Bannon

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

Friday, July 17

8:00am | Floyd Wilson (I)

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, July 18

7:00am | Into the Breach (PH)

5:30pm | † Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer

Sunday, July 19

8:00am | Stacey Wall (I)

9:00am | KofC Family Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Lector Training (C)

11:00am | † Carl Goodgame

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

Cursillo Weekends for Men and Women

will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL.

-Men's Cursillo Weekend:

August 13-16, 2026

-Women's Cursillo Weekend:

April 8-11, 2027

If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time! Contact Linda Schaaf at lschaaf325@gmail.com

The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.

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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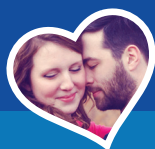
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