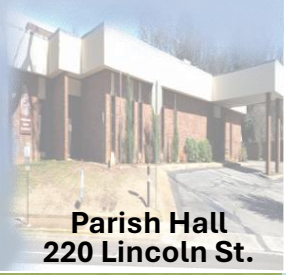
St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861

222 Jefferson St. N



Parish Hall
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
First Fridays
8:00am Mass & Anointing; 6:30pm Mass & Adoration

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 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

Contact Us

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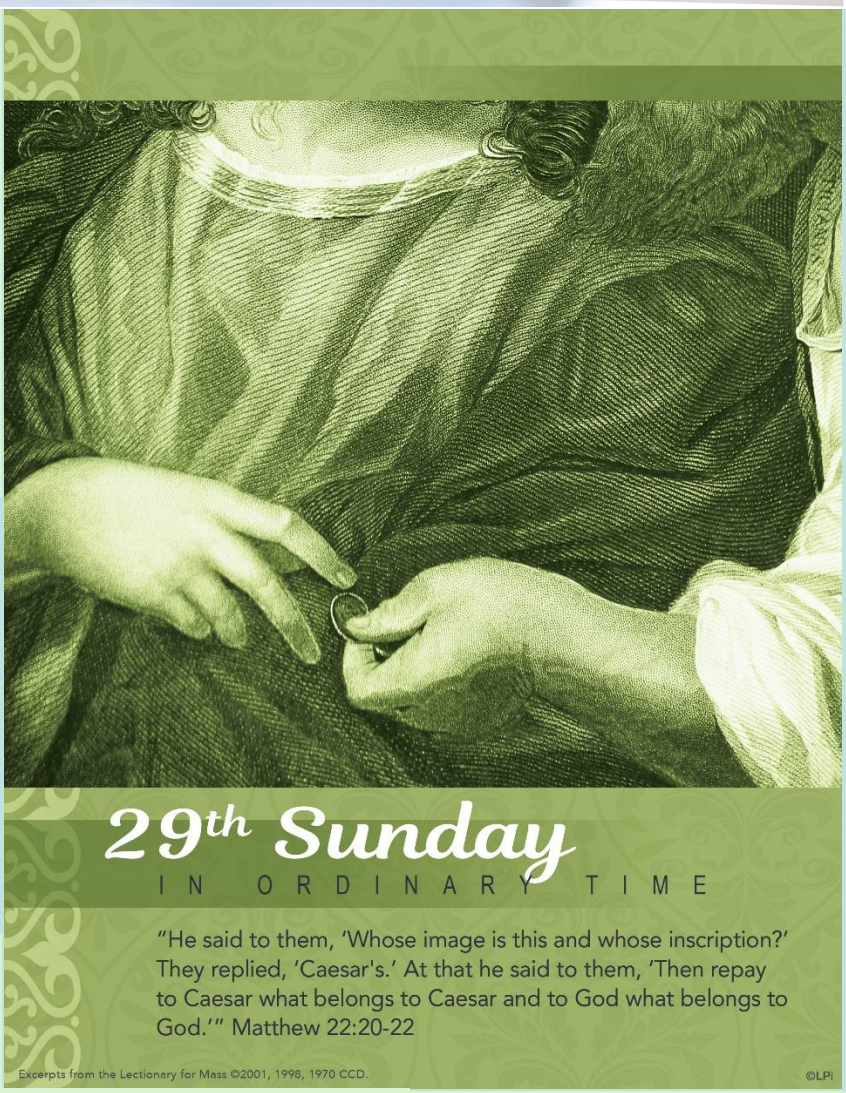


Save the Date

Oct 31: 11am Fall Festival
Nov 8: 8am Mass will honor veterans. Reception will follow.
Dec 5: 1pm Parish Christmas Dinner
Dec 5: 4pm Visit to Ave Maria Grotto

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: $20,119

October 10-11, 2026

Weekly Church Support.....$22,448
Holy Family School.....$235
JPII High School.....$60
Building Fund.....$3,025

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:15–21), Jesus reminds us to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." While we fulfill our responsibilities as citizens, we must never forget that our lives ultimately belong to God. Our faith should guide our decisions, shape our relationships, and inspire us to serve our families, our Church, and our community with love and integrity.

Today, we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Let us remember in our prayers all missionaries who courageously proclaim the Gospel, often in challenging circumstances. May we support their mission through our prayers, generosity, and personal witness to Christ. Every baptized person is called to participate in the Church's mission of bringing God's love and hope to the world.

October also brings us the feasts of inspiring saints. On October 19, we remember Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Jesuit missionaries who gave their lives proclaiming the Gospel in North America. On October 22, we celebrate Saint John Paul II, whose life and ministry continue to inspire us to open our hearts to Christ.

This is also **National Catholic Daughters Sunday**. We thank our Catholic Daughters for their faith, service, and dedication to our parish and community.

Last weekend, we were delighted to welcome our former pastor, Fr. Joy, who celebrated the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. We also welcomed Fr. Shaju, one of three priests who recently arrived from India to serve in our diocese for five years. He will spend a couple of weeks with us before receiving his official assignment. Please keep him in your prayers.

This weekend, 38 individuals will participate in the **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens**, marking an important step in their journey of faith. Let us accompany them with our prayers and encouragement.

Finally, thank you for your prayers for all our priests during our annual retreat. Your spiritual support is a precious gift.

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 during office hours and say a prayer.

Oct 18-25 For the intentions of:
Sun: : Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Carr
Mon: Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Carrillo
Tues: Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Carter
Wed: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Carter
Thurs: Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Carter
Fri: Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Casals
Sat: Ms. Stephanie Cashin
Sun: Mr. John Childs

Readings for the week of October 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Observances for the week of October 18, 2026

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday; **Monday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara ; **Tuesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest; **Thursday:** St. John Paul II, Pope **Friday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; **Saturday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Faith Formation Pray with us!

This week, the 6th grade class asks you to join them in praying for those affected by hurricane Isaias, that they have a quick recovery from the storm's effects.

Blessing for World Mission Sunday

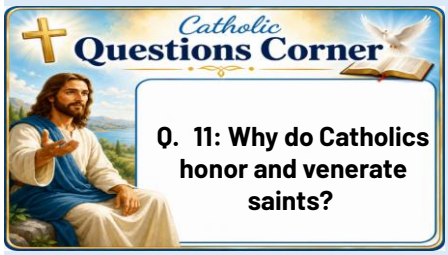
O God, You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us Your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared. Amen. ©LPi

Second Collection TODAY

Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses. We are presently in need of help for the 11am Mass. This is a paid position. Please contact the office if interested.

Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by Justina Caldas.

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, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, and George Bury.



St. Jerome's Book Club

Welcome Fall! It's time to start the next book for St. Jerome's Book Club! We will meet on Mondays, starting October 19th at 7p.m. in Visitation Hall.

We will be reading "Communism and the Conscience of the West" by Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

For decades, this book has been recognized as the finest book ever written by a Catholic on the subject of communism. Sheen explains the problems with society stemming from socialism and communism, which continue to infect universities and political discourse today. This timeless book exposes communism's defects, its attitude toward the family, the decline of historical liberalism, and the rise of the anti-religious spirit that pervades our world. For anyone seeking to understand one of the greatest threats to the Faith and our world, Communism and the Conscience of the West will be your guide.

I will have a few books for purchase, or you can buy an electronic copy.

Call/text if you have any questions: LuAnn @ 256-426-8898. Hope to see YOU starting October 19th at 7pm in Visitation Hall! Thank you!

Newly Baptized

October 7, 2026

Lucille Alba Lyke

Saint Frassati's Adventurers
Saturday, October 31

Join us for a great fall adventure at Smith Lake in the Bankhead area. We will have another fun day at Barbara's lake house with a pontoon boat ride, seeing the fall foliage and an easy hike in the Sipsey Wilderness. The trailhead for the hike is only two miles from the lake house.

Details will come for those who RSVP, including the time and where to meet for carpooling, the lake house address and what to bring.

If you are interested in joining Saint Frassati's Adventurers and want to RSVP for this event, contact Julie_Bury@yahoo.com.

Saint Frassati's Adventurers is for Catholic ladies 19 and up.

Fall Festival

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus on

October 31 from 11am to 4pm

in the Parish Hall.

Activities Include: All Saints Costume Contest (around 12:30pm) for Kids (come dressed as your favorite saint and say a few words about why you chose that saint. The winner will receive a goodie bag with candy, a gift card to a local family entertainment venue, and some other assorted goodies); a Bounce House; Fall-themed Photo Area; Knights of Columbus Cornhole; Other Games and Activities; College Football on the Projector Screen; Food for Sale, with proceeds benefiting Knights of Columbus charities; and Popcorn!

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 17
7-8am Into the Breach (PH)
10:00am Food Pantry (TH)
5:30pm Steve & Fran Venckus (I)
Sunday, October 18
8:00am † Sr. Terence, CMC
9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am OCIA (TH)
9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)
11:30am Nazareth House (HFR)
11:00am † Billy Wilson
12:30pm For the Parish
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution
Monday, October 19
6pm St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)
7pm St. Jerome's Book Club (VH)
Tuesday, October 20
8:00am † Roberta "Birdie" Walczak
6pm Ministry Heads Meeting (TH)
Wednesday, October 21
8:00am Ryan & Sarah Davis (I)
10am Pray & Play contact Katie LeBlanc, 334.470.7854 for location
5:30pm OCIA Dinner; 6pm OCIA (TH)
Thursday, October 22
8:00am † Jewel Tulley
6:00pm Men of St. Joseph (HFR)
7:00pm Young Adults Bible Study (VH)
Friday, October 23
8:00am † Kevin Moriarty
8:30am Coffee Social (VH)
Saturday, October 24
8am St. Michael Ministry Training (TH)/(C)
5:30pm † Pat Schwanke
Sunday, October 25
8:00am For the Parish
9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am OCIA (TH)
9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)
11:30am Nazareth House (HFR)
11:00am John Paul Cuava (I)
12:30pm Our Rosary Prayer Group
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution
(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room, (O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (TH) Trecy Hall, (VH) Visitation Hall

The **Food Pantry** is requesting the following items: Chef Boyardee; Vienna sausages; soups; Hamburger Helper; canned fruit; fruit cups; canned chicken, meat; jelly; pasta sauce; and cereal. Thank you for your continued donations.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List. Or type: https://linktr.ee/smvpantry

The SMV HS Youth Group will be taking a field trip to Maple Hill Cemetery for their October meeting on the 25th. For more information email: L.MAC.MULLEN@AOL.COM

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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