

MAY 10, 2026 | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

222 Jefferson St. N

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

Pastor: Rev. Jose Raphy Ambooken

frjosea@gmail.com

Deacon: Dn. Jeff Montgomery

jeffmontgomery35758@gmail.com

Director of Religious Education

Jennifer Kilroy | jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com

Bookkeeper

Lynne Greco | finance@smvparish.org

Office Manager

Lois Lindsey | smvparish@smvparish.org

Ministries Coordinator

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: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N
Huntsville, AL 35801

256.536.6349/www.smvparish.com



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, ©LPI

Save the Date

May 17—Parish Picnic at the Parish Hall including a Ministry Fair



Financial Contributions

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

May 2/3

Weekly Church Support.....\$21,397
Holy Family.....\$204
JPII High School.....\$112

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

Yesterday was truly a grace-filled moment in the life of our parish as 14 of our children received Jesus for the very first time in Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration of faith, innocence, and love. Let us continue to keep these children in our prayers, that they may grow ever closer to the Lord whom they have received. My sincere thanks to the catechists for their dedication and to the parents for nurturing the faith of their children and preparing them for this sacred milestone.

Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and in the Gospel (John 14:15-21), Jesus reminds us: "If you love me, keep my commandments." Love is not just a feeling, but a commitment expressed through faithful living. As a parish community, may we strive to live this love daily, guided by the Holy Spirit whom the Lord promises to us.

Today also marks Mother's Day. We offer our heartfelt prayers for all mothers—living and deceased. We thank God for their sacrifices, their unconditional love, and their role in shaping our lives and faith. May the Lord bless them abundantly and grant eternal rest to those who have gone before us.

Looking ahead, I warmly invite everyone to our Parish Picnic next Sunday, the 17th. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in fellowship and joy. Ministry tables will be set up—please take time to visit them, learn more about the various ministries, and consider becoming actively involved in the life of our parish.

This week, we also celebrate two important feasts: on May 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and on May 14th, the Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle. Let us seek the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and be inspired by the faith and mission of St. Matthias.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

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.

May 10– May 17 For the intentions of:
Sun Mr.&Mrs. David Van Dyke
Mon Mr.&Mrs. James Vandiver
Tues Mr.&Mrs. Daniel Vasquez
Wed Ms. Samantha Vasquez
Thurs Mr.&Mrs. Steve Venckus
Fri Mr.&Mrs. Eric J. Viale
Sat Mr.&Mrs. Leos vonSpakovsky
Sun Mr.&Mrs. Matthew Wagner

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of May 10, 2026

Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Mother's Day

Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tues: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11 **Sts. Nereus and Achilles, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr**

Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15 **Our Lady of Fatima**

Thurs: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17 **The Ascension of the Lord; St. Matthias, Apostle**

Fri: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 **St. Isidore**

Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28 **Armed Forces Day**

Faith Formation

Pray with us!

Please join our 7th grade class this week in praying for children and young people who do not have the support, guidance, or presence of loving parents. May they be surrounded by caring mentors, strengthened by God's love, and never feel alone.



Congratulations to all of the children we welcomed to the Lord's Table for the first time this weekend, and a special thank you to their teacher Mrs. Bri Baruzzini who prepared them for their 1st Communion.

Nicholas Adams	Henry Cody	Emmett Jensen	Jack Schreeder
Jacob Alcorn	Ian Crelly	Harrison Libera	Lorenzo Tabarracci
Benedict Berger	Benjamin Estes	Connor Park	
Easton Brown	Brett Freiburger	Caroline Reed	

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 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, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, Lisa Downard, Seraphina Newquist, and Paul Torrey.



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

Women's Ministry

All ladies of the parish are invited to our annual **Tea Party with Blessed Mother Mary** on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Trecey Hall. Join us for an evening of garden party hats, fellowship, scones, and petit desserts. Our guest speaker, Mary Fitter, will share her insights and passion regarding her impactful work with the Pro-Life Ministry.



Parish Seniors 55+
Flower Power Pot Luck Dinner
 May 15th - 5:00pm Parish Hall
Tenders, Dessert, Drinks provided
Please bring a side dish to share.

"Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."

Words spoken by our Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 9

9:00am | First Holy Communion Mass
 11:00am | Clock Group (PH)

5:30pm | † Robert Rees

Sunday, May 10

8:00am | † Jeffrey Skupien
 11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)
11:00am | For All Mothers
12:30pm | For the Parish
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, May 11

3:30pm | Quilting Class (VH)

Tuesday, May 12

8:00am | † Jess Jones
 6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)
 6:00pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, May 13

8:00am | † Gertie Venckus
 10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)
 6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)
 6:00pm | KofC Rosary and Meeting (PH)

Thursday, May 14

8:00am | † Rich Ziemski
 6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)
 6:30pm | St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, May 15

8:00am | † Marianne Kershaw
 8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)
 5:00pm | 55+ Potluck (PH)

Saturday, May 16

5:30pm | Mr. & Mrs. Ben Hagopian (I)
 7:00am | Into the Breach (TH)
 10:00am | Food Pantry Meeting (TH)

Sunday, May 17

8:00am | † Juan Ramon Arevalo
 11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)
 12:15pm | Parish Picnic (PH)
11:00am | For the Parish
12:30pm | † Theodore Sercel
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room, (O) Office, (TH) Trecey Hall, (VH) Visitation Hall

All are invited to the **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 17, at the Parish Hall, 12:15pm.**

Our Parish Council will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips.

SMV Ministries will also be represented and this will be a good opportunity to talk with representatives of the various ministries and sign up with you time and talents!

The May Crowning will be led by the First Holy Communion children after the 8:00am Mass today.

Calling all High Schoolers

Knights of Columbus Council #4080 is sponsoring a HS retreat for rising 9-12th graders at Franciscan University. Only \$125 from June 25-28th. Email thomas@CitizenSoldierLaw.com for all inquiries. Please visit the Youth Ministry table at the Parish Picnic for more details.

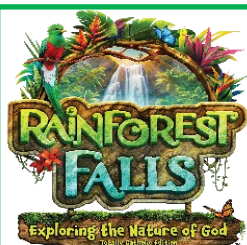


LECTORS WANTED

Interested in being a lector at Saint Mary of the Visitation? Look for our table at the Parish picnic May 3, 2026. There will be a short training session soon. Contact Erin Boles at 256-603-6781 or erindacy@icloud.com for more information.

The food pantry is requesting the following items: **soups; Vienna sausages; ramen noodles; peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; pasta; pasta sauce; canned meat, chicken, and tuna; peanut butter or cheese crackers; and cereal (any size).** Thank you for helping us fill our weekly food bags. God Bless!

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



Get ready for **Rainforest Falls VBS!**

June 15-19
 for preschool - 5th grade
 Scan the QR code to register



May 13th - Join the Knights of Columbus!
 All practicing Catholic men 18 yrs of age & over are invited to become a Knight of Columbus.
 contact tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com
 by May 11th if interested

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.