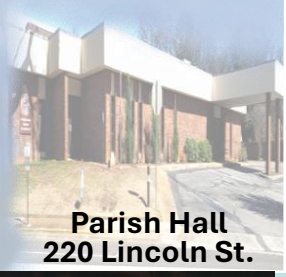


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Mass Schedule

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

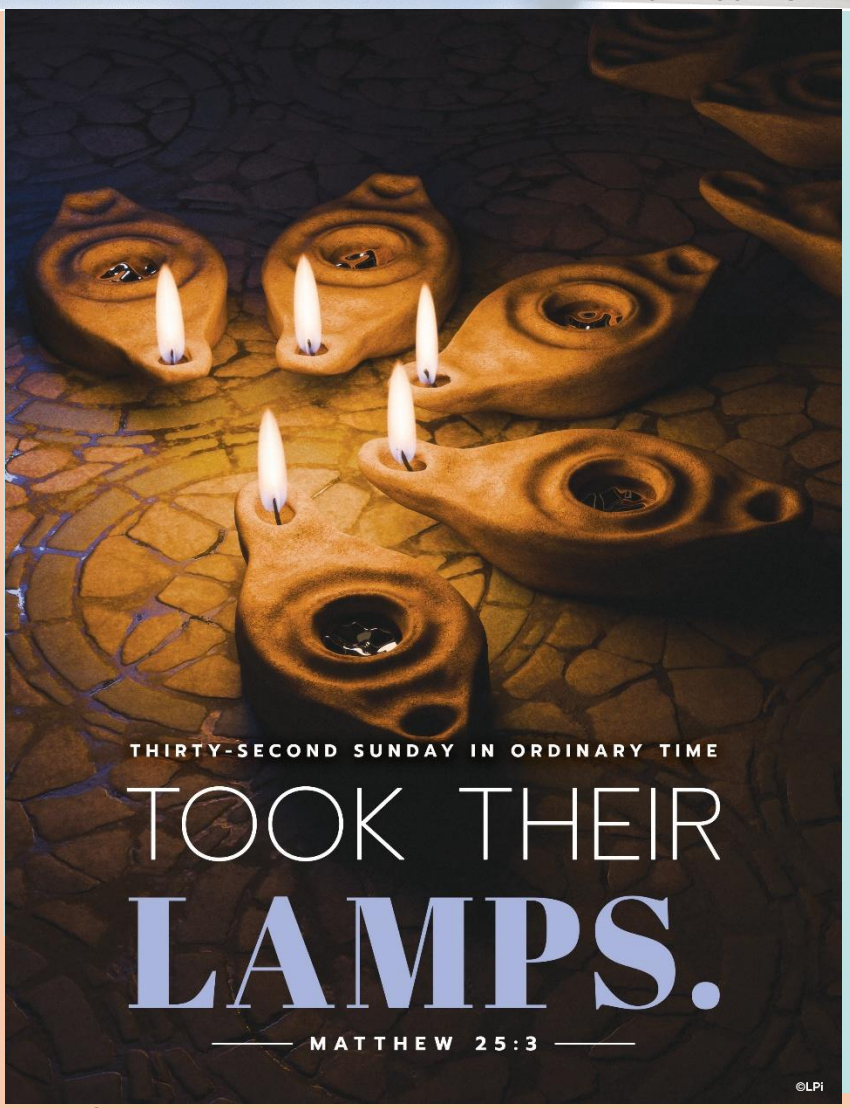
As the oldest Catholic community in northern Alabama, we welcome all to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love God, and follow Jesus Christ through faith, worship, and witness.

Office Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm
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Save the Date

Nov 11: 6pm Mass followed by Rosary Procession to the Veterans Memorial
Nov 15: KofC Family Breakfast
Dec 5: 1pm Parish Christmas Dinner



Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: $20,119

Oct 31/Nov 1, 2026

Weekly Church Support.....$17,697
Holy Family School.....$645
JPII High School.....$110

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

Today, as we celebrate the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13) presents us with the parable of the ten virgins. Through this beautiful parable, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being spiritually prepared and vigilant as we await His coming. Five of the virgins were wise because they brought extra oil for their lamps, while the others were unprepared. The message is clear: we cannot postpone our relationship with God or our preparation for eternity. Faithfulness is not something we practice only occasionally; it is a daily commitment. Let us keep the lamps of our faith burning through prayer, love, forgiveness, and acts of kindness. As Jesus reminds us, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This week, we celebrate several important feasts in the Church. On Monday, November 9, we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome and the Mother Church of all Catholic churches. On Tuesday, November 10, we honor Pope St. Leo the Great, a courageous shepherd and Doctor of the Church. Thursday, November 12, is the feast of St. Josaphat, a martyr who worked tirelessly for Christian unity. Friday, November 13, we celebrate St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized, who devoted her life to serving immigrants and the poor.

Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day, when we also celebrate the feast of St. Martin of Tours. We are deeply grateful to all the veterans in our parish and to everyone who has served our country with courage and sacrifice. We will honor our parish veterans during the 8:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, November 8. On Wednesday, November 11, we will celebrate Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a procession to the Veterans Memorial. I warmly invite everyone to join us as we pray for our veterans, remember those who gave their lives, and ask God's blessings upon all who serve our nation.

May the Lord keep our faith alive, our hearts ready, and our lives filled with gratitude and hope.

God bless you all!

Fr. Jose

Thank you

to our Altar Flower Ministry for manning our Hospitality Gazebo in October. Our Young Professionals have volunteered to operate it for the month of November.

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.



Nov 8-Nov 15 For the intentions of:
Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cornett
Mon: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cothren
Tues: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Couvillon
Wed: Ms. Abbie Cowart
Thurs: Ms. Meaghan Cox
Fri: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Crabb
Sat: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Crawford
Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Crelly

Readings for the week of November 8, 2026

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the week of November 8, 2026

Sun: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; **Mon:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; **Tues:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church; **Wed:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day; **Thurs:** St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr; **Fri:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Faith Formation **Pray with us!**
Please join our 8th grade class this week in praying for God's grace for those sick or injured and that we can do better at serving others through works of mercy.





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.**

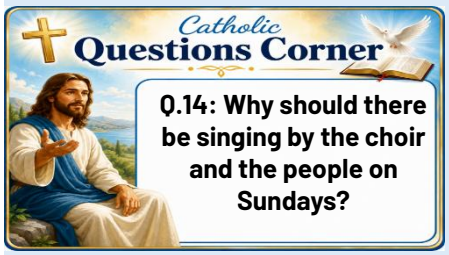
Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Contact the office for more information.



Our **Gospel Coloring Contest** begins again next weekend. Parents, be sure to remind your children to bring their pictures back each week so they'll be entered in the contest. There will be baskets near both entrances for you put them in – just make sure the child's name and grade are on the page before they turn it in. Children who attend our Sunday classes can also give theirs to their teacher.

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, George Bury, Mary Ellen Larson, Tim Jordan, and Jim Shade.





Knights of Columbus
Memorial Mass
Please join us as we remember and pray for the souls of our departed brother Knights of Columbus.
Sunday, November 15 at 4:30pm
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and fellowship will follow in Trecy Hall.
All are welcome to attend.

The Knights of Columbus
Family Breakfast
is next Sunday, Nov 15, in the Parish Hall. Christmas cards will be available for 50% off.

Giving Thanks
Fifty-Five Plus Potluck Dinner
Friday, November 20th
5:00 p.m. - Parish Center
Please bring a dish or dessert to share
Drinks provided

Women's Ministry -Friendsgiving Dinner
Gather • Give Thanks • Grow in Faith
The Women's Ministry invites all ladies of the parish to our Friendsgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Fr. Trecy Hall. As part of our evening, we'll create a Gratitude Tree, sharing the blessings and people for whom we are especially thankful.
A smoked turkey is provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and come ready to enjoy an evening of laughter, connection, and gratitude. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend! **Contact Debbie Moore at Dmoellen@yahoo.com to RSVP.**

The Catholic Daughters are selling pecans after Masses, outside the church, this weekend through November 22, or while supplies last. We'll have a variety to choose from, including raw pecan halves, chocolate-covered pecans, glazed pecans, and more.

End of Year Giving Note* - Current federal law allows tax-free charitable donations from your IRA. If you have an IRA and you're 70 1/2 years old, you can make a "tax-reducing" gift today through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution. It helps you and it helps us! It can lower your taxable income, count towards your required minimum distribution*, and help further the work and mission of our parish. Your plan administrator will set this up for you and the amount that you specify will be transferred directly to our parish, either through a direct deposit or through a broker-issued bank check. Thank you to the parish families who have already selected this method of giving! Please email or call the Parish Finance Office, finance@smvparish.org or 256-536-6349, extension 2, and we can help you get started.
***Be sure to consult with your tax or legal professional to learn how current IRS regulations apply to your situation.**

Weekly Schedule & Intentions
PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 7
5:30pm † Mary Ann Horvath
Sunday, November 8
8:00am † Marilyn Plonka
9:00am Reception Honoring Veterans/VH
9:30am Youth Faith Formation/Parish Hall
9:30am OCIA/Trecy Hall
9:30am Adult Faith Formation/Visitation Hall
11:30am Nazareth House/Holy Family Room
11:00am † Billy Wilson
12:30pm For the Parish
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution
Monday, November 9
7pm St. Jerome Book Club (VH)
Tuesday, November 10
8:00am † Isidro Sanchez
6pm Life in Faith (VH)
Wednesday, November 11
8:00am For the Parish
5:30pm OCIA Dinner; 6pm OCIA/Trecy Hall
6pm † For all Deceased Veterans
6pm Mass followed by Rosary Procession
Thursday, November 12
8:00am † Edward & Amy Doyle
6:00pm Men of St. Joseph/Holy Family Room
6:30pm St. Raphael Ministry/Trecy Hall
7:00pm YA Bible Study/Visitation Hall
Friday, November 13
8:00am Mary Sweredoski (I)
8:30am Coffee Social/Visitation Hall
5:30pm St. Martin of Tours Veterans Ministry/PH
Saturday, November 14
11am Rocket City Regulators/Parish Hall
5:30pm † Bea & Charles Albright
Sunday, November 15
8:00am † Anne Dunne
9:30am Youth Faith Formation/Parish Hall
9:30am OCIA/Trecy Hall
9:30am Adult Faith Formation/Visitation Hall
11:30am Nazareth House/Holy Family Room
11:00am † Patrick Bolton
12:30pm For the Parish
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

Parish Christmas Dinner - Last year, the parish Pastoral Council was unable to host our annual dinner. Now that the beautiful restoration of our Parish Hall is complete, we will be holding this year's dinner on Saturday, December 5th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Because of the continued growth of our parish, we will begin using a sign-up registration to better plan for the seating and food. The menu will include turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. Also, Santa Claus will be there to complete the festivities. We will also be providing a low-sensory room to allow families to attend who have previously been unable to do so. Please follow the link https://form.jotform.com/263058854143056 to complete the RSVP. Pastoral Council members will also be at the weekend Masses to provide a manual sign-up. We look forward to seeing you.

Help Wanted! Do you crochet or knit? The **Saint Veronica's Blanket Ministry** could use your help! Would you join us in restocking our shelves during our November Blanket Blitz? You don't need to buy yarn; we have project bags made up and available in Trecy Hall. You can turn in your blanket to the office or bring it to a social at the beginning of December.
Sign up/Connect with us at: https://forms.gle/xRNR3FAMpgVZdzaw8

Who's ready to dance! It is time to bring back the parish dances! I am looking for people to join my team in planning the parish dance and potlucks. If this is something you are interested in please contact me, Sophia Eheart at sophiaLeheart@gmail.com

St. Martin of Tours Ministry - Father Jose will celebrate a special Mass on Veterans Day, November 11th, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary Procession to the Veterans Memorial and a reception in Visitation Hall with refreshments for all. Everyone is welcome to attend to convey our parish's high regard for those who have served, or are serving, our nation. **Please send an email to Steve Plonka at plon2@aol.com no later than Sunday, November 8, with the number of attendees so we can plan appropriately for the reception.**

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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