

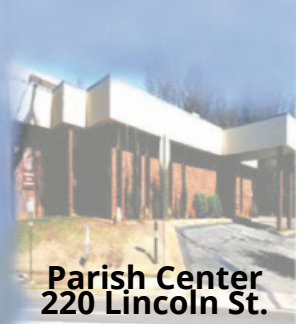
APRIL 7, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



# 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

Nursery provided next door in Treacy 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**

*frjoy@smvparish.org*

**Deacon: Dn. Jeff Montgomery**

*jeffmontgomery35758@gmail.com*

**Director of Religious Education**

**Jennifer Kilroy** | *jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com*

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**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: 256.384.3741**

### Contact Us

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Huntsville, AL 35801

**256.536.6349**

[www.smvparish.com](http://www.smvparish.com)

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### Save the Date

**Apr 20:** Nite at the Races

**May 12:** Mother's Day Brunch

**May 19:** Parish Picnic

**Jun 8:** Beach Potluck Dinner Dance

**Jun 16:** Father's Day Brunch

**Jun 22:** Sunset Social

**Jul 27:** Sunset Social

**Aug 24:** Tailgate Tune-Up

**Sep 22:** Wine Tasting

### Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$15,860**

March 23/24 & March 30/31 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$ 38,087

Holy Family School.....\$ 195

JPII High School.....\$ 100

Door Access Collection.....\$ 20,876

Bake Sale.....\$ 1267

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support!**

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

## Leadership Team of Visitation

- Finance Council Chair**  
Ben Boles | bolestv@gmail.com | 256-651-5690
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## 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.

## 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.

**April 6-April 14** For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ragucci
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Raney
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. James Reed
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rees
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Reeves
- Fri** Mr. Ryan Reid
- Sat** Mr. & Mrs. John Rice
- Sun** Mrs. Patricia Rich



For a complete list of our ministries visit our website at smvparish.com or pick up a Guide to Ministries (available in the narthex).

## Prayer Commission

- Altar Flower Ministry**  
Greg Jones | mistertolson@gmail.com | 256-651-2505
- Altar Servers**  
Karen Vandiver | jcvandiver@ieeee.org
- Altar Linen Ministry**  
Nancy Downard | nancydownard64@gmail.com
- Candle Light (Devotional) Ministry**  
Ron Eimer | ronandcon2u@comcast.net
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- Ushers**  
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## CRS Rice Bowls

For those who collected money in their Rice Bowls this Lent, it is time to turn them in! You can either bring them by the office or put them in the designated basket in the narthex.

## Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 7th

- Sun:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31 **2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**
- Mon:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 **The Annunciation of the Lord**
- Tues:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wed:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thurs:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36 **St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**
- Fri:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Sat:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 **St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**

## Faith Formation

Our High School Apologetics Class is an opportunity for teens to delve deeper into what we believe & why. Students who are interested in being part of this class next year can drop in on our April sessions. Contact jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com.

**Pray With Us**—Join our HSA students this week—praying that couples considering marriage are inspired to keep God at the center of their relationship and that they let Him guide their decisions as they contemplate their future together.

## Online Giving

Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.org by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office if you have questions or for more information.

## Altar Flowers

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



## Nursery

Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in Treacy Hall.



## Prayer Requests

Claudia McCoy, Liam Cook, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Milton Mantler, Samantha Rice, Robert Rees

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



## Tri-Parish Catholic Vacation Bible School

June 3-7 for Children Age 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Scan the QR Code

to Register Online

Forms are also available at [www.smvparish.com](http://www.smvparish.com)

under the Religious Education tab

**Registration Closes Mother's Day, 5/12!**

For questions, contact: [Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com)



## Contra Dancing

Visitation will be hosting Contra Dancing lessons on Saturday, April 13, 6-8pm at the Parish Hall. Adults, teens, and kids (8 and up do well, but you know your kids) - all are welcome. No food at this event, just dancing. Bring water to drink. We will have a jar for donations to pay our instructor/caller. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

**Contact Jackie Henderson, 251-602-6963 or [cjadk@aol.com](mailto:cjadk@aol.com).**

## Calling all homeschoolers!

Visitation is hosting a homeschool graduation Mass on May 25th at 10am. All homeschoolers are welcome to attend and celebrate these students and families. Reception to follow to celebrate the graduates and the end of the school year. Please contact Jackie Henderson to sign up: [cjadk@aol.com](mailto:cjadk@aol.com), 251-602-6963.

## Donuts & Pastries next Sunday after the 8:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.



The **55+ Ministry** will host a Potluck & Trivia on April 12 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

For information contact **Cherie Miller** at **256-651-6492**



## Enjoy seeing the Ponies Run?

Come join us for the Annual **Nite at the Races**, April 20th, at 6pm. We will host a "betting" window, door prizes, food and of course Derby inspired adult beverages at our Parish Hall. This is an adult only event with free admittance and food for sale. In addition, you can also own a horse with a \$100 winning purse for that race. Horses will be sold for \$20 after each mass on April 6/7 and April 13/14. **New for the 2024 Nite at the Races there will be one item up for bid in a live auction. Dinner for six prepared by Fr. Joy and hosted at the Rectory. This is a priceless!**



**Alexis Marie Skarupa and John Luke Parker**  
**married on April 6, 2024**

*Altar Flowers were donated by the couple in celebration of their wedding.*

## Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Soups; canned chicken, or tuna; peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; peanut butter, or cheese crackers; and cereal.

**Thank you for your generous support and donations. Scan the QR code below to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>**



## This Week's Schedule &

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 6**

**5:30pm | † Jess Jones**

**Sunday, April 7**

**8:00am | For the Parish**

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

**11:00am | Father Michael MacMahon (I)**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

**Tuesday, April 9**

**8:00am | † Albert Rich**

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:30pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

**Wednesday, April 10**

**8:00am | † Charles Albright**

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

6:30pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

**Thursday, April 11**

**8:00am | † Anatolio Pina**

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

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

**Friday, April 12**

**8:00am | † Dr. Debra Gilliam**

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

6:00pm | 55+ Potluck & Trivia (PH)

**Saturday, April 13**

**5:30pm | † Theodore Blair**

5:30pm | Contra Dancing (PH)

**Sunday, April 14**

**8:00am | PJ Clawson (I)**

9:00am | Donut Sunday (Donuts & Pastries)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

**11:00am | For the Parish**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Our Parish Education Award deadline has been extended until April 21. Forms are in the narthex, online, and in the office.

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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