

JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



222 Jefferson St. N

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

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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: 256.384.3741

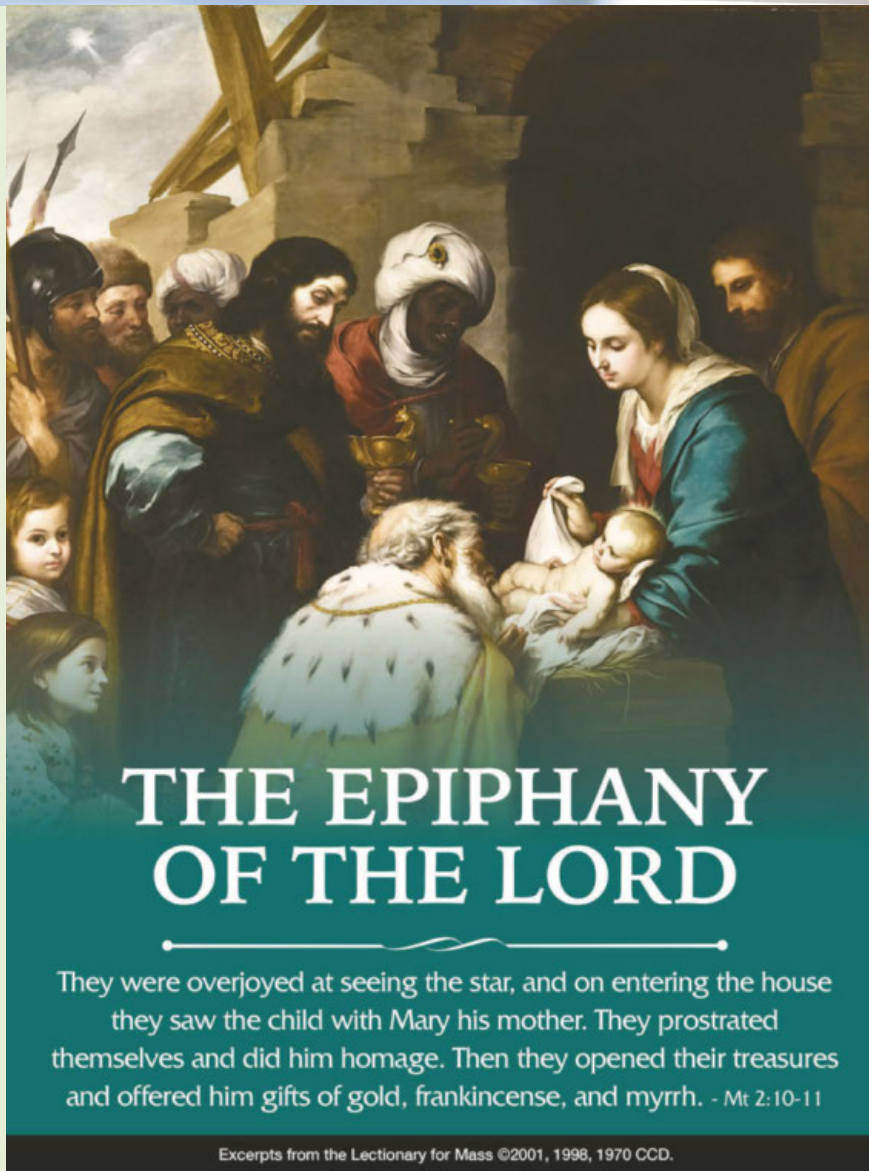
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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

Save the Date

Jan 6: Epiphany Party/Parish Dance (PH) After Mass

Jan 14: Donut Sunday (PH)

Jan 21: Rosary Making Class (VH)

Entering from Washington Street
Parking Lot Gate Code 222

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$14,470**

December 24-25, 2023 Income:
Weekly Church Support.....\$ 32,308
Holy Family School.....\$ 255
JP II High School.....\$ 85

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Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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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.

Jan 7–Jan 14 For the intentions of:

- Sun Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Marbut
- Mon Mr. & Mrs. James Marino
- Tue Mrs. Theresa Marlowe
- Wed Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Mastramico
- Thu Mr. & Mrs. Dave Matteson
- Fri Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Mauldin
- Sat Mr. & Mrs. Colin Maxwell
- Sun Mr. & Mrs. Paul May



SMV WEEKLY & MONTHLY INFORMATION

Weekly emails to all registered parishioners will be sent every Wednesday and will serve as a reminder of upcoming events

Please send news/announcements/pictures for consideration in the SMV Monthly Newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's newsletter.

Hospitality Commission

Ambassadors Kathy Nerger

kathenerger@protonmail.com | 256-617-4203

Donut Sunday Donna Winghart | 256-653-3636

Food Pantry

Martha Jordan | marthaannjordan@gmail.com

Friday Morning Coffee Social | Hilda Gabrys

rhgabrys@att.net

Hospitality Tent

Jerry & Renee Wilson | sportnstitch@gmail.com

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WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 7, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11 **The Baptism of the Lord**

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 **St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM**

Faith Formation

Welcome Back!



All Faith Formation Classes resume this weekend.

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



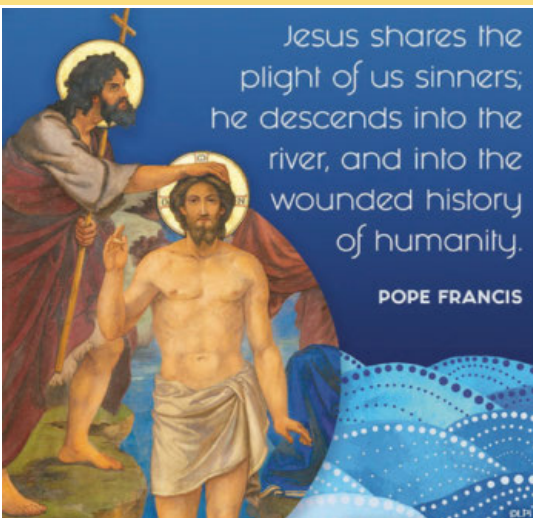
Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in Treacy Hall.

Prayer Requests

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



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



IN MEMORIAM

Emily Stinson
December 29, 2023
Mother of Jay Stinson

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears His glory." — Isaiah 60:2

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Thank You

Thank you to our Flower Ministry, Building & Grounds, & all the volunteers who so beautifully decorated our church and grounds for this Christmas Season. And to our choirs who filled our sanctuary with joyful songs. Thank you also for all the goodies, cards, & gifts.

Gratefully Yours, Father Joy

Women's Ministry

All ladies are invited to the Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm in Treacy Hall. Our guest speaker for the evening is **Veronika Dubravec**. For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

Memorial Bricks

Mary's Prayer Garden memorial bricks, 8" x 8", can now be ordered. Suggested donation is \$100. Plan and layout and order forms are in the narthex. Manfred Segewitz is the chair.

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Making Ministry will host a class at 9:15am, January 21st in Visitation Hall. For more information contact Jed Park at jedpark66@gmail.com

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following items: Pasta sauce; Vienna sausages; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; Hamburger or Tuna Helper; canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; peanut butter; jelly; instant oatmeal; Ramen noodles; Chef Boyardee; peanut butter or cheese crackers.

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our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.

This Week's Schedule &

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, January 7

8:00am | † Shirley Wall

9:00am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)/ Confirmation Class (C)

11:00am | † Hector New

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Monday, January 8

6:00pm | Roses for St. Mary Catholic Daughters (TH)

Tuesday, January 9

8:00am | Shelby Musgrove (I)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

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

Wednesday, January 10

8:00am | † Helen McBride

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | KofC Meeting (PH)

7:00pm | Bible Study (VH)

Thursday, January 11

8:00am | † Melanie Winters

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Friday, January 12

8:00am | † Ronald Tepool

8:30am | Coffee Social

Saturday, January 13

5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, January 14

8:00am | For the Parish

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | For All the Volunteers

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

(O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church

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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