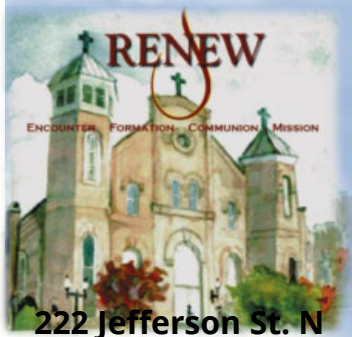


MARCH 2ND, 2025 | 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# St. Mary of the Visitation

## Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



### 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 Nellisery, PhD**

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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**

### Contact Us

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**"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."  
- Lk 6:43**

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### Save the Date

**Mar 5**—Ash Wednesday/Masses at 8am, 12:15pm, and 6pm

**Mar 7**—Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

**Mar 7**—Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in the Parish Hall 5pm

**Mar 14**—Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

**Mar 14**—Potluck Supper in Treacy Hall 5:30pm

**Mar 15**—St. Patrick's Day Parade Blessing

### Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

### February 22/23

Weekly Church Support.....\$15,888

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

## Homebound Ministry to the Sick & Shut-In

We bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to illness, disability, or other circumstances, allowing them to receive the Sacrament and feel connected to the parish community. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, or residing in a nursing home and unable to attend Mass, you may request a Eucharistic minister who can bring Holy Communion, ensuring that you can still participate in this sacred sacrament and experience the presence of Christ. If in need please contact the office at [smvparish@smvparish.org](mailto:smvparish@smvparish.org) or 256-536-6349.

## 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.

**Mar 2 – Mar 9** For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. John Franks
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Freiburger
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Nathan French
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Freund
- Thurs** Mr. John Fulmer
- Fri** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gabrys
- Sat** Ms. Lorraine Galindo
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Gallagher



## Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of March 2nd

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45 **8th**

**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27 **St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31 **St. Casimir**

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 **St. John of God, Religious**

The **Becoming Catholic** program for baptized, non-Catholic Christians interested in learning about the Catholic faith and/or joining the Church begins Ash Wednesday (March 5). The class meets weekly with Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (June 8). For info or to register for the class, contact **Mike Janssen** ([mjj032753@gmail.com](mailto:mjj032753@gmail.com)).

## Women's Ministry

All ladies of the parish are invited to the **Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm in Treacy Hall** as we continue with the parish theme of *RENEW: Living the Virtues Daily*. This month we have Guest Speaker, Teresa White. Fifteen years ago, Teresa was diagnosed with MS, and her journey since that time has been rooted in the strength she finds in her family and her faith. Join us as Teresa shares her inspiring faith story and the "impact of a positive attitude" she has to deal with her challenges and successes.

For more information contact **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or [elizabeth35758@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth35758@gmail.com)**

Please send news, pictures, etc., for consideration in the SMV Monthly Newsletter to: [visitationnews@gmail.com](mailto:visitationnews@gmail.com) **by the 15th of the month** to be in the next month's newsletter.

For a complete list of our ministries visit our website at [www.smvparish.org](http://www.smvparish.org) or pick up a **Guide to Ministries** (available in the narthex).

**NO CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY 3/9**

## Pray with us!



Please join our 1st grade class this week in praying that children who do not have families find safe and loving homes.

**Faith Formation**

**St. Joseph Table**—We will have a table set up in the church underneath the statue of St. Joseph on the weekend of **March 15/16**. If able, bake and bring bread wrapped in something like Saran wrap. The bread will be picked up on the 16th after the 11am Mass and given to the Food Pantry to distribute. Contact is **Mary Davis, 256-881-3152**.

**Online Giving** Contributions can be made through our website: [smvparish.com](http://smvparish.com) by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office at 256-536-6349 if you have questions or for more information.



**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.

## Our Nursery

for preschool-aged children is open in Treacy Hall (next door to the church) during the 8 & 11am Masses.



**Prayer Requests** Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Kathy Rogers, Emory & Virginia McCullough, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, Ghada Almahdi, and Ann Geist.

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



**The March 8<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville has been rescheduled to May 10<sup>th</sup>.**



**Koi Alena Madison  
February 23, 2025**

### Nursery Worker Paid Position Opening

The nursery worker cares for preschool children, age 4 and under, during Sunday Masses. **If interested, please call the church office or email your resume to [smvparish@smvparish.org](mailto:smvparish@smvparish.org).**

### Join us for a Lenten Fish Fry,

hosted by the Knights of Columbus, on March 7, March 21, and March 28.  
Prepurchase tickets only:  
email, phone, text, or at Church after all weekend Masses.  
Kirk Wimsett@gmail.com or  
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**WOMEN'S CURSILLO** Looking to grow your faith and love of Jesus? The Cursillo Movement offers the method, tools and support needed to live a fuller, more vibrant Christian life. The next Women's weekend will be held March 27-30, 2025 at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman.



**For more information contact Linda Schaaf at [256-541-2687](tel:256-541-2687) or [LSchaaf325@gmail.com](mailto:LSchaaf325@gmail.com).**

### Lenten Prayer Ribbons

Starting on Saturday, March 8, please take a moment to tie a ribbon on the railing in front of the church and say a prayer. Keep this intention in your prayers throughout Lent.

### Pot Luck Supper & Stations

**Enjoy some Friday fellowship!**  
5:30pm on March 14, April 4, and April 11 in Treacy Hall. Bring a meat-free dinner to eat & share. Then after supper, head to the church for 7pm Stations of the Cross.

### Bible Study with Father Joy

Join Fr. Joy's weekly Bible Study in Visitation Hall, Wednesdays during Lent, 10:00-11:00am.

### First Friday Mass/Anointing March 7th

Join us for a lite breakfast and fellowship afterwards in Visitation Hall.

### Food Pantry

The food pantry is requesting the following items: fruit cups; canned fruit; peanut butter and jelly; canned chicken, meat, and tuna; ramen noodles; pasta sauce; cereal (regular size or variety packs).

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**You can access this website by scanning this QR code or following this link — <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com> Create your account by entering the primary email listed on your parish registration and following the directions on-screen.**



### Weekly Schedule & Intentions

#### Saturday, March 1

5:30pm | For the Mary's Hand Ministry

#### Sunday, March 2

8:00am | † John & Andria Votovich

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)  
9:30 | Adult Faith Formation (PH)  
9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)  
9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)  
9:30am | RCIA (TH)  
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

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

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

#### Monday, March 3

4:00pm | Quilting Class (VH)  
7:00pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

#### Tuesday, March 4

8:00am | † Antanas Venckus

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)  
6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)  
6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

#### Wednesday, March 5

8:00am | † Randall A. Schoch

12:15pm | For the Parish  
6:00pm | † Katherine Nicastro  
6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

#### Thursday, March 6

8:00am | † Joe Greco

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)  
10:00am | Bible Study with Fr. Joy (VH)  
6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

#### Friday, March 7

8:00am | † Thomas Kipybida

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast  
12:15pm | Stations of the Cross  
5-7pm | K of C Fish Fry (PH)

6:00pm | Adoration

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 8

11:00am | Rocket City Regulators (PH)

5:30pm | † Suraiya Turner

#### Sunday, March 9

8:00am | For the Parish

9:30am | RCIA (TH)  
NO Faith Formation/Nazareth House  
11:00am | Ministry of the Word (Lectors)  
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution  
(C) Church (PH) Parish Hall  
(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy Hall  
(O) Office (VH) Visitation

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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