

MAY 24, 2026 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



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 & 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

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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

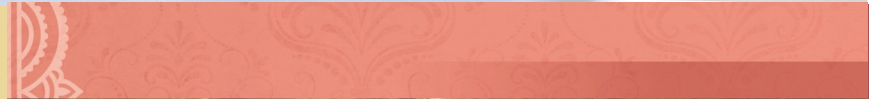
Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N
Huntsville, AL 35801

256.536.6349/www.smvparish.com



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"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them." Acts 2:2-3

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MEMORIAL DAY

Monday May 25



Financial Contributions

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

May 16/17

Weekly Church Support.....\$17,205

Holy Family.....\$265

JPII High School.....\$100

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

02 Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday's Parish Picnic was truly a joyful celebration of our parish community. I sincerely thank everyone who participated and helped to make the day such a wonderful success. Special gratitude goes to our Parish Pastoral Council for their hard work, planning, and generous volunteer service. Thank you also to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy before, during, and after the event. Your dedication reflects the beautiful spirit of our parish family.

Congratulations to the winners of our Parish Scholarships. We are proud of your accomplishments and grateful to the generous sponsors who support our young people and encourage their future growth. I also congratulate the students from our Religious Education Program who received the Best Performance Awards and the Perfect Attendance Awards. Your commitment to learning the faith and growing closer to Jesus is inspiring.

This weekend, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. In the Gospel of John, the risen Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and renew the Church even today. Let us open our hearts to the gifts of the Spirit so that we may live with courage, peace, and faith.

I would also like to offer special thanks to Mary Davis and Rita Segewitz, who are stepping down as Chair and Co-Chair of the Ladies Sodality after 55 years of continuous and faithful service. Their dedication, sacrifice, and love for the parish have been an inspiration to many generations. May God bless them abundantly for all they have done.

On May 25, the Church celebrates the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to continue praying for our parish families. We also remember and honor all those who sacrificed their lives for our nation as we observe Memorial Day.

Family Tip #2: Start family prayer today. A family that prays together stays together. Even a few minutes of prayer each day can bring peace, healing, and blessings into the home. If your family has not yet begun praying together, begin today—you will see wonders through God's grace.

May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with peace and joy. 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 24-31** For the intentions of:
- Sun** Mrs. Jennifer West
 - Mon** Mr. Larry Westbrook
 - Tues** Mr. Charles White
 - Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Joseph White
 - Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Gary Whited
 - Fri** Mr. Nicholas Whiting
 - Sat** Mr. & Mrs. David Weithop
 - Sun** Ms. Rosemarie Weithop

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of May 24, 2026

Sun: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 **Pentecost Sunday**

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day

Tues: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31 **St. Philip Neri, Priest**

Wed: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45 **St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Thurs: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Fri: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26 **St. Paul VI, Pope**

Sat: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33



LAST CALL!

VBS Registration Forms Are Due **THIS MONDAY, 5/25!**

To Register Online
Scan the QR Code



For questions, contact: Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com

For a list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.com or pick up a Guide to Ministries in the church narthex.

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



Thank You

Our parish picnic was a wonderful event and there are a lot of thank-you's that are well deserved. **Thank you first to the more-than-300 parishioners** (and their donated desserts) who filled our newly renovated Parish Center on Sunday, May 17th. **Thank you to the 20 Ministries** that gave of their time to explain the important work each of them does to make our parish a loving and caring community, and special recognition to Cherie Miller, our Ministry Coordinator. A long list of volunteers contributed their time and talent, including many from the Young Adult Ministry. **Congratulations to our \$2,500 scholarship winners, Mary Addison Koshut and Kaetlyn McGriff!** The face painting station was a big hit, and we were fortunate to have **Olivia (Ollly) Gonzalez, Charlotte Alcorn, and Sophia Eheart** there to lend their creative skills. And **George Preussel's root beer floats** continue to be a very popular guilty pleasure. **Thank you, especially, to our parish Pastoral Council** whose hard work and planning made the picnic a success. The cherry on top was everyone joining in to sing "Happy Birthday" to Father Jose (we were just a couple of days early) - complete with birthday cake - and to Deacon Jeff, whose birthday was the day of the picnic.

- Steve Plonka, Pastoral Council Chair

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

[PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE](#)

Saturday, May 23

5:30pm | † **Bea & Charles Albright**

Sunday, May 24

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

11:00am | † **Kenneth Huber**

12:30pm | † **Theodore Sercel**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day—Office is Closed

Tuesday, May 26

8:00am | † **Mark Corona**

6:30pm | Pro-Life Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, May 27

8:00am | † **Barry Battista**

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

Thursday, May 28

8:00am | † **John Andriulli**

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

Friday, May 29

8:00am | **Kora Davis (I)**

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, May 30

5:30pm | **For the Parish**

Sunday, May 31

8:00am | † **Kenneth Huber**

11:00am | † **Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer**

12:30pm | † **Joe Greco**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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

End of Year and Graduation
Mass and Reception
Thursday, June 4
5:30 Mass
6:30 Potluck Reception Dance
Saint Mary of the Visitation
Church and Parish Center

Who is Invited? Homeschool families who have survived another year, graduating seniors and their families, folks interested in homeschooling, folks looking for connection/community, people that want to support and be around homeschool families.

Need more info? Want to help? Sign up your senior?
Contact Jackie, catholicchildrens@gmail.com

Calling all high schoolers!

Join over two thousand other Catholic teens in
Steubenville, Ohio for a weekend retreat!

Thursday, June 25th to Sunday, June 28th

Franciscan University Main Campus
Steubenville, Ohio

In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love.

This year's theme.... Worthy

Price \$125 - Space is limited

Meals and Transportation included !

Payments are due by June 1

Male and Female Chaperones / separate dorms
Chaperones will have appropriate background checks.

For more information and to reserve your spot, email
: thomas@citizensoldierlaw.com
St. Mary of the Visitation's Knights of Columbus is subsidizing most of the cost



Closed For
MEMORIAL DAY



MEMORIAL DAY
CELEBRATE, HONOR, REMEMBER.

Cursillo Weekends for Men and Women will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL.

- Men's Cursillo Weekend: August 13-16, 2026
- Women's Cursillo Weekend: April 8-11, 2027

If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time! Contact Linda Schaaf at lshaaf325@gmail.com

The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.



The food pantry is in need of the following items: fruit cups; canned fruit; soups; Vienna sausage; ramen noodles; pasta, pasta sauce; canned meat, chicken, and tuna; peanut butter, and jelly. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

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



Don't forget to submit your recipes for the cookbook the Knights of Columbus are putting together. The forms are available in the office or in the weekly newsletter.

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.