

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

### Parish Staff

**Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellissery, 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**

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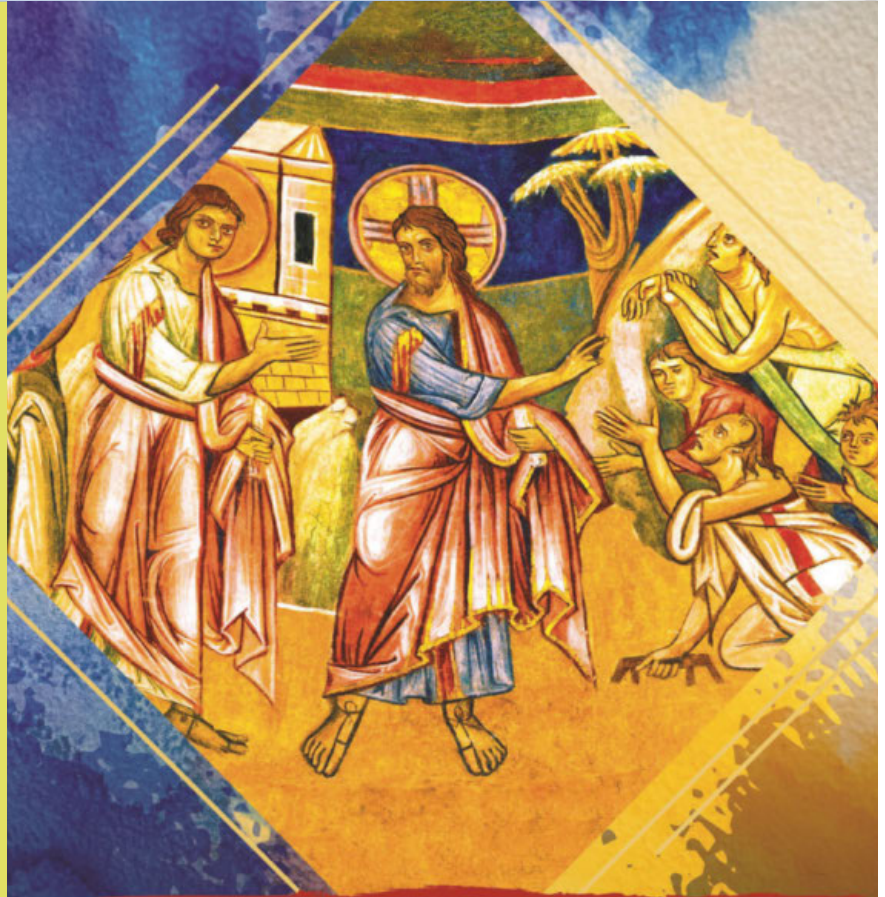
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## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."  
- Mk 1:40

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### Save the Date

**Feb 14:** Ash Wednesday  
Masses at 8am, 12:15pm, & 6pm

**Feb 16:** Potluck Supper (TH)

**Feb 16:** Adoration & Stations  
of the Cross (C)

**Feb 18:** Pancake Breakfast (PH)

**Feb 21:** Soup Supper (TH)

**Feb 23:** Young Professionals  
Lenten Retreat

**Feb 23:** Fish Fry (PH)

**Feb 24:** Parish Mission with  
Fr. Mark Mary MFVA (ewtn)

### Financial Contribution

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

February 3/4 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$ 25,557

Holy Family School.....\$ 100

JPII High School.....\$ 60

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# Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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## Leadership Team of Visitation

### Finance Council Chair

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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.

**Feb 11-Feb 18** For the intentions of:

**Sun** Nick Morrow & Patricia Garcia

**Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Mullins

**Tue** Mr. & Mrs. Brian Moore

**Wed** Ms. Shelby Musgrove

**Thu** Mr. & Mrs. Alan Musico

**Fri** Mr. & Mrs. John Napolitano

**Sat** Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Nash

**Sun** Fr. Joy Nellisery



## SMV WEEKLY & MONTHLY INFORMATION

Weekly emails to all registered parishioners will be sent every Wednesday and will serve as a reminder of upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

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.

## Prayer Commission

### Altar Flower Ministry

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### Altar Servers

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## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11(7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day**

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day**

**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

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

## Faith Formation

### Pray with us!

The confirmation class students ask that you join them this week in praying for all Catholics in this Lenten season, that through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, they may become closer to God.



## 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, Caitlyn Strawn



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

## Roses for St. Mary, Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Established in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) is a national powerhouse of Catholic Women with 63,000 members nationwide. Our members are on a mission – donating to charities, running scholarship programs, and being the ultimate "helping hands where there's pain, poverty, sorrow, or sickness." It's all about faith working through love and promoting justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and dignity for everyone. Please come join us and enjoy time with your fellow Catholic Women, because we believe in doing good with a smile and a sprinkle of humor. We meet monthly on the first Tuesday. For more information please contact **Chastity Bradford**, [rosesforsaintmary@gmail.com](mailto:rosesforsaintmary@gmail.com) or 423-309-1108.



**Felicity Salazar,**  
January 27, 2024

**Evan Diggins,**

January 28, 2024

**Madeline Blankenberger,**  
January 28, 2024

**Women's Ministry** Ladies, come join us to decorate a Lent prayer candle and play Mardi Gras BINGO at our next Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Treacy room. Come early and enjoy King Cake, music, wine, and fellowship. You're always welcome to bring a friend. All ladies of the parish are invited to be a part of this parish community of faithful women who come together in prayer, friendship, and service through the love and guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or [elizabeth35758@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth35758@gmail.com).

## Men of St. Joseph

Men, you are invited to embark on a journey of spiritual growth. We meet weekly on Thursdays in the Holy Family Room from 6-7pm. For more information contact **Deacon Jeff at** [Deaconjeff@smvparish.org](mailto:Deaconjeff@smvparish.org)

## Your Life is Guided by God

"To walk in the presence of the Lord means to move forward in life in such a way that all our desires, thoughts, and actions are constantly guided by Him. When we walk in the Lord's presence, everything we see, hear, touch or taste reminds us of Him. This is what is meant by a prayerful life. It is not a life in which we say many prayers, but a life in which nothing, absolutely nothing, is done, said or understood independently of Him who is the origin and purpose of our existence. ....The essence is to be established in the remembrance of God, and to walk in His presence".  
\*\*\*\*\*Henri Nouwen\*\*\*\*\*

**Donut Sunday today at 9 AM in the Parish Hall!**



## Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Pasta; soups; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; Vienna Sausages; Chef Boyardee; Hamburger or Tuna Helper; canned fruit; cereal.

Scan the QR code below to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



**The Food Pantry Ministry wants to thank all our parishioners for their generous donations!**

## This Week's Schedule &

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 10**

**5:30pm | † Joann Tyra**

**Sunday, February 11**

**8:00am | † Joyce Ellis**

9:00am | Donut Sunday

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 the Parish**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

5:00pm | Young Professionals Super Bowl Watch Party (TH)

**Tuesday, February 13**

**8:00am | Maria Barrera (I)**

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

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

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

**Wednesday, February 14**

**8:00am | † Marguerite Leslie**

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

**12:15pm | † Fred & Doddie LaChance**

**6:00pm | For the Parish**

6:30pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

7:00pm | Bible Study (HFR)

**Thursday, February 15**

**8:00am | Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler (I)**

10:00am | Bible Study with Fr. Joy (VH)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

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

**Friday, February 16**

**8:00am | Alex McCormack (I)**

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

5:30pm | Potluck Supper (TH)

6:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration (C)

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

**Saturday, February 17**

10:00am | Food Pantry Meeting (TH)

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

**Sunday, February 18**

**8:00am | Richard Varner (I)**

9:00am | Pancake Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation, Sunday Video "Eucharistic Revival" (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

**11:00am | † Simone Curtis**

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, Holy Family Room (HFR)

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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