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MARCH 31, 2024 | EASTER SUNDAY



Catholic Parish-Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—



Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am

Nursery provided next door in Trecy 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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Entering from Washington Street Parking Lot Gate Code 222

The office will be closed on Easter Monday.

My Dear Parish Family,

May the blessings of Easter Effect be with you and your family. May the Resurrected - disguised God be visible to you. We, as a parish family, began this year answering the question: "Whom are you looking for?" (Jn 18:4) in Advent, and in Lent, we added another question of Jesus to it: "What are you looking for?" (Jn:38).

I am so grateful for your Lenten efforts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Hope our common meditation aid booklet "The Season for Healing Hearts" was useful. Thank you for your support and participation in "Gratitude Cards" and "Prayer Ribbons." Thank you for taking this Lenten season seriously; participation in Lenten activities was very good in our parish.

Thanks to each and every one of you who worked so hard to make Lent and Holy week at Visitation a spiritual experience. Thanks to all the 53 Ministries for working in harmony with each other. I humbly request everyone to make use of the opportunity of Divine Mercy Novena days. Together we are working this year to "Grow your Tent" (Isaiah 54:2). Thank you for your support and team work to build a beautiful Columbarium and make our parish a "Rekindled family of God." Let us make Visitation a land of the living.

Gratefully,

Fr. Joy

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

Financial Contribution

Due to early bulletin submission the contributions for March 23/24 will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

For information on how to donate online, see page 6 of the bulletin.

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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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.

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.

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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.

Mar 31—Apr 7 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. Stephen Poniatowski

Mon Mr. & Mrs. James Porges

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Glenmore Powers

Wed Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Prado

Thurs Mr. & Mrs. George Preussel

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Gary Quintero

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Rafferty

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ragucci

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES-WEEK OF MARCH 31

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 **Easter Sunday**

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15 Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18 Tuesday within the

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 Thursday within the

Octave of Easter

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14 Friday within the

Octave of Easter

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Tri-Parish Catholic Vacation Bible School

June 3-7 for Children Age 4 = 5th Grade

Scan the QR Gode → to Register Online



Forms are also available at www.smvparish.com under the Religious Education tab

Registration Closes Mother's Day, 5/12! For questions, contact: Jenniler Kilroy@gmail.com

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 Trecy 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



In Memory

Ron Adkins Joseph & Marjorie Agee Susan Shaw Agee Charles & Bea Albright Josephine Amtenbrink Paul Amtenbrink Anne, Ray, & Dominic; Noemi, Dante, Marie & Gino; & Eugene, John F., John W., & Jennifer & Paul Monica Bannon Jack Bellamy James & Joyce Berdahl Debbie & John Bilinski Theodore Blair Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bolt Francess Bolt Robert J. Bolton Colette Bontemps **Jacques Bontemps** Margaret Bouska Theresa Brewer Sam & Katherine Citrano John Cole, Jr. **Bobby Cole Gladys Comus** Caroline & Joseph Cooney Mrs. Christine Cornelius Lee Crabb **Butch Damson** John Davidson JoAnn Davidson Robert W. Davis Mary Lee & Lyn Davis **Arthur & Dorothy Davis** Philip P. Donahue **Duke Downard** Anthony & Joyce Ellis Mr. & Mrs. Esslinger Corinne Finckenor Mildred & Huey Ford **Cathy Fortin Edward Franklin** W.A. & Shirley Freeman **George Geist Reaves Geist** Mr. & Mrs. John Geist Anne & Bernard Gerken Ralph Gerken Jane Gilmore **Ruth & Millard Gorum**

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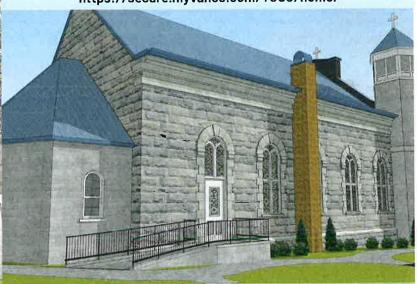
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collection, or follow this link:

https://secure.myvanco.com/YJCJ/home.



St. Patrick's Day Parade Blessing



News, Announcements, & Events

Colette Bontemp Sister of Bernadette **Bolton**

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, 251-602-6963.



Attention all graduating seniors and college students!

Entry forms for our Parish Education Award are available in the narthex and on our website, and in the office. Submit form, brief autobiography, essay and letter of recommendation to the parish office, smvparish@smvparish.com, by March 31.

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th. It will be prayed weekdays after the morning Mass, and weekends before the Mass.



Scripture Conversations

Wednesdays, 11am, Visitation Hall; 7pm Holy Family Room (lower level Jefferson St. parking lot side.) A friendly group of cradle Catholics, new Catholics, and non-Catholic spouses and friends who discuss readings from the previous Sunday. Join us to talk, listen and learn.

> **Contact is Diane Sachs at** diane.h.sachs@gmail.com

Women's Ministry

Ladies, come join us for BUNCO at our next Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30pm in the Trecy Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome 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. You're always welcome to bring a friend. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

AND

SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 18 9:00am - 1:00pm

"Enlarge the Place of your Tent", Is 54

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Pasta; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups; gravy, gravy mixes; instant mashed potatoes; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; Vienna sausages; canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; peanut butter, jelly; cereal (regular size or variety packs); peanut butter or cheese crackers. Our needs change weekly, so check the bulletin. Scan the OR code below to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.

Or type in:

https://linktr.ee/smvpantry

Thank you for your generous support and donations!



This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30

8:00am | Morning Prayer followed by Divine Mercy

9:00am | Food Blessing

10:00am | Easter Egg Hunt (PH)

8:00pm | RCIA Candidates & Families

Sunday, March 31

7:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

8:00am | For All the Parish Families

No Faith Formation Classes

10:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am | For All the Deceased Members of the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, April 1

Communion Service followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday, April 2

8:00am | Communion Service followed by Divine Mercy

Novena

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

6:00pm | Finance Council (0)

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Wednesday, April 3

8:00am | Communion Service followed by Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | Into the Deep (TH)

6:30pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

7:00pm | Bible Study (HFR)

Thursday, April 4

8:00am | Communion Service followed by Divine Mercy

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration

Friday, April 5

8:00am | † Butch Damson

First Friday Mass & Anointing followed by Divine Mercy

Novena

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

Saturday, April 6

5:00pm | Divine Mercy Novena

5:30pm | † Thomas & Mary Nellissery

Sunday, April 7

7:30 am | Divine Mercy Novena

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)

10:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am | Fr. Michael MacMahon (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

(0) Office, (TH) Trecy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall (VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room

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.



Congratulations

We welcome those who were Received into Full Communion of the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigili

> **Evan Alexander Amber Atchley** Ellie DeVito **Matthew Dunagan** Kirsten Erickson **Chevenne Flowers Britanee Harris Hunter Houck Taylor Medlin Michael Rhodus Martha Setzer Matt Tolliver Lazarus Travis Larry Westbrook Jennifer White Joseph White**



To all who contributed goodies for the bake sale and to all who bought them!

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.

Mary's Prayer Garden

Memorial bricks, 8" x 8", are still available to be ordered. The suggested donation is \$100. Plan layout and order forms are in the church narthex, in the office, and on our website.

to all who participated in the three days of prayer. Special

Tenebrae: Thank you to all who participated in the three days of prayer. Special thank you to Mike Janssen for taking leadership, and for the choir, lectors, and leaders for using their talents to enrich the prayer service. Thank you all so much!

Holy Week: Thanks to all who worked hard to prepare our church and grounds for this special week: the team of Decorators, the Altar Flower Ministry, the Altar Linen Ministry, and the Buildings & Grounds team. Thank you to those who assisted at the Masses: Ambassadors, Lectors, Altar Servers, Deacon Jeff, and Jackie Henderson, Loralee Fontenot, and the Choirs. And to any who volunteered who are not part of the above groups—**Thank You!**

Divine Mercy Novena: Thank you for all who are participating in the Novena. Please join the Novena weekdays after the 8:00am Mass and weekends before the Mass, and concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7.

Christ Is Risen! He Has Risen Indeed!

In the heart of the Catholic faith, the proclamation of Christ's resurrection echoes through time and eternity. Allow me to share some reflections on this profound truth:

The Triumph of Easter: On that glorious Easter morning, the tomb was empty, and the risen Christ emerged from the clutches of death. The angelic proclamation to Mary at the tomb resounds: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said" (Matthew 28:6, NIV). This momentous event changed the course of human history.

Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin's Encounter: In the early 20th century, Russian Communist leader Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin attempted to undermine Christianity during a public address. He attacked the faith, seeking to convince the crowd to reject Christ. However, the parish priest responded with a powerful truth: "CHRIST IS RISEN!" The people, as one, thundered back: "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

The Empty Tomb and Burial Clothes: The Gospel accounts emphasize the significance of the empty tomb and the burial clothes. John and Peter both witnessed the linen cloths that had covered Jesus. These details refute any claims that Jesus did not rise from the dead. The tomb was empty, and the risen One's glory shone forth.

The Paschal Greeting: The phrase "He is risen indeed" is part of the paschal greeting exchanged on Easter Sunday. It resonates across various Christian traditions, including Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Eastern Catholic, Latin Catholic, and Anglican churches. When greeted with "Christ is Risen!" the response is joyfully given: "He is Risen Indeed!".

St. Paul's Testimony: Around 55 AD, St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, affirming that Our Risen Lord had appeared to the Apostles, himself, and more than 500 people simultaneously. The reality of Christ's resurrection was not a mere legend but a living truth.

So, let us join in the ancient proclamation: Christ Is Risen! He Has Risen Indeed! May this truth continue to resonate in our hearts and transform our lives.

Columbarium Blessing







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