

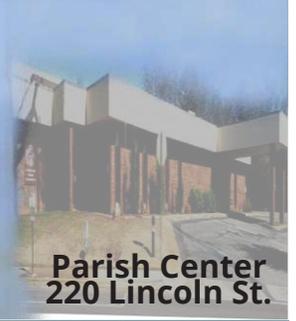
FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 Visitation Hall for both Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday–Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 – 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Mass & Adoration

1st Fridays | 6:30pm

Parish Staff

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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

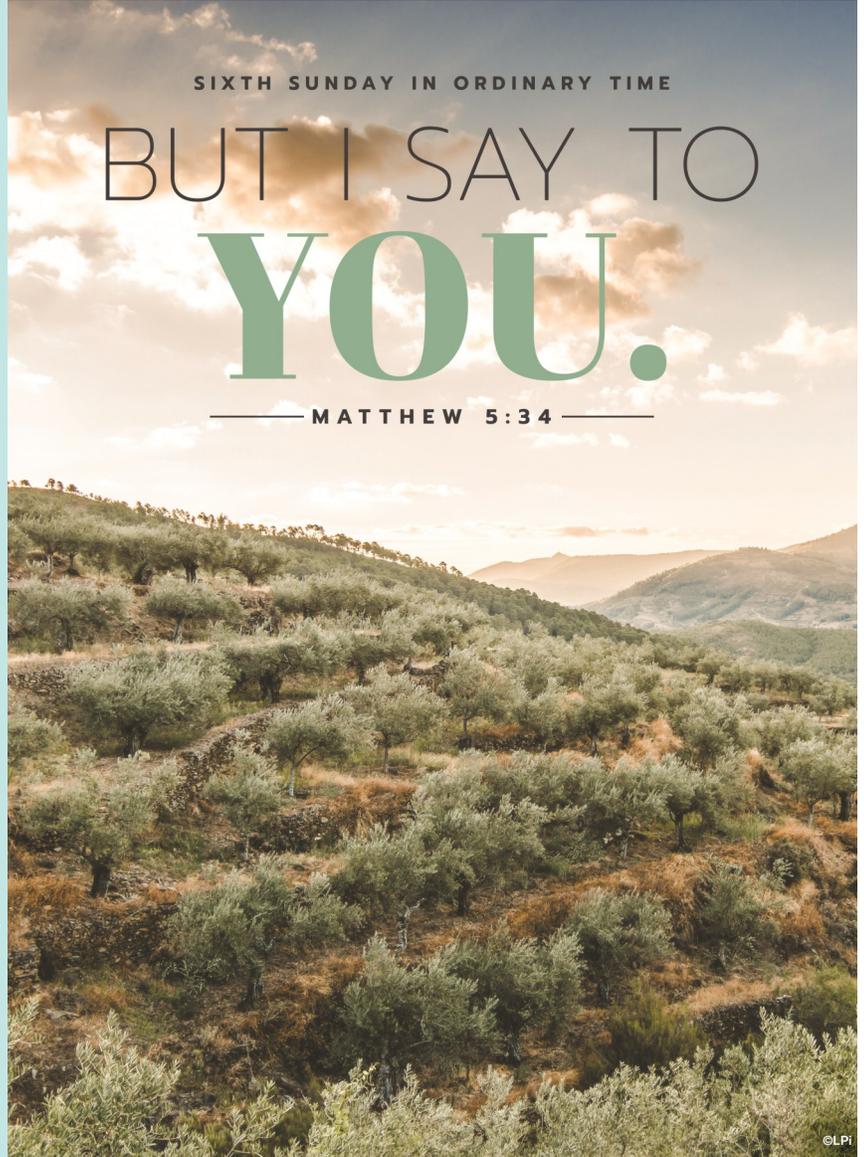
After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

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Save the Date

Feb 18—Ash Wednesday Masses at 8am, 12:15pm, & 6pm

Feb 19— Stations of the Cross following the 8am Mass

Feb 20—Stations of the Cross following the 8am Mass/12:15pm Stations of the Cross/5pm Potluck Supper In Visitation Hall/6:30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Financial Contributions

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

February 7/8, 2026

Weekly Church Support.....	\$22,713
Holy Family.....	\$130
JPII High School.....	\$50
Building Fund.....	\$3,089

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Parish Family,

This coming 18th, Ash Wednesday, we begin the sacred season of Lent, a grace-filled journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares our hearts for the joy of Easter. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence for all adults. The elderly, the sick, and infants are exempt, yet all are invited to enter into the spirit of repentance and renewal. On this holy day, we will celebrate three Masses, so that as many as possible may receive the ashes and begin Lent together as one parish family. As we look ahead to Holy Thursday, I am pleased to share that we have selected twelve parishioners, representing the twelve disciples, for the Washing of the Feet ceremony. They will be attending the 6:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, reminding us of Christ's humble love and call to serve one another. It is meant to be the days of spiritual preparation for the Sacred Ceremony

Throughout Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross after the morning Mass, offering an opportunity to walk prayerfully with Jesus on His way to Calvary. In addition, on Fridays during Lent, we will also have the Stations of the Cross at 12:15pm and we will gather for a 6:30 pm Mass, followed by the Way of the Cross at 7:00 pm, and Adoration at 7:30 pm. I encourage you to make these evenings a part of your Lenten discipline.

As in the previous years, Prayer Ribbons, will be available along the front railing of the church throughout Lent, and all are invited to offer a prayer as they tie a ribbon. These ribbons serve as a visible sign of our prayers and sacrifices.

Beginning next Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, we will be adding a fourth weekend Mass at 12:30 pm, on an experimental basis. This addition is intended to better serve our growing parish community, and your cooperation and feedback are appreciated.

Today, during the 11:00 am Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Sending for our OCIA candidates. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the Rite of Election, which will be celebrated by Bishop Raica on Saturday the 21st at Holy Spirit Church.

On this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel from Matthew 5:17-37 reminds us that Jesus calls us not only to observe the law, but to live it from the heart. May this Lenten season help us grow in holiness, mercy, and love.

With prayers and blessings,
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.

Feb 15-Feb 22 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. Jackson Scott
- Mon** Mr. Michael Seale
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Manfred Segewitz
- Wed** Mr. Markus Segewitz
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Bernd Seiler
- Fri** Mrs. Martha Setzer
- Sat** Mr. Eric Shackleford
- Sun** Mr. James Shade

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of February 15

- Sun:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Mon:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13 **Presidents' Day**
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21 **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**
- 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
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 **St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Faith Formation **Pray with us!**

Our 4th grade class asks you to join them this week in praying that the Holy Spirit will console people who are sick.



It's not too late to let us know you're coming!
Mardi Gras Party for Grades 8-12
5-7:30pm Sunday 2/15 in Treacy Hall
Scan the QR code to RSVP



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.

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

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, Evan Shackleford, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, and Lisa Downard.



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

Pot Luck Suppers—Enjoy some Friday fellowship!

5:00pm on the Fridays in Lent starting this Friday, February 20 (in Visitation Hall for our first meal and Treacy Hall for the remaining meals) and ending on March 27. Bring a meat-free dinner to eat & share. Stations of the Cross & Adoration will follow a 6:30pm Mass.

Prayer Ribbons, prepared by the Catholic Daughters, will be available along the railing at the front of the church all throughout Lent. All are invited this Lenten season to offer up a prayer as you tie a ribbon to the church railing. The Prayer Ribbons serve as a visual representation of our prayers and offerings and provide an opportunity for reflection as we prepare our hearts for the coming Easter season.



Women's Ministry: Historical Tour and Wine & Cheese Social

Ladies of the parish, you are invited to join us for a unique experience as part of our Women's Ministry. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 19th, at 6pm**, when we embark on a historical tour of St. Mary of the Visitation Church, followed by a Wine & Cheese Social. Parishioner Mikel Petty will guide us on this journey, offering an insightful and in-depth exploration of the church's rich beginnings, its beautiful architectural details, and the significance it holds within our community's history. As a cherished landmark in Huntsville, St. Mary of the Visitation Church stands as a testament to our Catholic heritage, and it is also proudly listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Please gather in the narthex of the church to begin the tour at 6:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

Young Professionals Brunch



Free bacon and pancakes! February 22 at 12pm in Treacy Hall.

Easter Flower Offering

Our Easter Flower Memorial is a way to remember our deceased and to honor the living. Your donation supports our Easter decorating. Easter Flower envelopes are in your monthly packet and in the church. Please turn your envelope in by **March 14** for names to appear in the bulletin.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 14

5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, February 15

8:00am | For the Parish

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | Dr. Mira Kruja (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, February 16

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

Tuesday, February 17

8:00am | Patrick McCauley

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

8:00am | For the Parish

12:15pm | † Anatolio Pina

6:00pm | Tricia Voytko

6:00pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry (VH)

Thursday, February 19

8:00am | † Elizabeth Ann Hopkins

8:30am | Stations of the Cross

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

6:00pm | Women's Ministry (C & TH)

Friday, February 20

8:00am | † Dawn Bernd Steffes

8:30am | Stations of the Cross followed by a Coffee Social

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross

5:00pm | Potluck Supper (VH)

6:30pm | St. Raphael Ministry (C)

6:30pm | Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Saturday, February 21

10:00am | Food Pantry (VH)

5:30pm | † Mark Corona

Sunday, February 22

8:00am | Marion Ruffing (I)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, **(HFR)** Holy Family Room,

(O) Office, **(TH)** Treacy Hall,

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

The **Food Pantry** is needing the following items: canned fruit; fruit cups; peanut butter and jelly; peanut butter or cheese crackers; Spam; and cereal. Thank you so much for your continued donations!

Scan the QR code to see our Pantry's Amazon Wish List.



Our **Church Directory** is available to view on your computer or smartphone! Instant Church Directory—the program we use to build our church directory—has a member website. 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.



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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