

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025

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

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm

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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Huntsville, AL 35801

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KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Lk 23:43

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Save the Date

November 27: Thanksgiving Day,
Mass at 9am

November 29/30: Advent Giving
Tree Begins

December 2: Christmas Parade
Social (Hot Cocoa & More)

December 7: Parish Christmas
Event

Office Closed
November 27th and 28th

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

Due to an early bulletin submission
financial contributions for
November 15/16 will be included in
the next bulletin.

**Thank you for your generosity and
continue support!**

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

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus, I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten. I see the crown you wear — thorns out of love for me. I pick you as my King. Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom. Amen. ©LPi

Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard Him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe — Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

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

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.

Nov 23-Nov 30 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Patrick
Mon Mrs. Madelyn Patton
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Peddycoart
Wed Mr. Mikel Petty & Ms. Barbara Schiavone
Thurs Mr. William Pittman
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Pittner
Sat Mr. Steve Plonka
Sun Ms. Nichole Pollard



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of November 23

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4 **St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11 **St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28 **Thanksgiving Day**

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Faith Formation

Pray With Us!

Please join our HSA students this week in praying for guidance and unity in our government.

NO Faith Formation Classes next Sunday, November 30th.



Happy Thanksgiving

Dear Lord, we raise our thanks to You, the giver of every good gift. Thank You for the ways You have blessed, guarded, and guided us this past year and always. Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your heart. Amen. ©LPi

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.



Nursery Worker Needed (Paid Position) to care for children age 4 and under during Sunday Masses. If interested, email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.



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, Ann Geist, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, and Caroline Lindsey

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



Holiday Bake Sale

THIS WEEKEND

in the gazebo after all Masses. This sale funds the Education Award. Stop by after Mass to buy a goody to take home.



Wreaths are for sale after Masses this weekend and available in the office during the week.

Wreath Set (base and candles): \$15
Candles only: \$10

Winter Clothing Drive

Greater Huntsville Area is in desperate need of Winter Clothing!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is conducting a clothing drive to assist local homeless and less fortunate men, women and children.

Gently used..... Coats (all adult and children's sizes); Sweaters and sweatshirts; Gloves/mittens, Winter hats.

Donations will go to the Catholic Center of Concern

**Drop-off is TODAY Noon-1:30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall**

220 Lincoln St NE, Huntsville
Just pull up by the flagpole and Knights will unload your items!

Weekly Emails

are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

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.



Newly Baptized

Marcus Albert Dujakovich
November 15, 2025
Anne Marie Reeves
November 16, 2025

Congratulations!

Courtney Mae Mitchell and
Justin Daniel Muller
married on November 15, 2025.
Thank you to the couple for donating their flowers for the altar.

The Food Pantry Ministry

will be doing the Advent Giving Tree again this year. The Advent Giving Tree will be up before 5:30 Mass on November 29th and will remain until December 14th. There will be pantry members to help with the tree tags by the tree, and one member in the Narthex to take monetary donations, at each Mass on the weekends. We ask that you wait until a member is available to take tree tag information. All gifts need to be turned in by December 14th. These gifts are for our downtown community neighbors.

We want to wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.
God Bless



Monthly Newsletter

Please send announcements for next month's newsletter to:
visitationnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 22

5:30pm | † Manuel Corona

Sunday, November 23

8am | † Marilyn Plonka & Steve Plonka (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)

NO Nazareth House

11am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
Walk with the Saints

Monday, November 24

3:30pm | Quilting Club (VH)

7pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, November 25

8am | † Jack & Nicky Chambers

Wednesday, November 26

8am | Kitty Jordan (I)

Thursday, November 27

9am | For the Parish

Office Closed

Friday, November 28

8am | Timothy Davis (I)

Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, November 30

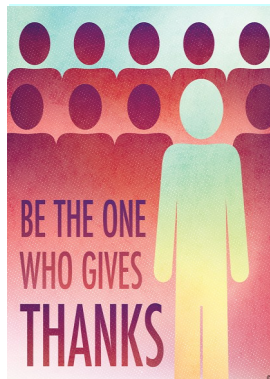
8am | Deacon Jeff Montgomery (I)

NO Faith Formation, OCIA, or Nazareth House

11am | † Lisa Mitchell

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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



On
Thanksgiving Day

Thursday,
November 27th,
Mass will be at
9am.

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.