

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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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

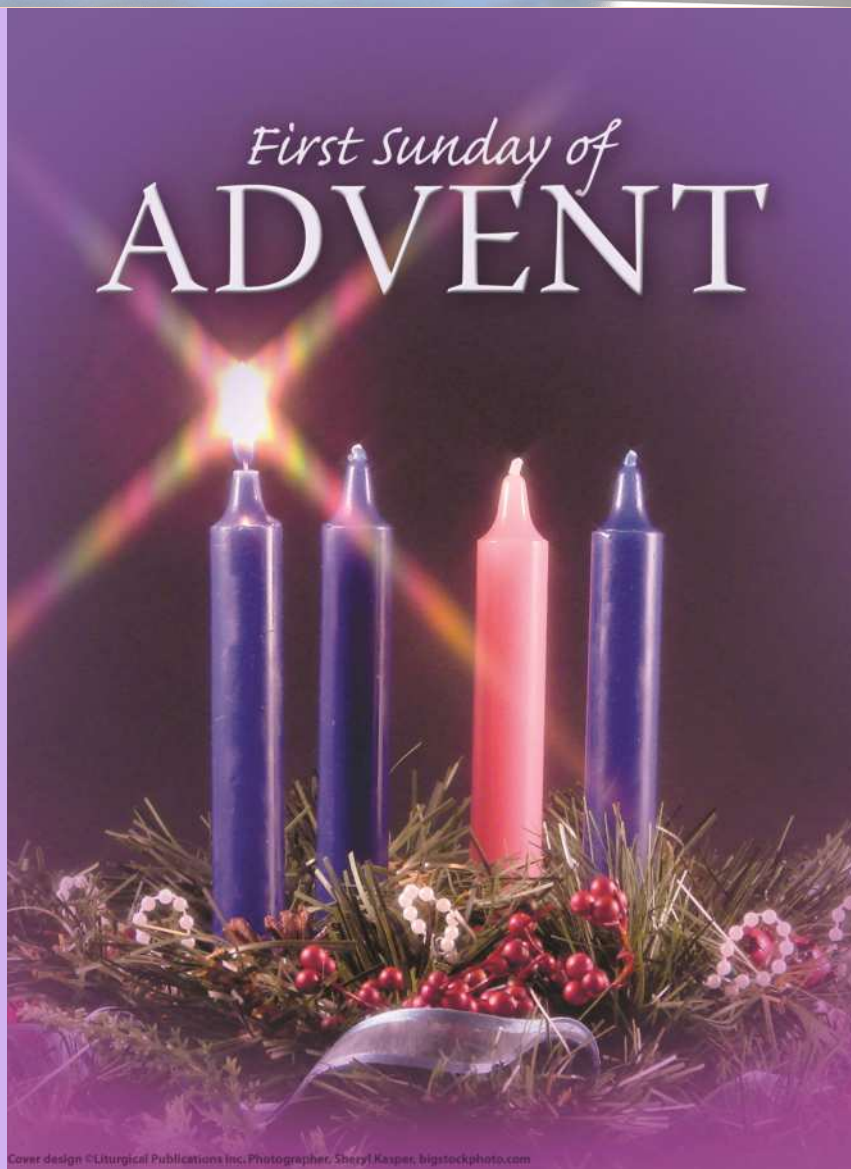
Mon–Thu 8:30am–3:30pm | Fri 8:30am–12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

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Save the Date

Dec 2: Christmas Parade Social

Dec 5: 1st Friday Morning Mass/
Anointing at 8am & Evening
Mass/Adoration at 6:30pm

Dec 7: Parish Christmas Social
after the 8am & 11am Masses

Dec 8: The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary—Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 8am & 6pm

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses:

November 15/16

Weekly Church Support.....\$16,084
Holy Family.....\$195
JP II High School.....\$20

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continued support!**

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online, see page 2 of the bulletin.

Prayer for Advent – Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have
become sleepy or despondent. Inspire us
with new visions. Be with us as we climb
closer to You. Amen. ©LPI

**"So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."**

This week we hear that ominous Gospel passage where Jesus tells us about people being taken from where they are and what they are doing when they least expect it, while others remain. This has been distorted by some for support into a spectacular idea of rapture, leading to many books and movies. A profitable genre has been created that sometimes preys on people's fears.

But in following Jesus Christ, there is no fear. What we are called to do is live each day as it were our last. Be mindful of all the opportunities around you to share love and the gifts God has given you. We will all be held accountable in the end, but it is not what we have done that will save us. Our salvation lies in the grace freely given to us by Jesus. When we choose to receive that gift and intentionally follow him, we are led to giving over our entire being totally to him.

This Advent, let's not allow ourselves to be caught up in all the craziness of the season, but instead give ourselves over to God to use for his glory. The Incarnation born in a manger is calling you. Have no fear!

**"The days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah."**

—Jeremiah 33:14

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 30-Dec 7 For the intentions of:

Sun Ms. Nichole Pollard
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Ed Poniatowski
Tues Mr. Stephen Poniatowski
Wed Mr. Marius Popescu & Ms. Natalie Lord
Thurs Mr. & Mrs. James Porges
Fri Mr. & Mrs. William Potwin
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Glenmore Powers
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Prado



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of November 30

Sun: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

1st Sunday of Advent

Mon: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 **St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

Thurs: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 **St. John**

Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Fri: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 **St. Nicholas, Bishop**

11/30 Faith Formation bulletin announcement



Wanted: Youth ages 6-18 for the

2025 Christmas Eve Youth Choir

that will lead Lessons & Carols before the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.
Readers preferred, but non-readers may join with older siblings.
There will be four rehearsals*

Sat. 12/20
(9-11am)

Mon. 12/22
(9-11am)

Tues. 12/23
(9-11am)

Wed. 12/24
(9-11am)

*Attendance at all 4 rehearsals is recommended, but those who can only attend some of the rehearsals are still encouraged to participate.

Scan the QR code to sign up



For questions, contact Jackie Henderson 251-602-6963 or cjadk@aol.com

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.



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, Caroline Lindsey, and Dev Flynn

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



St. Raphael Ministry — Our next activity will be on Saturday, December 13th. We'll start with the 5:30pm Mass and then walk the Tinsel Trail in downtown Huntsville followed by dinner at one of the downtown restaurants. For more information, please contact Kora at kora33@att.net

First Friday Morning Mass/ Anointing

December 5 at 8:00am

Join us afterwards for a lite breakfast and fellowship in Visitation Hall.

First Friday Evening Mass at
6:30pm
followed by Adoration at 7pm

The Food Pantry's Advent Giving Tree

is up this weekend 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

Parish Christmas Social

In lieu of our Christmas Dinner this year (which we have to forgo due to ongoing renovations at the Parish Hall) we will have a Christmas Social at the gazebo on Sunday, December 7 after each Mass. Please stop and enjoy sweets, hot cocoa, coffee, and fellowship!

Our Christmas Flower Memorial Offering

is a way to remember our deceased and to honor living individuals. Your donations to the Memorial supports our Christmas decorating. Special flower envelopes are in the pew holders and your monthly packet. Please turn in your Christmas Flower Offering no later than December 14 for names of your loved ones to appear in the Christmas bulletin. Please print names legibly.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 29

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, November 30

8am | Deacon Jeff Montgomery (I)

NO Faith Formation/OCIA/Nazareth House

11am | † Lisa Mitchell

12pm | Young Professionals Brunch (TH)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, December 1

7pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, December 2

8am | † Daniel & Geraldine Schiavone

6pm | Christmas Parade Social

(Washington St. Parking Lot)

Wednesday, December 3

8am | † Bea & Charles Albright

6pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

Thursday, December 4

8am | † Marguerite Leslie

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

Friday, December 5

8am | † Randall A. Schoch

First Friday Mass & Anointing

First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

6:30pm | For the Parish

First Friday Mass & Adoration

Saturday, December 6

5:30pm | † James Wall, III

Sunday, December 7

8am | 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)

11am | † Roger Crompton

Parish Christmas Social at the Gazebo after

8am & 11am Masses

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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

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

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

The St. Lawrence Ministry



will host a Christmas Parade Social on Tuesday, December 2 at 6pm, in the Washington St. parking lot. Join us to watch the parade and enjoy hot dogs, chips, and drinks. And Santa will be there with candy canes for the kids!



Ladies of the parish, you're invited to our **Paint Night Christmas Party** for our **Women's Ministry** meeting on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Treacy room. Join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, fellowship, and painting. Art by Candy will provide everything needed for our night out. There is a \$30 fee, which includes the supplies to create your 8x10 painting to take home. To reserve your spot and make a prepayment for this fun event, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you and hope you'll join us for our ladies' night out!

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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