

OCTOBER 26TH, 2025 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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(Effective October 31st)

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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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“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:14

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Save the Date

Nov 1: All Saints Mass at 9am
and

All Souls Mass at the
Columbarium at 1pm

***This week we will have
Communion Services
Tuesday–Thurs at 8:00am.
On Friday we will have
Confessions at 7:30am and
Mass at 8:00am.**

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

October 18/19

Weekly Church Support.....\$15,859
Holy Family.....\$400
JPII High School.....\$159
World Missions.....\$2155

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

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

Prayer of Praise

Dear God, as we look to the week ahead, help us to remember that You will accompany us at every moment — You who greet us with mercy anew every morning, and grace in abundance each night. Amen.
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More Than a Buzzword—If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

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.

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of October 26

Sun: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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Mon: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tues: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16 **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Wed: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thurs: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Fri: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6 **All Hallow's Eve**

Sat: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a **All Saints**

Faith Formation

Pray With Us!

Our 8th grade class asks you to join them this week in praying for the members of our parish family suffering loss, that they may be comforted by God's grace.



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.



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.



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

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

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

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, and Jim Bodine.

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



Because November 1 falls on a Saturday this year, All Saints' Day it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but participating in Mass is strongly encouraged to honor all the saints in heaven.



Mass at 9:00am



We will have Mass at our Columbarium at 1:00pm on Saturday, November 1st. The church grants a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory if a Catholic in the state of grace visits a cemetery to pray for the dead between November 1 and November 8.

The OCIA formation program will present 34 men and women, along with their sponsors, to the parish community on Sunday, November 2nd at the 8:00 am Mass. We invite you to join us in prayerfully witnessing the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion for Adults. This Rite marks the first public declaration of God's call to follow Christ for our Catechumens and Candidates. It also marks the first public declaration of their wish to live as Catholic Christians.



The Food Pantry it's that time of year again when we collect food for our holiday food bags in addition to our regular food bags. We will be collecting holiday food items the first two weekends of November. We are requesting the following holiday food items: canned chicken, or small canned ham; instant mashed potatoes; chicken gravy; green beans; cream of mushroom soup; stuffing mix; cranberry sauce. In addition we need the following regular items: canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; soups; Chef Boyardee; Hamburger Helper; Vienna Sausages; peanut butter and jelly; cereal; instant oatmeal. Thank you so much for your generous donations.



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



Catholic Daughters Pecan Sales return this year starting in November. Sell dates will be November 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16. We will be set up outside after weekend masses with cases on hand to sell this year rather than taking preorders. All pecan products will cost \$12 each. We thank you for supporting our work! **Contact Janie Hoyt with questions, 256-651-4367.**



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.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 25

5:30pm | † Manuel Corona

Sunday, October 26

8:00am | † Patricia Schwanke

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, October 27

3:30pm | Quilting Club (TH)

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

Tuesday, October 29

8:00am | Communion Service

Wednesday, October 29

8:00am | Communion Service

6:00pm | St. Lawrence Ministry (VH)

Thursday, October 30

8:00am | Communion Service

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

Friday, October 31

8:00am | Jeff Finckenor (I)

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, November 1

9:00am | † For the Parish

1:00pm | † All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:30pm | † Steve Montgomery

Sunday, November 2

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 (O)

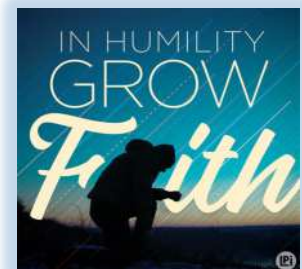
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11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Ladies Sodality

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)



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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