

MARCH 1, 2026 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



# 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

**Pastor: Rev. Jose Raphy Ambooken**

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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

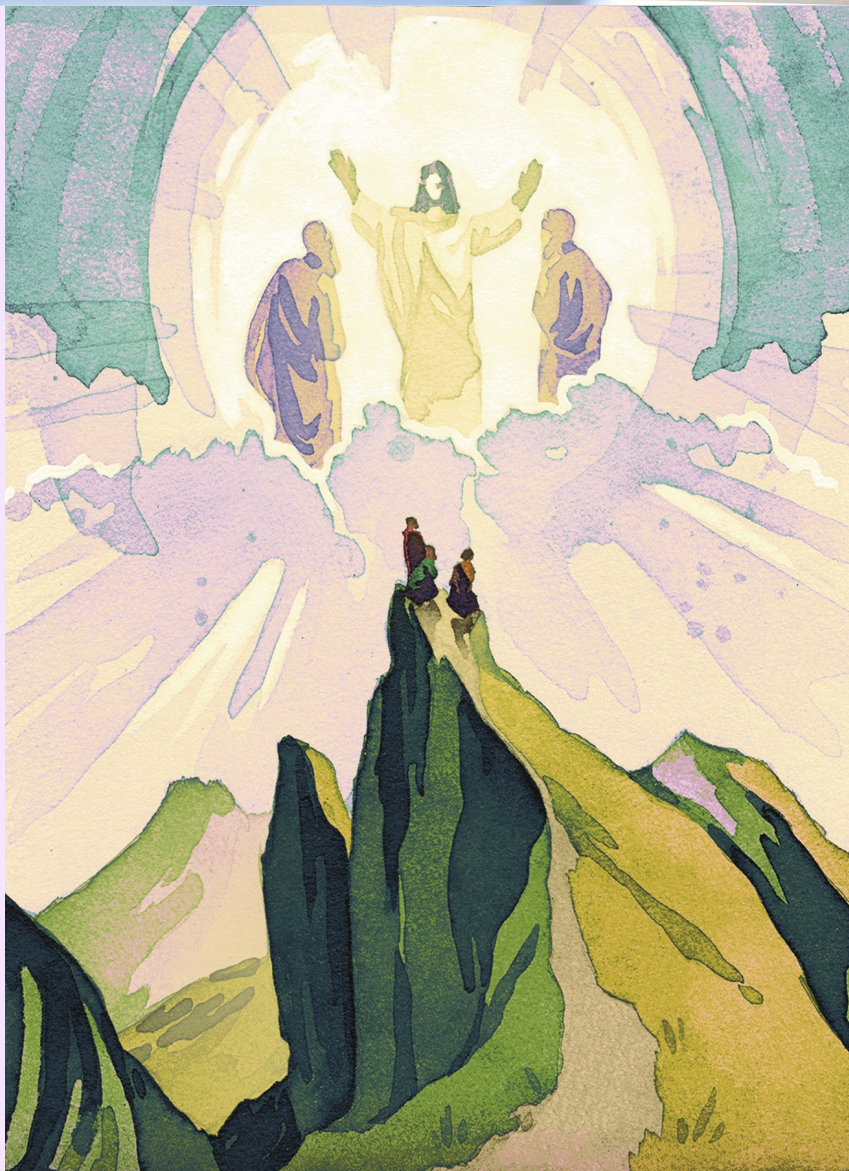
Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

**After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758**

### Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N  
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**256.536.6349/www.smvparish.com**



### Lenten Opportunities

**Feb 24-Mar 27:** Stations of the Cross  
Tues-Friday after the 8am Mass

**Mar 15-17:** Parish Mission with  
Father Jose

**Mar 21:** Penance Service 10am-Noon

**Fridays in Lent:** Stations of the Cross  
following the 8am Mass

12:15pm Stations of the Cross

5pm Potluck Supper In Treacy Hall

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

### Financial Contributions

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

#### February 21/22, 2026

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continued support!

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## PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Parish Family,  
As we journey together through this blessed season of grace, I would like to share a few important updates and reflections with you.

From last weekend onward, we have added a new 12:30 p.m. Mass to our weekly schedule. This is a beautiful sign of our growing parish community. I kindly ask for your patience, especially regarding traffic flow between the 11:00 a.m. Mass and the new 12:30 p.m. Mass. Those leaving and those arriving at the same time may cause some congestion. Let us show Christian charity and understanding toward one another.

The Statue of the Visitation, image taken from the Gospel, reminds us of Mary carrying Christ to Elizabeth with joy and humility. This mystery beautifully explains the name of our parish. Since the statue is placed at the front corner, I hope we can ensure it is positioned properly so that it is visible to everyone who enters our church. My sincere thanks to Fr. Joy for proposing the idea of making this meaningful statue for our parish.

As we close the month of February and enter into March, we continue our Lenten journey. Next Friday is First Friday. We will have the Anointing after the Mass in the morning and continue to follow our Lenten schedule for Friday.

On March 4th, the priests of our diocese will gather in Cullman for the Annual Convocation. I humbly ask you to pray for our Bishop and all priests, that we may serve you with renewed zeal and holiness.

Please also keep in your prayers the 14 children who received their First Reconciliation last Sunday. May God strengthen them in innocence and grace.

This Saturday 7th, at 5:30 p.m. Mass, our catechumens will receive the Nicene Creed and celebrate their First Scrutiny as part of their preparation for Easter.

Today, as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent (Mt 17:1-9), the Transfiguration reminds us that beyond the cross lies glory. Let us walk faithfully with Christ to the Cross.

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](http://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.

**Mar 1-Mar 8** For the intentions of:

**Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Shelton  
**Mon** Mr. Logan Shelton  
**Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Jared Shields  
**Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Cameron Shull  
**Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Shultis  
**Fri** Ms. Dorothy Sieja  
**Sat** Mr. Thomas Sikora  
**Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Silva

## Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of March 1, 2026

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

### St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28 **St. Casimir**

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

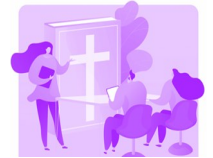
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

## Faith Formation

Our 8th grade class asks that we make time this week to pray for all of God's children, especially those who need to find their home in Christ.



**St. Joseph Table** —We will have a table set up in the church underneath the statue of St. Joseph on the weekend of March 14/15. If able, bake and bring bread wrapped in something like Saran wrap. The bread will be picked up on the 15th after the 11am Mass and given to the Food Pantry to distribute.

**Contact is Mary Davis , 256-881-3152**

**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](http://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 Shackelford, 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



**Newly Baptized**  
Parker Joseph  
Stuckenschneider  
February 22, 2026

We are excited to announce the launch of a **Prolife Ministry** group, dedicated to protecting and celebrating the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Guided by our faith, we seek to serve our community through prayer, education, and support for those in need. Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall.**

For more information, please contact **Mary Fitter: [mary\\_fitter@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_fitter@yahoo.com) or 808-489-5344**

**Our Easter Flower Offering** is a way to remember our deceased and to honor the living and also supports our Easter decorating. Please turn your envelope in by **March 15** for names to appear in the bulletin.

The **Saint Michael's Ministry** is seeking Medical Professionals (Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, AEMTs, EMTs, etc.) who are willing to render medical aid in case of an emergency at Mass and other Parish activities. If you are a Medical Professional willing to render aid in a medical emergency, please contact **Ed Poniatowski at [Skibert@aol.com](mailto:Skibert@aol.com) or text at 256-426-8874.** Provide your name, medical specialty, and the Mass you normally attend. Thank you for helping keep our Parish safe.

### First Friday—March 6

**8:00am** Mass followed by Anointing and Stations of the Cross  
Join us afterwards for a lite breakfast and fellowship in Visitation Hall.

**5:00pm** Potluck Supper in Treacy Hall  
Bring a meatless dish to share.

**6:30pm** Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Adoration

The **Food Pantry** is needing the following items: pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; Vienna sausages; peanut butter, jelly; canned meat, chicken; canned fruit, rice mixes; and cereal. Thank you so much for your generous donations. Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List.



**Prayer Ribbons**—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 – An Evening of Lenten Reflection

All ladies of the parish are invited to an evening of reflection to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter. We will have an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of this sacred time and deepen our faith through prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Our theme for this evening is **Hearing God's Voice: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.** Join us Thursday, March 19 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall. Christina Semmens will lead us into a deeper and more meaningful season for Easter. She is the author of the book, *Say Yes: Discovering Purpose, Peace and Abundance in Daily Life*, has a Masters of Arts degrees in both History and Theology, and is a leadership and personal development coach, speaker, retreat leader, spiritual mentor, host of the *Say Yes to Holiness* and *Catholic Leadership* Puzzle podcasts, and contributing writer to the online blogs *Women of the New Evangelization* (WINE) and *Catholic365*. **Please RSVP to Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 [elizabeth35758@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth35758@gmail.com) so we**

Applications for our annual **Parish Education Award** are now available. Details and entry forms are in the narthex. Submit entry form, brief autobiography, essay or audio file and letter of recommendation to the parish office by **March 30**. Notification will be made in May. **Contact is Erin Boles at [erindacy@icloud.com](mailto:erindacy@icloud.com) or 256-603-6781.**

### Weekly Schedule & Intentions

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 28**

**5:30pm | For the Parish**

**Sunday, March 1**

**8:00am | Angie Clawson (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 | † Jerry Damson**

**12:30pm | Cherie Peacock (I)**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

**Monday, March 2**

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

**Tuesday, March 3**

**8:00am | † Antanas Venckus**

8:30am | Stations of the Cross

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

**Wednesday, March 4**

**8:00am | † Michael Zenone**

8:30am | Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 5**

**8:00am | † Mary Ann Jefferson**

8:30am | Stations of the Cross

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

**Friday, March 6**

**8:00am | Jacob Livingston (I)**

Mass followed by Anointing, Stations of the Cross, and a Coffee Social

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross

5:00pm | Potluck Supper (TH)

**6:30pm | For the Parish**

Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Adoration

**Saturday, March 7**

**5:30pm | John & Kathy Nerger**

**Sunday, March 8**

**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 | † Maria Andrade**

**12:30pm | † Scott Taylor**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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

(O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (VH) Visitation 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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