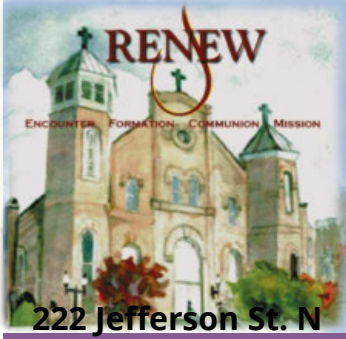


MARCH 9TH, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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 Treacy 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

Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellissery, PhD

frjoy@smvparish.org

Deacon: Dn. Jeff Montgomery

jeffmontgomery35758@gmail.com

Director of Religious Education

Jennifer Kilroy | jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com

Bookkeeper

Lynne Greco | finance@smvparish.org

Office Manager

Lois Lindsey | smvparish@smvparish.org

Ministries Coordinator

Cherie Miller | ministries.smv@gmail.com

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: 256.384.3741

Contact Us

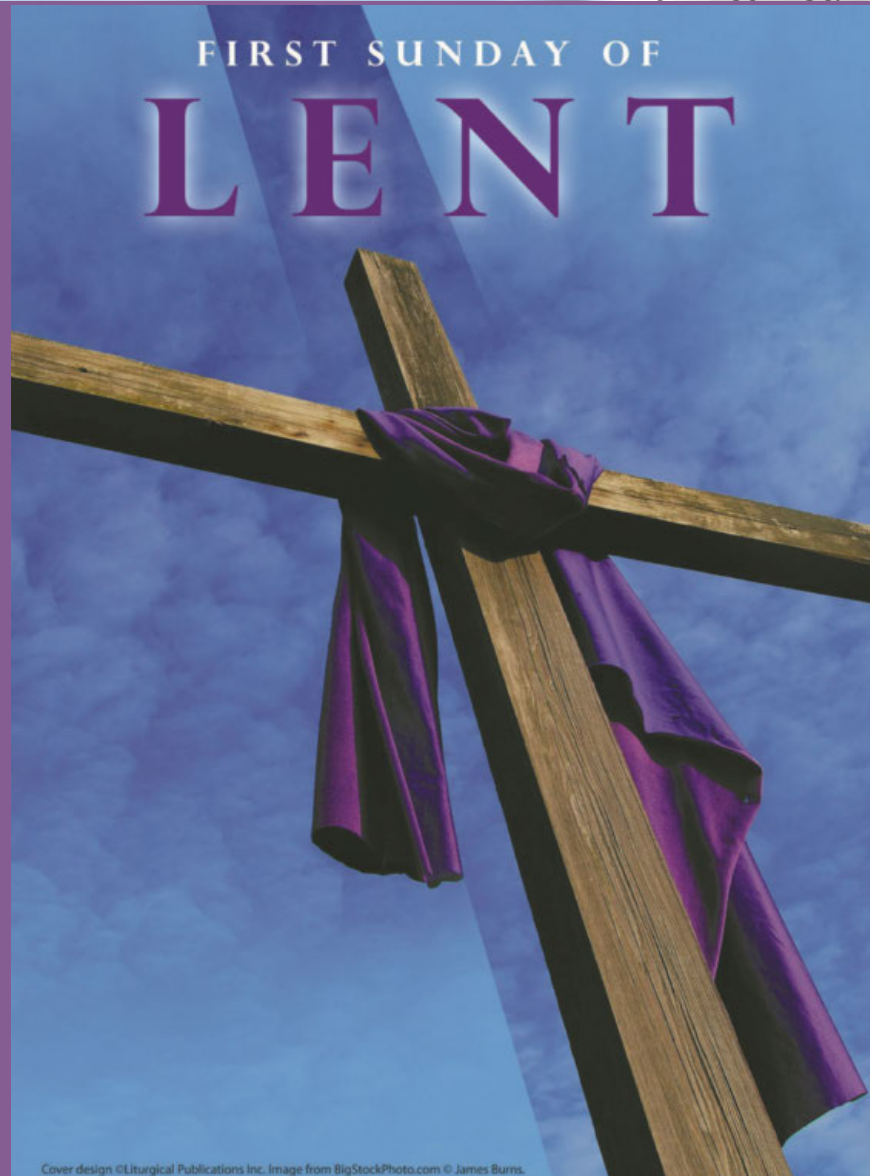
222 Jefferson St. N

Huntsville, AL 35801

256.536.6349

www.smvparish.com

**Entering from Washington St
Parking Lot Gate Code 222**



Cover design ©Liturgical Publications Inc. Image from BigStockPhoto.com © James Burns.

Save the Date

Mar 14—Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 14—Potluck Supper in Treacy Hall 5:30pm

Mar 15—St. Patrick's Day Parade Blessing

Mar 20—Meditation on the 7 Last Words of Christ 7pm

Mar 21—Adoration 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 21—KofC Fish Fry 5-7pm in the Parish Hall

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

March 1/2

Weekly Church Support.....\$19,590

Holy Family.....\$195

JPII High School.....\$90

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

2025 Lenten Opportunities

Our Theme: Renew, Be Holy

**"This is the will of God that you be holy."
(1 Thes 4:3)**

Daily Meditation Booklet: "Living with Passion"

Practice Virtues Daily; Pilgrimage

Prayer Ribbons

Ash Wednesday Services 8:00 am, 12:15 & 6:00 pm

Sundays: Video Series

FORMED: "How to Lent" & "Foretold"
9:15-10:45 am in Visitation Hall

Wednesdays: Bible Study with Fr. Joy
10:00-11:00 am in Visitation Hall

Fridays: Stations of the Cross 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm
Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm

Potluck Suppers 3/14, 4/4, 4/11 5:30 pm-Trecy Hall
Fish Fry Dinners 3/7, 3/21, 3/28 5:00 pm-Parish Hall

Saturday, March 15: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thursday, March 20: Meditation on the
7 Last Words of Christ at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 5: Lenten Penance Service
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

April 6, 7, 8: Parish Mission
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB (Cullman Abbey)

Saturday, April 12: Confirmation-Bishop Baker
10:00 am

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

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 9–Mar 16 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Gallagher
- Mon** Mr. Steven Gallagher & Ms. Hannah Lupo
- Tues** Ms. Anna Galucki
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Gangl
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Alonso Garcia
- Fri** Mr. & Mrs. Randal Garfield
- Sat** Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Gentile
- Sun** Ms. Jessica Gentrup



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of March 9th

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Faith Formation

1st-4th Grade Faith Formation students will meet in the Church for class next Sunday, 3/16

K of C Family Breakfast

Next Sunday, March 16th,
8:30-10:30am in the Parish Hall.



St. Joseph Table—We will have a table set up in the church underneath the statue of St. Joseph on the weekend of March 15/16. If able, bake and bring bread wrapped in something like Saran wrap. The bread will be picked up on the 16th after the 11am Mass and given to the Food Pantry to distribute. Contact is Mary Davis , 256-881-3152.

The Catholic Daughters would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Baby Boomerang Project this year at St. Mary's. Our final count was \$4,829.11. These donations support the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center. Please continue your prayers for HPRC as it is currently our only local ministry offering abortion alternatives for unplanned pregnancies along with free ultrasounds, a mentoring program for both mothers and fathers, and parenting classes.

Bible Study with Father Joy

Join Fr. Joy's weekly Bible Study in Visitation Hall, Wednesdays during Lent, 10-11am.

For a complete list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.org or pick up a Guide to Ministries (available in the narthex).

Online Giving Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.com by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office at 256-536-6349 if you have questions or for more information.



Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Please contact the office for more information.

Our Nursery

for preschool-aged children is open in Trecy Hall (next door to the church) during the 8 & 11am Masses.



Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Kathy Rogers, Emory & Virginia McCullough, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, Ghada Almahdi, and Ann Geist.

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



Women's Ministry

All ladies of the parish are invited to the **Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm in Treacy Hall** as we continue with the parish theme of *RENEW: Living the Virtues Daily*. This month we have Guest Speaker, Teresa White. Fifteen years ago, Teresa was diagnosed with MS, and her journey since that time has been rooted in the strength she finds in her family and her faith. Join us as Teresa shares her inspiring faith story and the "impact of a positive attitude" she has to deal with her challenges and successes. **For more information contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 orelizabeth35758@gmail.com**

WOMEN'S CURSILLO Looking to grow your faith and love of Jesus? The Cursillo Movement offers the method, tools and support needed to live a fuller, more vibrant Christian life. The next Women's weekend will be held March 27-30, 2025 at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman.

For more information contact Linda Schaaf at 256-541-2687 or LSchaaf325@gmail.com.



Homebound Ministry to the Sick & Shut-In

We bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to illness, disability, or other circumstances, allowing them to receive the Sacrament and feel connected to the parish community. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, or residing in a nursing home and unable to attend Mass, you may request a Eucharistic minister who can bring Holy Communion, ensuring that you can still participate in this sacred sacrament and experience the presence of Christ. If in need please contact the office at smvparish@smvparish.org or 256-536-6349.

The Catholic Daughters' 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. The Prayer Ribbons are available along the railing at the front of the church all throughout Lent.

Pot Luck Supper & Stations

Enjoy some Friday fellowship!

5:30pm on March 14, April 4, and April 11 in Treacy Hall. Bring a meat-free dinner to eat & share. Then after supper, head to the church for 7pm Stations of the Cross.



Food Pantry

The SMV food pantry ministry would like to thank all our parishioners who give so generously to the food pantry. We are pretty sure you get tired of seeing every week the same requested items. Those are the items we constantly need. This week our list is short thanks to you. The food pantry is requesting the following items: peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; cereal (regular size or variety packs); pasta sauce; ramen noodles, and Chef Boyardee.

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

Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



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

Saturday, March 8

5:30pm | † Suraiya Turner

Sunday, March 9

8:00am | For the Parish

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

NO Faith Formation/Nazareth House

11:00am | Ministry of the Word (Lectors)

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

8:00am | † Zenika Ekstrom

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:30pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, March 12

8:00am | Shelby Musgrove (I)

10:00am | Bible Study-Fr. Joy (VH)

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Knights of Columbus (PH)

Thursday, March 13

8:00am | † Catherine Roling Nenninger

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

Friday, March 14

8:00am | Maria Eugenia Baez (I)

8:30am | Coffee Social

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross

5:30pm | Pot Luck Supper (TH)

6:00pm | The Light Ahead (VH)

6:00pm | Adoration

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

7:00am | Into the Breach (PH)

11:00am St. Patrick's Day Parade Blessing

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, March 16

8:00am | Music Ministry

8:30-10:30am | KofC Family Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH) -

1st-4th Grade meets in the church

11:00am | † Ann Daley

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church

(PH) Parish Hall

(HFR) Holy Family Room (TH) Treacy Hall

(O) Office

(VH) Visitation Hall

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.

Weichert
 Carole Anne Ellers
 757-869-2229

Laughlin Service Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory
 Serving families since 1868
 256-534-2471
 PRE-PLANNING SPECIALIST
 STEVE HANNAH
 WWW.LAUGHLINSERVICE.COM

WE'RE HIRING!
 AD SALES EXECUTIVES
 BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training • Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits

Contact us at careers@4lpi.com or www.4lpi.com/careers

Huntsville Area Catholics
 If you're looking for schedules, announcements & information for all the area parishes.
 VISIT - Facebook.com/HuntsvilleCatholics

catholicmatch®
 Alabama

CatholicMatch.com/AL

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.

Visit www.parishesonline.com

Binge Jesus.
 ALL EPISODES NOW ON "THE CHOSEN" APP

La Esquina Cocina
 MEXICAN EATERY

INFO@LAESQUINACOCINA.COM

DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE
 127 HOLMES AVENUE
 (256) 858-1026

CITY HARBOR IN GUNTERSVILLE
 2491 PADDLEWHEEL DR
 (256) 660-1423

In memory of
 Don & Spence Moore

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ CALL NOW! 800.809.3570

STARTING AT \$19.95/mo.

- ✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire
- ✓ Family ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

md-medalert.com

Knights of Columbus
 Huntsville Council #4080
 Become a member Today!
 Fraternity...Unity
 Charity...Patriotism
 Please contact us today
kofc4080@gmail.com
 In Service to One, In Service to All.

Your child was born with curiosity. Now is the best time to nurture it.

PRIMROSE SCHOOLS

The Beginning of **Something Big™**

Now Enrolling

Primrose School of Madison
 (256) 772-2029

Primrose School of Madison West
 (256) 870-1022

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary • Flood Detection
- Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide

833-287-3502

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
 Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Melissa Jones

mjones@4LPI.com • (800) 477-4574 x6570

Cristina von Spakovsky
 MA, ALC, NCC
 Mental Health Counselor
 (256) 203-6542

- I work with ages 5 and older with a variety of life difficulties
 - Contact me if you are looking for a Catholic Christian counselor to help you walk through life's difficulties!

SHORT STAFFED?
 Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.

CALL 800-950-9952

909 Oakwood Ave Huntsville, AL 35801

Mastermind Game Store!!

Massive New Space
 Two Huge Private Gaming Rooms
 Gaming Tournaments
 Tons of New Products
 Guest Painting Workshops
 Extended Hours
 Free Open Play
 3D Printing
 Everything You Know and Love
 Plus so much more!!!

Coming This Summer!

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
 OCTOBER EDITION

Scan to contact us!

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit lpicommunities.com

FREE AD DESIGN
 with purchase of this space

CALL 800-950-9952

FREE AD DESIGN
 with purchase of this space

CALL 800-950-9952