

APRIL 19, 2026 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

222 Jefferson St. N

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass: Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Nursery provided next door in Visitation Hall for the 8:00am & 11:00am Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday—Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Mass & Adoration

1st Fridays | 6:30pm

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

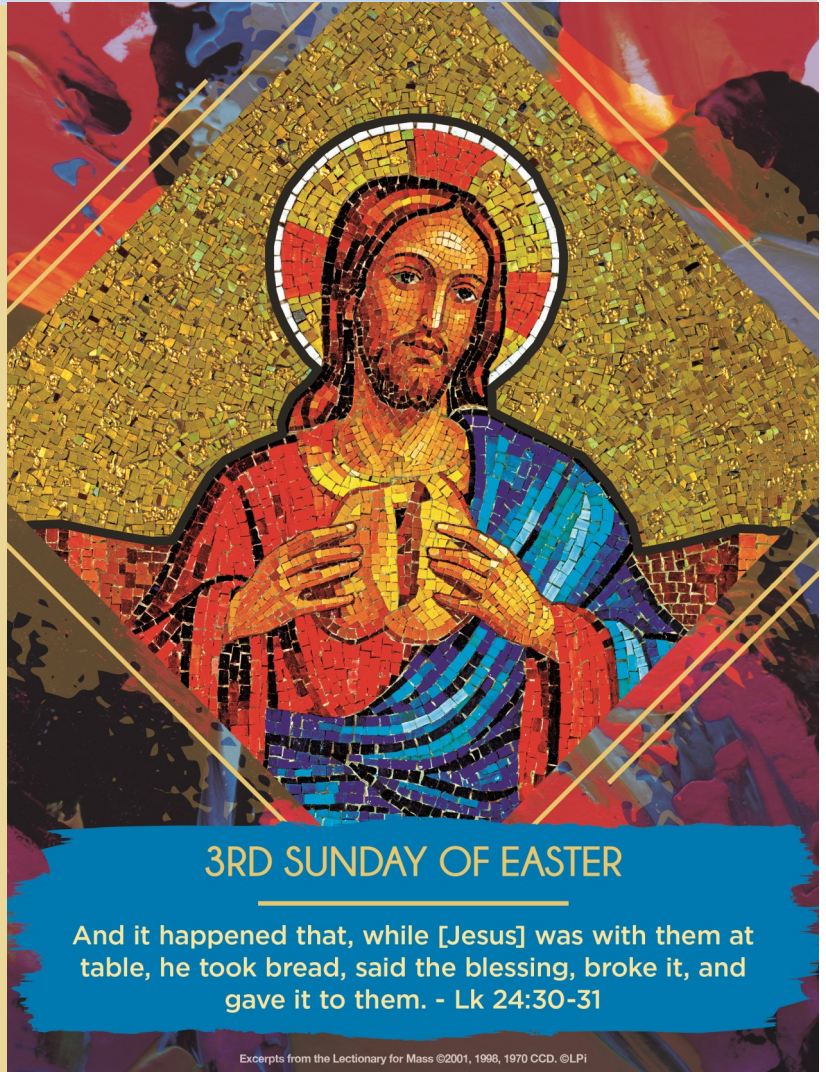
After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N

Huntsville, AL 35801

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And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

Save the Date

April 26—Parish Hall Dedication after the 8am Mass. Open house until 10:45.

May 2—Nite at the Races at the Parish Hall

May 17—Parish Picnic at the Parish Hall

Financial Contributions

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

April 11/12

Weekly Church Support.....	\$29,934
Holy Family.....	\$161
JPII High School.....	\$46
Building Fund.....	\$3,518

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Dear Parish Family,

Warm Easter greetings to all of you! As we continue to rejoice in the light of the Resurrection, today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel from Luke (24:13-35), we hear the beautiful story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As they walked in confusion and sorrow, the risen Jesus Christ came near and journeyed with them. They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread. This reminds us that even when we feel lost or burdened, the Lord walks with us and reveals Himself in the Eucharist.

This coming week offers us many opportunities for grace and community life. On April 25, we celebrate the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, who faithfully proclaimed the Good News of Christ. May his witness inspire us to be bold in living and sharing our faith.

On the same day, the Diocese will host a Eucharistic Encounter Retreat for the youth. I warmly encourage all parents to send their children to participate in this meaningful spiritual experience. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Please take time to sign them up.

Our parish "Work Day" at the rectory will take place this Saturday starting at 8:00 AM. I invite all who are able to come and lend a helping hand. Your time and effort will greatly support the upkeep of our parish home and strengthen our sense of community.

Next Sunday, April 26, we will have the dedication of our newly renovated parish center after the 8:00 AM Mass. This is a joyful milestone for our parish. I express my sincere gratitude to Fr. Joy and the dedicated construction committee for their hard work and commitment in bringing this project to completion. I remember with gratitude **SILO** for completing the work in time.

Let us continue to walk together in faith, recognizing the presence of the Risen Lord in our daily lives.

God bless you all.
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 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.

Apr 19–Apr 26 For the intentions of:
Sun Mr.&Mrs. William Terrell
Mon Mr.&Mrs. Matthew Theriot
Tues Ms. Cynthia Noe Thoen
Wed Mr. Scott Thompson
Thurs Ms. Sofia Thornton
Fri Ms. Krista Thurston
Sat Mr. Austin Tippet
Sun Mr.&Mrs. Billy Todd

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 19, 2026

Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-11 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tues: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thurs: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51 **St. George, Martyr;**
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Fri: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59 **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**
Sat: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20 **St. Mark, Evangelist**

Faith Formation

Pray with us!

Our HSA students ask that we pray this week that our faith will remain unwavering despite the ever changing social climate.



Get ready for Rainforest Falls VBS!

June 15-19
for preschool - 5th grade
Scan the QR code to register



Adult volunteers are needed. If you can help, please email our DRE at Jennifer.kilroy@gmail.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.

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 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, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, Lisa Downard, Seraphina Newquist, and Paul Torrey.



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

Parish Workday
at the Rectory
Saturday, April 25 8:00am
Breakfast and lunch provided. Gloves and small garden tools helpful but not required.

SMV 2026 ANNUAL "FUN" DRAISER CINCO DE DERBY

(A NITE AT THE RACES & CINCO DE MAYO
COMBINED INTO ONE FUN NIGHT)

Saturday, May 2, at the Parish Hall

Doors open at 6:30pm, races begin at 7:00pm

\$25 entrance fee includes: Taco Bar Buffet, \$10 in "betting" chips, and lots of fun and fellowship. \$30 at the door.

Horse ownerships are available for a \$25 donation per horse—**if your horse wins it's race, you are the winner of a \$100 prize.**

Come be part of the fun—This is an adult-only event but free on-site childcare is provided by SMV's Catholic Daughters of America.

Mint Juleps, Margaritas, Wine, and Beer available for a donation.

Tickets/Horses on sale after all Masses until sold out.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 18

7:00am | Into the Breach (TH)

5:30 | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, April 19

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 | Young Professional Brunch (TH)

11:00am | Dn. Jeff & Liz Montgomery (I)

12:30pm | Mike Janssen (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, April 20

6:00pm | St. Veronica Blankets (TH)

Tuesday, April 21

8:00am | † Ron Dube

Wednesday, April 22

8:00am | † Gytis Venckus

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

Thursday, April 23

8:00am | Barbara Martin (I)

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

Friday, April 24

8:00am | † Scott Kimel

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, April 25

5:30 | For the Parish

Sunday, April 26

8:00am | Jake Davis (I)

9:15-10:45am Parish Hall Dedication & Open House (PH)

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 | † Simone Curtis

12:30pm | Patricia Garcia (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room, (O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (VH) Visitation Hall

The **Food Pantry** is needing the following items: cereal (any size); pasta, pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups; canned chicken, spam, and tuna; and canned fruit. **Thank you for all your generous donations.**



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



KNIGHTLY NEWS
(COUNCIL 4080)

April 21st - Friends Bowl (intellectual disabilities)
8am-1pm Madison Stadium
Contact: kirk.wimsett@gmail.com for more info

April 26th - begin collecting recipes for KofC
St. Mary the Visitation Parish Cookbook
See bulletin insert or for more info
Chris Henderson cathdad1970@gmail.com

May 13th - Join the Knights of Columbus!
All practicing Catholic men 18 yrs of age & over
are invited to become a Knight of Columbus.
contact tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com
by May 11th if interested

Young Professional Brunch
Sunday, April 19 in Treacy Hall
11:00am-3:00pm

**All are invited to the
Dedication and Open House
at our newly-renovated
Parish Hall.**
**Dedication immediately
following the 8:00am Mass
on Sunday, April 26 with the
open house continuing
until 10:45am.**

4TH Degree - Our Lady of Victory (ASSEMBLY)

APRIL 26TH - meeting and practice 2pm at
St. Mary of the Visitation Church
**** If you wish to become a
4th degree Knight of Columbus
(the Knights that wear the Uniform/Regalia)
or transfer into this Parish Assembly
please contact
610-322-0857 or tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH
5514 DOUBLE OAK LN, BIRMINGHAM, AL
APRIL 25, 2026 * 9:30 AM - 5 PM

**JOIN HANDS. STRENGTHEN FAITH.
IGNITE PURPOSE.**



This special event invites teens and young adults to explore their faith, find encouragement, and grow together in community.

ST. MARY'S WILL SPONSOR A HIGH SCHOOL GROUP TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP



**VISITATION TOTE BAGS
FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE
\$2.00 EACH**

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.