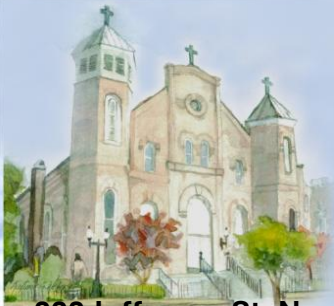


SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



222 Jefferson St. N

St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Hall
220 Lincoln St.

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

First Fridays

8:00am Mass & Anointing; 6:30pm Mass & Adoration

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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 any time.

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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“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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Save the Date

Oct 4: Blessing of Pets after the 12:30pm Mass.

Oct 2: First Friday 8am Mass/Anointing; 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm Adoration

Oct 7: Rosary for World Rosary Day at 7pm in the church

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

Do to an early bulletin submission, donations for Sep 19-20 will be in the October 4 bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

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

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

As we gather this Sunday for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus invites us to look honestly at our own response to God's call. In the Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32), one son says "no" to his father but later changes his mind and goes to work. The other says "yes," but does not follow through. Jesus reminds us that what truly matters is not simply what we say, but how we live.

All of us sometimes say "no" to God through our weaknesses, distractions, or failures. But the beautiful message of the Gospel is that it is never too late to change our hearts and say "yes" to God. Every new day is another opportunity to return to Him. May our "yes" to God become visible in our kindness, forgiveness, service, prayer, and love for one another.

As September comes to an end and October begins, we enter a beautiful month dedicated especially to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and the Holy Rosary. During October, we will pray the Rosary every day after Mass. I warmly invite you to join us. Let us bring our families, our parish, our children, our struggles, and our world before Mary. She will always lead us to Jesus.

This week we celebrate several beautiful saints. On September 29, we celebrate the Archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. On September 30, we honor Saint Jerome, who devoted his life to Sacred Scripture. October 1 is the feast of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, who teaches us her "little way" of doing small things with great love. October 2 is the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, reminding us that God never abandons us but gives us heavenly companions to guide and protect us.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with special readings at Mass. After the 12:30 p.m. Mass, we will have our Blessing of Pets, celebrating with gratitude the beauty of God's creation. It is also Respect Life Sunday, inviting us once again to recognize and cherish every human life as sacred and precious in God's eyes.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who visited our "Who Is the Man of the Shroud?" exhibition. My sincere thanks to our Religious Education Team and the Catholic Daughters of America for their dedication and hard work in making this wonderful event possible.

Finally, October 2 is First Friday. I encourage you to join us for our First Friday Mass and Eucharistic devotion.

May Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, bless our parish, our families, and each one of us, and lead us always closer to her Son, Jesus.

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 during office hours and say a prayer.



Sep 27-Oct 4 For the intentions of:
 Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Brown
 Mon: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brown
 Tues: Ms. Rose Brown
 Wed: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bruen
 Thurs: Mr. & Mrs. Will Bryan
 Fri: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Buchanan
 Sat: Mr. & Mrs. James Buckles
 Sun: Mrs. Ann Buffaloe

Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Observances for the week of September 27, 2026

Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; **Mon:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs; **Tues:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels; **Wed:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thurs: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; **Fri:** The Holy Guardian Angels

Faith Formation

NO YOUTH CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Classes Resume 10/11

Want to support our program? Check out our wishlist →



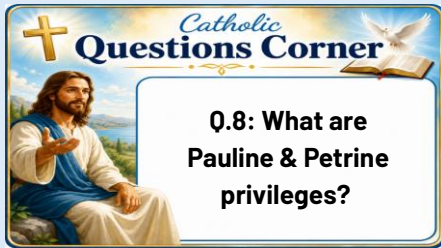
Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses. We are presently in need of help for the 11am Mass. This is a paid position. Please contact the office if interested.

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.

The Nazareth House weekly religion classes start TODAY from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM in St. Mary of the Visitation's Holy Family Room in the Admin Building at 222 Jefferson Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. Bring a copy of your special needs student's Baptismal Certificate to register. Call/text Judith McGraw-Gregory 256-652-8412.

Prayer Requests Dawn Drumm, Jennifer Michael, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, and George Bury.





Come, enjoy a beautiful day of faith, friendship, food, and flowers! Ladies of the parish are invited to our **Women's Ministry Annual Picnic** at the Brosemer Flower Farm! Look for the blue balloons marking the entrance to the Flower Farm.

Saturday, October 10

10:00 AM

**Brosemer Flower Farm
3008 Winchester Rd NW
Huntsville, AL 35810**

Bring your lawn chair, rosary, and a side dish or dessert to share, and come ready for a wonderful morning together. Sandwich trays are provided. Our parishioner, Mary Frances Brosemer, will show us the art of creating a beautiful flower arrangement to take home. Come gather with other ladies of the parish, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, pray the Rosary together under the big oak tree, and make memories that will last! We can't wait to see you there. Contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697 if you have questions.

LAST DAY!

Who is the Man of the Shroud?

an Othonia exhibit hosted by our Faith Formation and the Catholic Daughters is in the Parish Center Main Hall. It is open to visitors today from 11am-2pm.



Newly Baptized September 19, 2026

Rosalie Catherine McCarron
Cassidy Gray Schmidt

September 20, 2026

Abigail Lucy Van Dyke

Blessing of the Pets

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Jose and Dcn. Jeff will bless pets on Sunday, October 4th following the 12:30pm Mass (about 1:15pm) in the church courtyard. Bring your dogs, cats, turtles... any pet! We invite you to also bring a donation for the Huntsville Animal Shelter: cat and dog treats; and/or used towels, blankets, and sheets.

WORLD ROSARY DAY, Oct 7

Please join a multi-language praying of the Rosary on Wednesday, Oct 7 at 7:00pm in the Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist and praying the Rosary in a combination of English, German, French, Spanish, Korean and Malayalam (Fr. Jose's native language in India). Benediction after followed by International Finger Foods in Visitation Hall.

The **Food Pantry** requests the following items: pasta; canned fruit; peanut butter, jelly; cereal (any size); mashed potatoes; and gravy (mixes or jar), canned chicken and meat; instant oatmeal; and fruit cups. Thank you again for your continued support and donations. **Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List. Or type:** <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26

5:30pm For the Parish

Sunday, September 27

8:00am St. Hunna Altar Linen Ministry

9:00-10:30am KofC Family Breakfast

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)

11am-2pm Shroud Exhibit (PH)

11:30am Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am † Bernard McGuire

12:30pm † Forrest Smith

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

Monday, September 28

6:30pm St. Frassati's Adventurers (TH)

Tuesday, September 29

8:00am † Lucille Johnson

Wednesday, September 30

8:00am † Fr. Lambert Greenan

5:30pm OCIA dinner; 6pm Class (TH)

Thursday, October 1

8:00am Garden & Plants Ministry

8:30am Ladies Sodality (Nancy Kitchens: 256-527-7358 for location)

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

Friday, October 2

8:00am For the Parish

8:00am Mass followed by Anointing

8:30am First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

5:30pm Veterans' Ministry (PH)

6:30pm Veterans' Ministry

7:00pm Adoration

8:00pm Young Adults (TH)

Saturday, October 3

5:30pm † Otto & Leo Tauffener

Sunday, October 4

8:00am For the Parish

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)

11:30am Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am For All Human Life

12:30pm Pro-Life Ministry

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

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

Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (TH) Treacy Hall, (VH)

Visitation Hall

Marriage Anniversaries

Parishioners celebrating their Silver (25th) and Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversaries and couples who have celebrated more than 50 years of marriage are invited to scan the QR code below to submit their wedding anniversary information, or contact the office at 256-536-6349, smvparish@smvparish.org.



1st Friday, October 2

8am Mass & Anointing

6:30pm Mass

7pm Adoration

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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