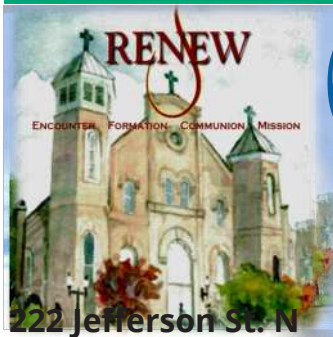


SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

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Save the Date

Sep 13: Pilgrimage of Hope: Visit 4 Madison County Parishes

Sep 27–28: Pilgrimage of Hope: Two day trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO & the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

Due to an early bulletin submission financial contributions for August 30/31 will be included in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and continue support!

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

Prayer of Simplicity

Dear God, in my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that. Amen.
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Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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

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.

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.

Sep 7–Sep 14 For the intentions of:

Sun Mrs. Theresa McCormack
Mon Mrs. Claudia McCoy
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Emory McCullough
Wed Mr. John McDermott
Thurs Ms. Katharine McDonald
Fri Mr. Keenan McDonald
Sat Mr. Stan McDonald
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell McFeely

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of September 7th

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19 **St. Peter Claver, Priest**

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38 **Patriot Day**

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42 **The Most Holy Name of Mary**

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49 **St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Faith Formation

Pray with us!

Each week our students gather to learn and pray together, to grow in their relationship with God, and to strengthen their understanding of the mission that is placed before us all as Christians. Starting next weekend, we will share a prayer intention each week from the students in one of our classes. We humbly invite you to pray with your young brothers and sisters in Christ for the intentions the Holy Spirit has placed on their hearts.



Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses.

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.

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 Claudia McCoy, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Steve Montgomery, George Bury, Joan Smith, Ann Geist, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Robert Smith, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, and Ann Mitchell.

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





St. Jerome's Book Club will start up again on September 8, at 7pm in Visitation Hall!

The book we'll be discussing is:
"Mother Angelica's Answers, Not Promises"

Looking forward to seeing **YOU** at this book study!!

Call LuAnn at 256-426-8898 if you have any questions.



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Newly Baptized
Leo Dominic Jedlovec
Luke Redford Waller
August 31, 2025

Upcoming Pilgrimages for our 2025 Pilgrimage of Hope & Spiritual Renewal

You are invited to join fellow parishioners on a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO., and to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, **September 27 - 28**. We will leave early Saturday morning and return about 9pm Sunday night. Passenger vans will be available to take our group, or you can drive on your own to meet us. The cost will be about \$300 to include van, lodging and food. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

For more information:

Fran Riley, fm Riley5@gmail.com or
Mike Janssen, mjj032753@gmail.com

You are also invited to join a **Saturday, September 13** visit to four Catholic Parishes in Madison County. We will start at 9:00am and plan to finish by noon.

For more information or to carpool, contact PJ Clawson, pcclawson@gmail.com or 256-880-7910.

55+

Football Season

Time to Tailgate (Inside)!

Wings, chicken tenders, drinks provided.
Please bring a side-dish or dessert to share

**Kick-Off Time 5:00pm
September 19th
in Treacy Hall Field**



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 6

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, September 7

8:00am | Stacey Wall (I)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | † Bill Wertz

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, September 8

3:30pm | Quilting Club (TH)

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

Tuesday, September 9

8:00am | † Monica Bannon

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

Wednesday, September 10

8:00am | † **Maris Mattingly**

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

Thursday, September 11

8:00am | † **Pour Souls in Purgatory**

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

6:30pm | St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, September 12

8:00am | † Lisa Poorman

8:30am | Coffee Social

6:00pm | The Light Ahead (TH)

Saturday, September 13

Pilgrimage of Hope to 4 Madison Co Churches | PJ Clawson, 256-880-7910

11:00 | Rocket City Regulators (PH)

5:30pm | † Joseph Cremin

Sunday, September 14

8:00am | For the Parish

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | † Mark Corona

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)

The Food Pantry has need for the following few items: soups; cereals; jelly; canned fruit; canned vegetables; and pasta. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List.

Or type in:

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



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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