MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Catholic Parish-Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama-

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 Trecy 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

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Holy Week Liturgy Schedule Palm Sunday (March 24)

Vigil: Sat 5:30pm; Sun 8:00 & 11:00am Tenebrae (March 25, 26, 27): 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm

Adoration: 8:00-10:00pm Good Friday (March 29)

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Stations of the Cross: 12 Noon & Reflection Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00pm (1st Day of

Novena)

Passion Liturgy: 7:00pm Holy Saturday (March 30)

Morning Prayer: 8:00am followed by Divine Mercy

Novena

Food Blessing: 9:00am Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Divine Mercy Novena 7:30am

Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Novena: Weekdays after the morning Mass; Weekends before the Mass through April 7

Save the Date

Mar 30: Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 20: Nite at the

Races

May 19: Parish Picnic

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$15,860

March 9/10 Income:

Weekly Church Support......\$ 14,110 JPII High School......\$ 131

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Divine Mercy

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena starting on Good Friday, March 29 & ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr 7. It will be prayed on Good Friday at 3pm, weekdays after the morning Mass, and weekends before the Mass.

Plans for our Tri-Parish SCUBA VBS are underway! Adult volunteers are needed. If you can help, please email our DRE at



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Hospitality Commission

Ambassadors Kathy Nerger

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Martha Jordan | marthaannjordan@gmail.com

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National Organizations

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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 24-Mar 31 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Peddycoart

Mon Mrs. Ashley Pellerin

Tues Dr. Mikel Petty & Barbara Schiavone

Wed Mr. Casey Pierson

Thurs Ms. Cara Pisciotta

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Plonka

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Ed Poniatowski

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES-WEEK OF MARCH 24

Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1

Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Holy Thursday

Fri: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42 Good Friday

Sat: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11(1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7 Holy Saturday

Faith Formation Pray with Us! Our 3rd grade class asks that we pray this week that those with wealth and means open their hearts to sharing that abundance with others.

Online Giving

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

Altar Flowers

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.



Nursery



Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in Trecy Hall.

Prayer Requests

Claudia McCoy, Liam Cook, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Milton Mantler, Samantha Rice, Robert Rees



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

Holiday Bake Sale TODAY

After all Masses in Visitation Hall

Calling all homeschoolers!

Visitation is hosting a homeschool graduation Mass on May 25th at 10am. All homeschoolers are welcome to attend and celebrate these students and families. Reception to follow to celebrate the graduates and the end of the school year. Please contact Jackie Henderson to sign up: cjadk@aol.com, 251-602-6963.

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Tenebrae

Tenebrae means shadows or darkness and is celebrated as the light fades on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Great Wednesday evening, as we prepare for the Triduum. If you long to make your Holy Week more prayerful and your Easter richer, join Fr. Joy and the Family of Visitation for this inspiring liturgy. Invite your friends.

ALL ARE WELCOME St. Mary of the Visitation March 25-27, 7:30pm

Scripture Conversations

Wednesdays, 11am, Visitation Hall; 7pm Holy Family Room (lower level Jefferson St. parking lot side.) A friendly group of cradle Catholics, new Catholics, and non-Catholic spouses and friends who discuss readings from the previous Sunday. Join us to talk, listen and learn.

Contact is Diane Sachs at diane.h.sachs@gmail.com

The Catholic Daughters extend a BIG THANK YOU to all who gave to our Baby Bottle Boomerang. With your generous donations we were able to bless the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center with a gift of \$3184.54!







Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Pasta; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups; gravy, gravy mixes; instant mashed potatoes; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; peanut butter, jelly; cereal (regular size or variety packs); peanut butter or cheese crackers. Thank you for your generous support and donations. Scan the QR code below to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: https://linktr.ee/smvpantry





This Week's Schedule &

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23

10:00am-12:00pm | Penance Service 12:00pm | Food Pantry Meeting (TH) 5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Bake Sale after Mass (VH)

Sunday, March 24

8:00am | † Butch Damson

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation, Sunday Video (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Bake Sale after each Mass (VH)

Monday, March 25

7:30pm | Tenebrae (C)

Tuesday, March 26

8:00am | † Joyce Ellis

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

7:30pm | Tenebrae (C)

Wednesday, March 27

8:00am | † Lawrence Nicastro

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

7:00pm | Bible Study (HFR)

7:30pm | Tenebrae (C)

Thursday, March 28

8:00am | Morning Prayer

7:00pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper (C)

8:00-10:00pm | Adoration

Friday, March 29

8:00am | Morning Prayer

12 Noon | Stations of the Cross & Reflection (C)

3:00pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet—1st Day of Novena

7:00pm | Passion Liturgy

Saturday, March 30

8:00am Morning Prayer followed by Divine Mercy Novena

9:00am | Food Blessing

8:00pm | RCIA Candidates & Families

Sunday, March 31

7:30 am | Divine Mercy Novena

8:00am | For All the Parish Families

No Faith Formation Classes

11:00am | For All the Deceased Members of the Parish

(O) Office, (TH) Trecy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall (VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room

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.

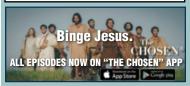


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