

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



222 Jefferson St. N

St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

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

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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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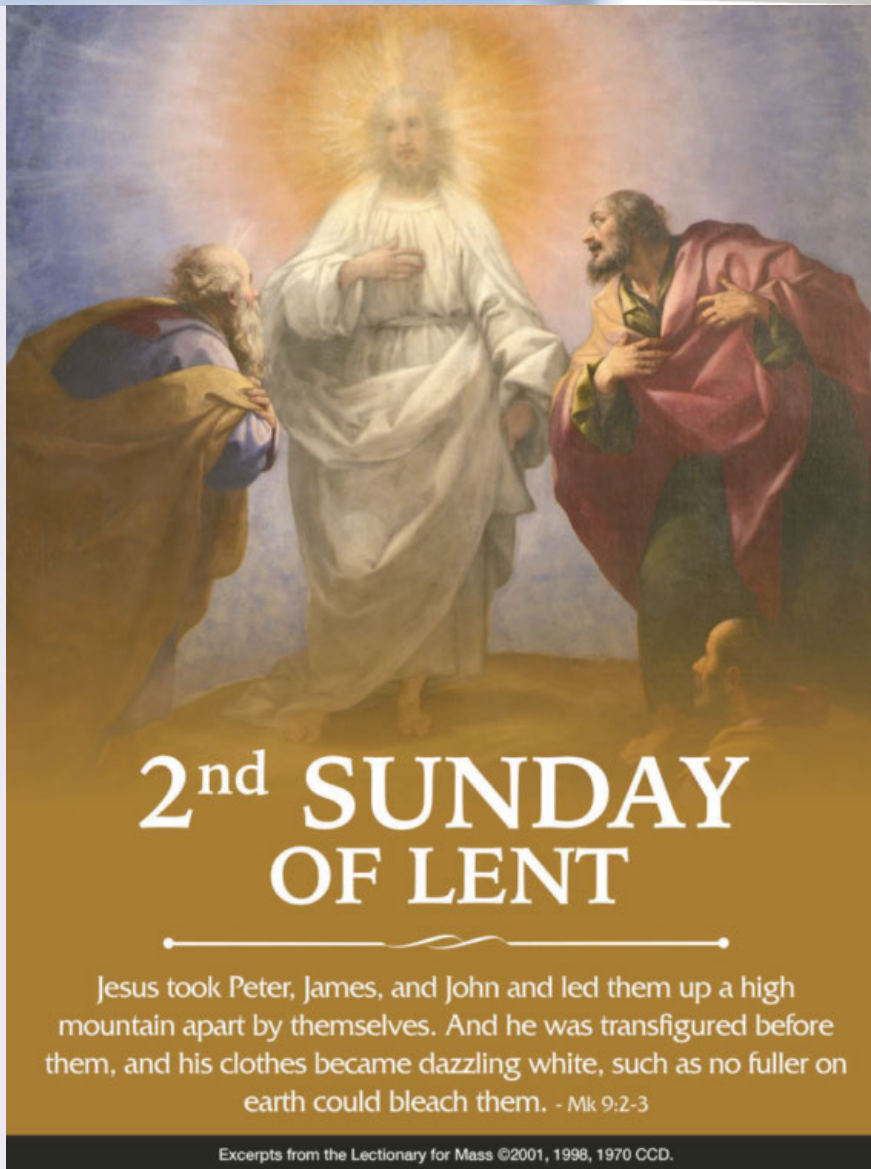
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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Save the Date

Feb 28: Soup Supper (TH)

Mar 1: Potluck Supper (TH)

Mar 1: Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Mar 6: Soup Supper (TH)

Mar 7: First Thursday Adoration/ Lamentation Service

Mar 8: Fish Fry (PH)

Mar 8: Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$15,860**

February 17/18 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$ 12,951

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Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Parish Registration

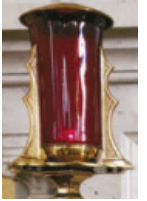
If you are 18 years of age or older, attend Visitation on a regular basis and have not registered, please register at the parish. The registration form is on our website or pick up a form on the buffet in the narthex. Any changes to your information can also be made on the form.

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.

Feb 25-Mar 3 For the intentions of:

Sun Ms. Donna Noel
Mon Ms. Catherine Norum
Tue Mrs. Beverly O'Connor
Wed Mr. Michael O'Loughlin
Thu Mr. & Mrs. Allen O'Brien
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Eric Odden
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Mark Olin
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Ondeck



WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

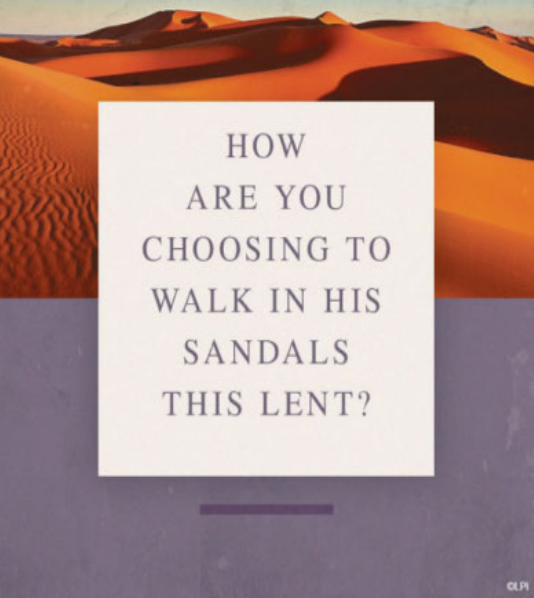
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12 **St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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WALK IN HIS
SANDALS
THIS LENT?

Hospitality Commission

Ambassadors Kathy Nerger

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Food Pantry

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Faith Formation

Pray with us!

Our PreK-Kindergarten class asks that you join them this week in praying for all people in our church that throughout Lent, we strengthen our relationship with God.



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 Treacy Hall.

Prayer Requests

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

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



Gratitude The daily practice of gratitude keeps the heart open regardless of what comes our way. The disposition of mindfulness, of being aware of and thankful for our blessings, helps cultivate our virtues and significantly diminishes or can even eradicate any obstacles to gratitude we may face. Several quotes remind me of the treasure available when we live with an attitude of gratitude and thankfulness.

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person, each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." – Albert Schweitzer

"If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul." – Rabbi Harold Kushner

"I give thanks to my God every time I think of you—which is constantly, in every prayer I utter—rejoicing...at the way you have all continually helped promote the Gospel from the very first day,"—Philippians 1:3-6

Sister Rosalie Locati

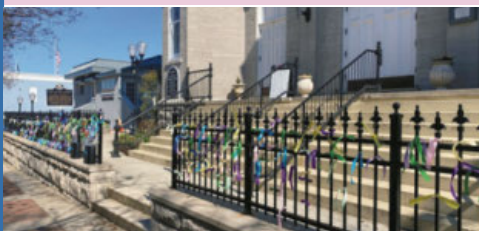
Soup Supper

We will have a Soup Supper, with "Following Faith" stories and discussion, each Wednesday of Lent at 6:00pm in Treacy Hall. Come join us!



Women's Ministry

Ladies from the parish enjoyed Mardi Gras at the monthly Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, February 13th. We decorated Lent devotional candles and played Mardi Gras BINGO. We enjoyed fellowship, King Cake, snacks, and wine. All ladies of the parish and their friends are always welcome to our meetings. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and have inspiring guest speakers, game nights, and craft nights that will uplift and enhance our Catholic faith. For more information contact **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697.**



Please take a moment to tie a ribbon on the railing in front of the church and say a prayer – **Catholic Daughters**

Pot Luck Supper & Stations

Enjoy some Friday fellowship!

5:30pm on March 1st and March 15th 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 Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Pasta; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups; Vienna Sausages; pork and beans (small cans); Hamburger or Tuna Helper; jelly; canned fruit; and cereal. Our needed items do change on a weekly basis; so please check the bulletin weekly to see what is requested. Thank you for your generous donations.



Scan the QR code above to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>

This Week's Schedule &

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24

10:00am | Parish Mission (PH)

5:30pm | Parish Mission

6:00pm | Contra Dancing (PH)

Sunday, February 25

8:00am | Parish Mission

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation, Sunday Video

"Eucharistic Revival" (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | Parish Mission

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Tuesday, February 27

8:00am | † Trammell Evans

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Wednesday, February 28

8:00am | Dave Smith (I)

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00pm | Soup Supper Following Faith Stories & Discussion (TH)

6:00pm | St. Lawrence Ministry (O)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

7:00pm | Bible Study (HFR)

Thursday, February 29

8:00am | † Joyce Ellis

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

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

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

Friday, March 1

8:00am | † Eugene Fowler

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

5:30pm | Potluck Supper (TH)

6:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration (C)

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

Saturday, March 2

5:30pm | † Antanus Venckus

Sunday, March 3

8:00am | † Joy Gregoire

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation, Sunday Video "Eucharistic Revival" (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)

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

Ole Fashion Lenten Fish Fry
Just like you remember from years ago.
Make new memories—bring your kids, family and friends.
March 8th
5-7PM at the Parish Hall
Eat In or Take Out
Pre-Purchase Tickets Only
Online, by phone, or at church after all Masses
For more information or to purchase tickets contact Kirk Wimsett at kirk.wimsett@gmail.com or Patrick Davis at 610-322-0857.

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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