

APRIL 26, 2026 | 4TH 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

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"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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Save the Date

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 18/19

Weekly Church Support.....\$17,816

Holy Family.....\$176

JPII High School.....\$296

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Second Collection Today

The Catholic Home
Missions Appeal
Strengthening the Church at Home

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

Dear Parish Family,

Warm greetings to you all as we gather on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. In today's Gospel (John 10:1-10), Jesus reveals Himself as the Good Shepherd who calls His sheep by name and leads them to abundant life. This Sunday is also observed as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As a parish family, let us pray earnestly that more men and women may hear and courageously respond to God's call to priesthood, religious life, and dedicated service in the Church.

I would like to sincerely thank all the ministry heads who participated in our meeting last Tuesday. It was a very fruitful gathering marked by collaboration and shared vision for the growth of our parish. Your commitment and generosity are deeply appreciated.

Yesterday, we had our Rectory Workday. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who came forward to offer their time and energy. Your willingness to serve reflects the true spirit of stewardship and community.

Today, after the 8:00 am Mass, we will have the dedication of our renovated parish hall followed by an open house. I warmly invite each one of you to join us for this joyful occasion as we thank God for this blessing and celebrate together as one family.

As we come to the close of April and prepare to enter the month of May, let us renew our devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary and seek her intercession in our daily lives.

Looking ahead, on May 1st (First Friday), we will have Holy Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. On May 2nd (Saturday), we will host our annual fundraising event, "A Night at the Races." I encourage everyone to participate and support this important parish initiative.

May the Good Shepherd continue to guide and bless us 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 26—May 3 For the intentions of:
Sun Mr.&Mrs. Billy Todd
Mon Mr.&Mrs. John Tolliver
Tues Ms. Elise Tomeny
Wed Ms. Anne Torreano
Thurs Mr.&Mrs. Paul Torrey
Fri Mr.&Mrs. Lazarus Travis
Sat Ms. Kristen Treadway
Sun Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Tripiano

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 26, 2026

Sun: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
Mon: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tues: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30 **St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest**
Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50 **St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Thurs: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20 **St. Pius V, Pope**
Fri: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6 **St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer**
Sat: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14 **St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Faith Formation

Pray with us!

Our 6th grade class asks that you join them this week in praying that we can support all those affected by illness, in all facets of life.



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

All are invited to the Dedication and Open House at our newly-renovated Parish Hall.

Dedication immediately following the 8:00am Mass TODAY with the open house continuing until 10:45am.

SMV 2026 ANNUAL "FUN" DRAISER CINCO DE DERBY

(A NITE AT THE RACES) ONE FUN NIGHT
Last weekend to buy tickets in advance.
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 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

Monday, April 27

3:30pm | Quilting Class (VH)

Tuesday, April 28

8:00am | † Monica Bannon

6:30pm | Pro-life Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, April 29

8:00am | † Edward Bannon

6:00pm | St. Lawrence (VH)

Thursday, April 30

8:00am | Shelby Musgrove & Landon Boggs (I)

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

Friday, May 1

8:00am | All the Dominicans Living & Deceased

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

6:30pm | For the Parish

7:00pm | Adoration

Saturday, May 2

5:30pm | For the Parish

6:30pm | Nite at the Races (PH)

Sunday, May 3

8:00am | Tom, Sheila & Daniel Bruen (I)

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 | Mark Gerry (I)

12:30pm | † James L. Pickle, Jr.

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: pasta; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups; peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; cereal. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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



KNIGHTLY NEWS
(COUNCIL 4080)

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

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



Congratulations!

Krista Lynn Thurston and Ryan Michel Riviere Married April 25, 2026

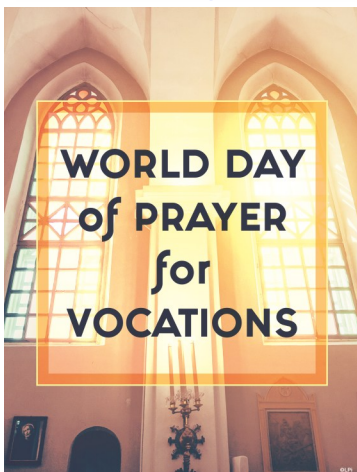
Thank you to the wedding couple for donating their flowers for the altar.

First Friday Mass May 1
6:30pm followed by Adoration 7:00-8:00pm
There is still an 8:00am Mass.



Welcome to the Catholic Church

Congratulations and Blessings to the 9 Catechumen in the OCIA formation program who received the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. They are Justin Allyn, Africa Flores-Anderson, Nick Balenger, Taylor Honeycutt, Crystal & Richard Smith, Krista Thurston, Charles White, and Codey Williamson. We also congratulate OCIA Candidate, Anna Sorrels who received First Communion and Confirmation.



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.