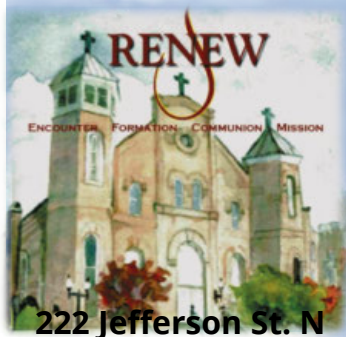


APRIL 13, 2025 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025

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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

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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

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Palm Sunday (April 13)

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm, Sunday Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

Tenebrae (April 14, 15, 16)

(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)—7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Procession, Adoration 8:00—10:00 pm

Good Friday (April 18)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross and Reflection 12:00 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet (First Day of Novena) 3:00 pm

Passion Liturgy 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday (April 19)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Food Blessing 9:00 am

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 20)

7:30 am Divine Mercy Novena; Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Novena (April 18 thru April 26): Weekdays after the morning Mass and weekends before the Mass

Pentecost (June 8)

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm, Sunday Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

Save the Date

May 10—Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville

May 17—Nite at the Races in the Parish Hall

May 18—K of C Family Breakfast in the Parish Hall

Financial Contribution

April 5/6

Weekly Church Support.....\$21,495

Holy Family.....\$125

JPII High School.....\$120

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord, I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross and to a victorious hope. Amen.

Tenebrae

April 14, 15, & 16, 7:30pm

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.



The Stillness of Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back. Until then, we wait in stillness.

Divine Mercy

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena starting on Good Friday, April 18 and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27. It will be prayed on Good Friday at 3pm, weekdays after the morning Mass, and weekends before the Mass.

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

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.

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hammitte
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Blane Alan Hamner
- Tues** Ms. Catherine Hampton
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Philip Hanas
- Thurs** Ms. Emily Hancock
- Fri** Ms. Karen Hancock
- Sat** Mr. Jeffrey Hannon
- Sun** Ms. Kay Hanson



Apr 13-Apr 20 For the intentions of:

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 13th

Sun: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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 **Tax Day**

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**

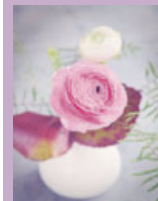
Sat: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12 **Holy Saturday**

Faith Formation

The 8th grade class would like us to pray this week for the Confirmands, that they continue to get stronger in their relationship with God.

Pray with us!

Online Giving Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.com by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office at 256-536-6349 if you have questions or for more information.



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.

Our Nursery

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



Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Kathy Rogers, Emory & Virginia McCullough, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, Ghada Almahdi, Ann Geist, Manuel Corona, and Mark Corona.

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



Attention all graduating high school seniors enrolled in a university, college or technical school!

Applications for our \$500 annual **Parish Education Award** are now available. Details and entry forms are available in the back of the church in the narthex and in the Saint Mary of the Visitation office. Submit provided entry form, brief autobiography, short essay, and letter of recommendation to the parish office by April 30th. Extra credit on your entry for early applications! Notification of winner(s) will be made in May.

Cooking Ministry

Did you know that Visitation has an all volunteer cooking ministry? The ministry prepares dishes for funeral and sacramental receptions and may also help setup and clean up after the reception. There are three receptions coming up in the next couple of months where food will be prepared and served. If you would like to share your talent and/or time in this vital ministry or would like more information, please email Sally Park, sallywallyp@yahoo.com.

Bake Sale TODAY After all Masses in Visitation Hall



Mary's Prayer Garden

still has some available bricks. Suggested donation is \$100. Order forms are available online, in the narthex, or in the office.



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Oct 18-25, 2025 with Via Immaculata Guided Tours, accompanied by Father Joy. Total trip cost including meals and gratuities will be approximately \$3500. \$2700 is paid to the tour company directly, with a registration deposit of \$350, which includes Airfare, double Hotel rooms with Breakfast, Coach Bus transportation, and English guide. We will be visiting Mexico City; Guanajuato; Cristero Saints; and Guadalajara.

Registration form link: <https://form.jotform.com/250644352920150>

For information contact Michael Riley at michael.rileyjr1@gmail.com or Father Joy.

Food Pantry The food pantry has another short list thanks to all your generous donations. The food pantry is needing the following items: canned vegetables; jelly; canned tuna; and soups. Thank you very much and God bless!

Scan the QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.

Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>.



Weekly emails are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

Please send news, pictures, etc., for consideration in the SMV Monthly Newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com **by the 15th of the month** to be in the next month's newsletter.

Our **Church Directory** is available to view on your computer or smartphone! Instant Church Directory—the program we use to build our church directory—has a member website. You can access this website by scanning this QR code or following this link — <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com> Create your account by entering the primary email listed on your parish registration and following the directions on-screen.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 12

7:00am | Into the Breach
10:00am | Confirmation Mass

5:30pm | Anna Pham (I)

Sunday, April 13

8:00am | For the Parish

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)
9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)
9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)
9:30am | RCIA (TH)
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | Kitty Jordan (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, April 14

4:00pm | Quilting Class
7:00pm | **NO** St. Jerome Book Club (VH)
7:30pm | Tenebrae

Tuesday, April 15

8:00am | † Patrick Bolton

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)
7:30pm | Tenebrae

Wednesday, April 16

8:00am | † Bea & Charles Albright

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)
6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)
6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry (VH)
7:30pm | Tenebrae

Thursday, April 17

8:00am | Morning Prayer
7:00pm | **For the Parish**
7:00pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper
8-10pm | Adoration

Friday, April 18

8:00am | Morning Prayer
Noon | Stations of the Cross & Reflection
3:00pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00pm | **For the Parish**
7:00pm | Passion Liturgy

Saturday, April 19

8:00am | Morning Prayer/Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00am | Food Blessing
10:00am | Easter Egg Hunt

8:00pm | For the RCIA Candidates

8:00pm | Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20

7:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:00am | For Gratitude of Life
11:00am | Rosary Making Ministry
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
(C) Church, **(HFR)** Holy Family Room, **(O)** Office, **(PH)** Parish Hall, **(TH)** Trecy Hall, **(VH)** Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

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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