

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025 | THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)



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

Pastor: Rev. Jose Raphy Ambooken

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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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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Save the Date

November 11: Veterans' Day
Remembrance

November 19: Advent Giving Tree
Tagging Party

November 22/23: Holiday Bake
Sale after all Masses

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

October 25/26

Weekly Church Support.....\$14,782

Holy Family.....\$189

JPII High School.....\$65

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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Fr. Jose!

O Father, we come before You, seeking Your wisdom and grace for our new pastor, Fr. Jose. May Your guidance lead his heart, strengthen his spirit, and inspire his words.

Bless his journey as he shepherds our congregation, fostering unity and faith. Equip him with courage and love to fulfill Your divine purpose. Amen.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir

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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.

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.

Nov 2–Nov 9 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. Michael O'Loughlin

Mon Mr. & Mrs. Allen O'Brien

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Eric Odden

Wed Mr. & Mrs. Mark Olin

Thurs Mr. & Mrs. Addison Osborn

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Edward Oswald

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Overton

Sun Mr. Michael Owens



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of November 2

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40 **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14 **St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24 **St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day**

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Faith Formation

Pray With Us!

The 1st grade class asks you to join them in praying for the homeless, that during the holiday season they find peace, comfort, safety, and joy.



Nursery Worker Needed (Paid Position) to care for children age 4 and under during Sunday Masses. If interested, email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.

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.

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

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

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, Ann Geist, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, and Jim Bodine.

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



Catholic Daughters Pecan Sales
BEGIN THIS WEEKEND after all Masses
 and will continue on Nov 8/9 and 15/16!
 We will be set up outside with pecans on
 hand. All pecan products are \$12 each.

We thank you for
 supporting our work!
 Contact Janie Hoyt
 with questions,
 256-651-4367.



First Thursday Adoration

November 6 at 7:00pm

First Friday Mass/Anointing

November 7 at 8:00am

Join us afterwards for a lite
 breakfast and fellowship in
 Visitation Hall.



Women's Ministry

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who donated to the Blessing Bags service project. The ladies assembled the Blessing Bags with toiletries and socks, and donated these to Shower Up Huntsville and the Catholic Center of Concern.

Our November Women's Ministry meeting has been rescheduled. Ladies, please join us for a **Friendsgiving Potluck** on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Trecy Hall. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. The turkey is provided, just bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come be a part of our *Gratitude Tree* activity that brings together our community of faithful women. **Please RSVP to Liz Montgomery** at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

The Food Pantry It's that time of year again when we collect food for our holiday food bags in addition to our regular food bags. We are collecting holiday food items this weekend and next weekend. We are requesting the following holiday food items: canned chicken, or small canned ham; instant mashed potatoes; chicken gravy; green beans; cream of mushroom soup; stuffing mix; cranberry sauce. In addition we need the following regular items: canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; soups; Chef Boyardee; Hamburger Helper; Vienna Sausages; peanut butter and jelly; cereal; instant oatmeal. Thank you so much for your generous donations.



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Contact: Patrick Davis, 610-322-0857 or tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com. Please provide your name, telephone number and membership number.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 1

9:00am | † For the Parish

1:00pm | † All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:30pm | † Steve Montgomery

Sunday, November 2

8:00am | For the Parish

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Ladies Sodality

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

5:30pm | OCIA Potluck (TH)

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

8:00am | † Robert Barry

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

Wednesday, November 5

8:00am | † Marguerite Leslie

Thursday, November 6

8:00am | † William & Margaret Hurd

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration

Friday, November 7

8:00am | † All Saints of the Order of Preachers

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast

Saturday, November 8

11:00am | Rocket City Regulators

contact Bill Boggess, 256-881-2226, for location

5:30pm | † Marilyn Plonka

Sunday, November 9

8:00am | For the Parish

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | † Thomas Hartley, Sr.

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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