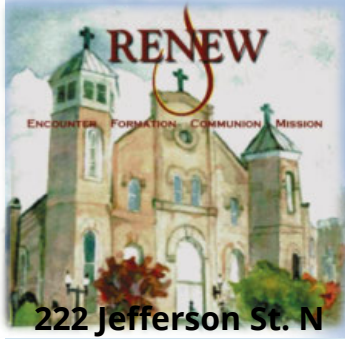


MAY 4, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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

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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

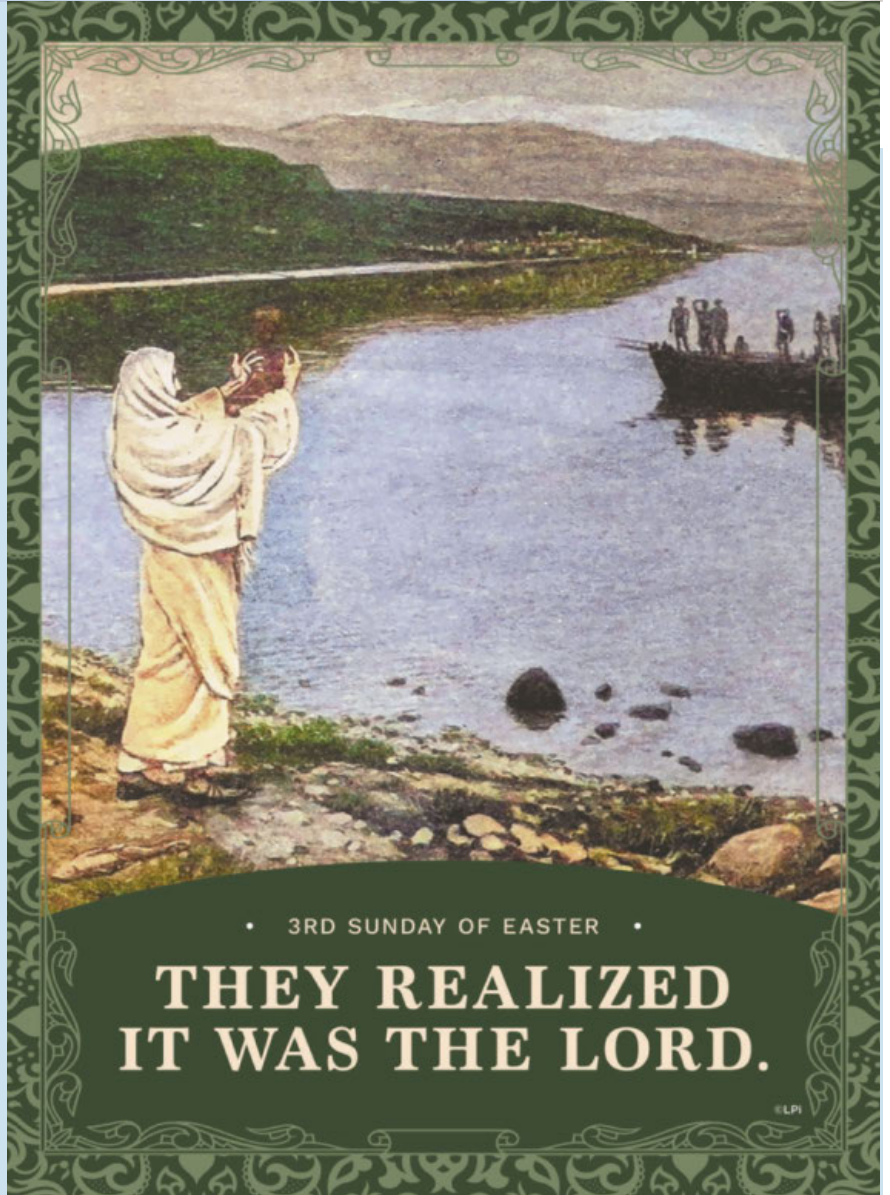
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• 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER •
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Save the Date

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

May 17—Nite at the Races at the Parish Hall

May 18 —Parish Picnic at the Parish Hall

June 14—Parish Dance at the Parish Hall

**Entering from Washington St
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Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

April 26/27

Weekly Church Support.....\$15,570
Holy Family.....\$81
JPIL High School.....\$91

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

The Rosary, Explained

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

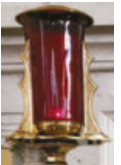
Parish Registration

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. Sean Higgins
- Mon** Ms. Diane Hill
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hinchman
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Hitt
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Joel Hobbs
- Fri** Mrs. Karen Hoger
- Sat** Mr. Jeff Holmes
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Chad Homelvig



May 4–May 11 For the intentions of:

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of May 4th

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29 **Cinco de Mayo**

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69 **St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**



Faith Formation

Pray with us!



This week, the 3rd grade class asks you to join them in praying for those receiving Holy Communion for the first time, that they grow closer to Jesus through receiving His Body and Blood.

We honor Mary as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

Celebrate

May Crowning



Leonardo Beltran
Esther Elise Flowers
Mary Claire Retalla Salazar

Congratulations!

Jessica Marie Gentrup
and
Calvin James Poderzay
Married April 26, 2025



Online Giving

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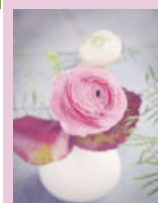
Our Lenten Prayer Ribbons will continue until Pentecost Sunday

Please tie a ribbon and say a prayer!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



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



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, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Ann Geist, Manuel Corona, Mark Corona, and Gerard Drumm.

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



DEADLINE EXTENDED: 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 **May 5th**. Notification of winner(s) will be made this month.

Questions? Email Erin Boles at erindacy@icloud.com or call 256-603-6781

Women's Ministry

Ladies, get your garden tea party hats ready for our annual **Tea Party with Blessed Mother Mary** on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall. Come enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. There will be tea sandwiches, scones, and petite desserts to enjoy. **Our guest speaker is Molly Cook**. She will share her faith-filled story of how she and her husband have embraced God's unexpected plan for their family. Their son, Liam, now 2 years old, was born with a rare genetic disorder and underwent a liver transplant at 9 months old. Come hear Molly's incredible story of faith, courage, and hope.



The Light Ahead: The Journey of Addiction and Recovery

meets again on Friday, May 9, at 6pm, in Treacy Hall.

Contact is **Nicky Lanza**, nlanza32@gmail.com.

The Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville

is May 10, 9am-3pm. Meet in front of the John Paul II Center at the Shrine. Carpooling from the Visitation parking lot will also be available. A sign-up sheet and flyer with the itinerary is available in the narthex.

For more information:
mjj032753@gmail.com

Nite at the Races Come join us for this annual fundraiser, **May 17, at 6pm** in the Parish Hall. We will host a "betting" window and have door prizes. Food and drinks will be for sale. This is an adult only event with free admission. You can also own a horse with a \$100 winning purse. Horses will be sold for \$20 after each mass this weekend and next.

St Mary of the Visitation Annual Picnic Sunday, May 18, 2025 12:30-2:30pm Parish Hall

Come enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs to celebrate the end of the school year and our graduating seniors!

We will have the hugely popular Ministry Fair, a Root Beer Float Stand, Face Painting, and Cornhole games!

Open to all ages. Bring a favorite dessert to share. This will be a non-alcoholic event.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, May 3

5:30pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry

Sunday, May 4

8:00am | † Patricia Schwanke

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (PH)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | For the Parish

12:00pm | Young Professionals Brunch (PH)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

2:30pm | First Communion Mass

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

8:00am | Karen Albright (I)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

Wednesday, May 7

8:00am | † Bea & Charles Albright

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)

Thursday, May 8

8:00am | Avery Vasquez (I)

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

Friday, May 9

8:00am | † Marianne Kershaw

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

6:00pm | The Light Ahead (TH)

Saturday, May 10

9:00am | Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville

11:00am | Rocket City Regulators (PH)

5:30pm | † Barbara Patton Chandler

Sunday, May 11

8:00am | For the Parish

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

11:00am | Usher Ministry

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room,

(O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (TH) Treacy Hall,

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

Food Pantry


We are needing the following items: peanut butter, jelly; canned chicken; canned vegetables; and cereal. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

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



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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