



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish

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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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Save the Date

September 23rd: Sunset Social
(Church Grounds)

**Coffee & Donuts TODAY
at the Parish Hall after
the 8:00am Mass.**

Entering from Washington Street
Parking Lot Gate Code 222

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses:
\$14,470

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the financial contributions for September 2-3 will be included in the next bulletin.

**Thank you for your generosity
and continued support!**

For information on how to donate online,
see page 2 of the bulletin

PRAYER, WORSHIP, MINISTRY

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Weekly Readings and Observances

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sun: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Mon: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11 **Patriot Day**

Tue: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19 **The Most Holy Name of Mary**

Wed: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thu: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Our Lady of Sorrows

Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

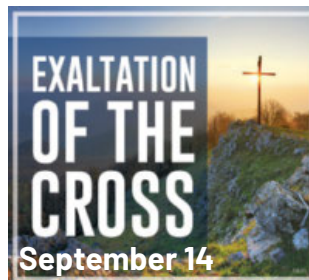
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Faith Formation Request

In Faith Formation, our students gather to learn and pray together, to grow in their relationship with God, and to strengthen their understanding of the mission that is placed before us all as Christians. We invite you to support them by praying for their continued spiritual growth and for the intentions the Holy Spirit is placing on their hearts. Each week after Catechetical Sunday, we will share with you a prayer intention from our students. Simply watch for these special "Pray With Us" announcements & join us by adding the intention to your daily prayer that week. Thanks in advance for your support!

Adult Faith Formation - PH

AN INVITATION: You are invited to the first Roots & Wings program at 9:45 this Sunday in the parish hall gym following the doughnut social. These sub-title phrases suggest what this faith-sharing program is all about: "Bequests to our children;" "Faith, family, gifts;" "Life is ..." - All are welcome.



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 the buffet in the narthex. Or if you have an address change, please update it with our office.

Prayer Requests

Joann Tyra, Claudia McCoy, Liam Cook, Dewey Schleeper, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Anna Fowler, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert.

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

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.

Nursery

Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in the Fr. Treacy Room.

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.

September 10 - September 17

For the intentions of:

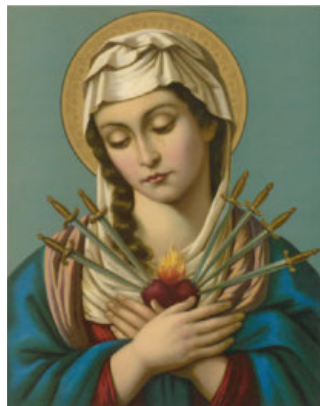
Sun Mr.&Mrs. Matthew Good
Mon Mr.&Mrs. Maxwell Goodwin
Tue Mr.&Mrs. Patrick Goyer
Wed Mr.&Mrs. Scott Grant
Thu Mr. Brian Green
Fri Mr.&Mrs. Jeff Green
Sat Mr. John Green
Sun Mr. Peter Bliss Green



The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows

pamphlet is available, one per family, on the Welcome Table in the narthex.

Please pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows during the month of September.



Our Lady of Sorrows SEPTEMBER 15

September 15th, the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows** is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, the Mother of God. Mary's life was full of grace, but there were also many causes for her to feel deep sorrow, and so the devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows, with its roots in Scripture, has been part of popular piety since the 12th century. The Blessed Mother stood firmly at the cross as her beloved Son suffered and died to bring about our salvation. Since it was our sin that caused Jesus' suffering, praying with his sorrowful Mother by meditating on the Seven Sorrows or the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary can help us to feel contrition for our sins and motivate us to grow in holiness. Mary serves as a model of fearlessness and faithfulness in the midst of suffering, and we can ask her intercession as we face sorrows and struggles of our own or accompany those we love who are facing difficulties.

**Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast
next Sunday 9:00-10:30am
Parish Hall**

Women's Ministry

Ladies of the parish, you're invited to the Women's Ministry Paint Night on Tuesday, September 12th, in the Treacy Hall. Our social is at 6:00pm and our program starts at 6:30pm. Come enjoy the fun with **Cha Chalk Couture by Lisa** as she teaches us creative ways to paint with chalk. You will get to take home your DIY project. There is no fee but there will be a basket for donations. **To reserve your spot, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com**

Homebound Ministry

If you would like to receive Holy Communion while you're homebound, please contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com, or 281-705-6697, or call the parish office. Our visits are scheduled after a Sunday Mass.

Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient. Remind us to pray for all those who perished on that day. Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid. We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following: **Pasta; pasta sauce; instant rice; soups; Chef Boyardee; canned chili; hamburger helper; gravy; canned fruit; canned vegetables; peanut butter; jelly; canned meat (chicken, vienna sausage, etc); tuna; pork and beans; Ramen noodles; cereal (regular size or variety packs); oatmeal; peanut butter crackers; fruit cups**

Scan this QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in this link:

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9

5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

Sunday, September 10

8:00am | For the Parish

9:00am | Coffee & Donuts (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15-10:45am | RCIA (TH)

9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:45am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | † Maris Mattingly

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Monday, September 11

7:00pm | Book Club (TH)

Tuesday, September 12

8:00am | † Anna Marie Weick

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (VH)

6:00pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, September 13

8:00am | † David Swan

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | PPC (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | KoC Meeting (PH)

Thursday, September 14

8:00am | † Pat McCoy

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

7:00pm | St. Lawrence Ministry (TH)

Friday, September 15

8:00am | Townsend Family

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, September 16

10:00am | Food Pantry (TH)

5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Abright

Sunday, September 17

8:00am | Margaret Smallwood

No Adult Faith Formation at PH

9:00-10:30am | KofC Pancake Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15-10:45am | RCIA (TH)

9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

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

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp),

(C) Church

*"The pursuit of happiness is
the chase of a lifetime."*

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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