

JULY 19TH 2026 | 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama



222 Jefferson St. N

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 & 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

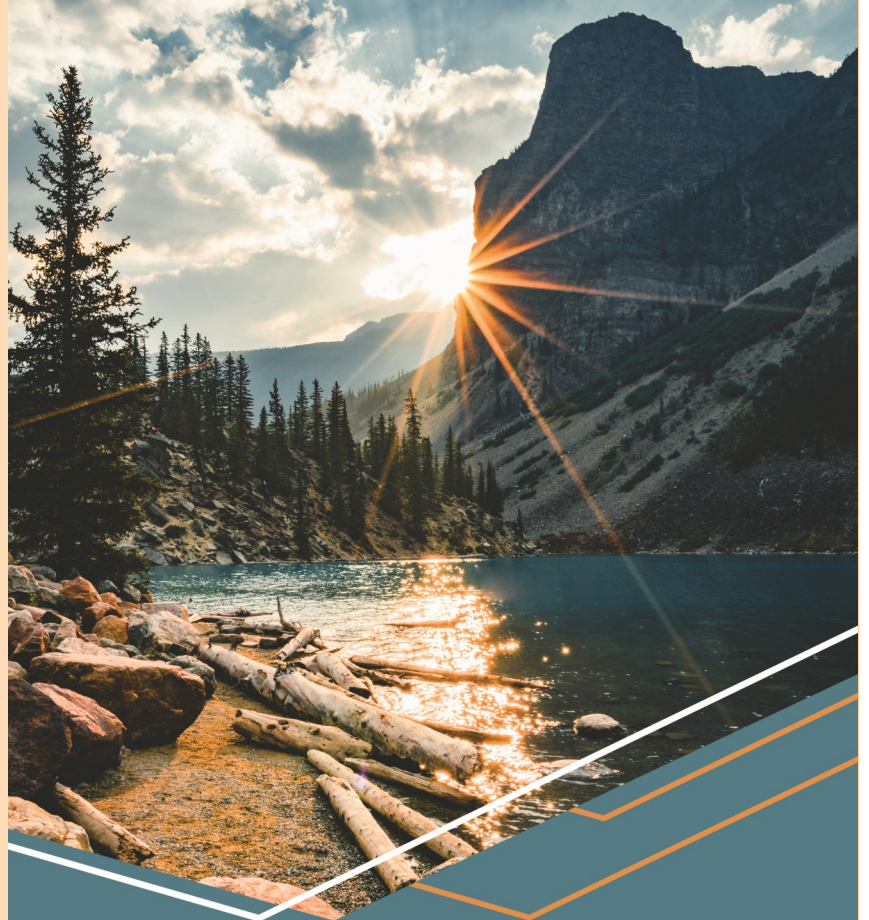
Mon–Thu 8:30am–3:30pm | Fri 8:30am–12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

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“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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Save the Date

Jul 25–26: Car Blessings after
Masses

Aug 15–16: Catholic Daughters
Bake Sale in Visitation Hall

Blessing for Summer

O God, Pour your blessing upon these
summer months of sun and clouds,
flowers and growth. In this season of
cultivation, cultivate us as we worship,
work, play, and rest in You. May this
season, and all the others, serve to
draw us closer to You. Amen ©LPI

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$20,119**

July 11/12

Weekly Church Support.....\$21,237
Holy Family.....\$373
JP II High School.....\$218
Building Fund.....\$3,482

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and continued support!**

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online, see page 2.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, and in the Gospel (Matthew 13:24-30), Jesus presents the parable of the wheat and the weeds. The servants want to pull out the weeds immediately, but the master tells them to wait until the harvest. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us that God is patient and merciful. We often wish for immediate justice and quick solutions, but God gives every person time to repent, grow, and bear good fruit. Let us not be discouraged by the presence of evil in the world or even by our own weaknesses. Instead, let us cooperate with God's grace so that our lives may produce a rich harvest of holiness.

On July 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, the first witness to the Resurrection and the "Apostle to the Apostles." Her unwavering love for Christ and her faithful witness inspires us to seek the Lord with the same devotion and to proclaim the joy of the Resurrection to others. On July 25, we celebrate the Feast of St. James the Apostle, one of the first disciples called by Jesus. His courage, missionary zeal, and willingness to give his life for Christ remind us that every Christian is called to be a joyful witness of the Gospel.

Following all the weekend Masses on July 25-26, I will come to the parking lots to bless your vehicles. After greeting everyone in the church, I will first come to the lower parking lot and then to the rear parking lot. We will begin with a common prayer, after which I will come to each vehicle individually to sprinkle it with holy water and offer a personal blessing. Please wait with your vehicle until the blessing begins. Let us baptize our vehicles. May the Lord protect you and all who travel with you throughout the year.

Family Tip #9: Last weekend I encouraged every family to bless your kids and spouses, and I was deeply encouraged by the wonderful feedback many parishioners shared. Continue the beautiful practice of blessing your children before they leave for school. Likewise, before they go to bed, trace the Sign of the Cross on their forehead with holy water. This simple act reminds us of our Baptism and places our families under God's loving protection. If you do not have a suitable container for holy water, please contact the parish office. We will be happy to provide you with a small plastic container so that every home can keep this beautiful sacramental and make frequent use of it.

May the Lord bless you and your families, and may Our Blessed Mother continue to intercede for all of us.

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.

July 12–July 19 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bailey

Mon Mr. & Mrs. Judson Bailey

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Townsend Baker

Wed Mr. Danilo Baladad

Thurs Mr. Nicholas Balenger

Fri Ms. Nicole Barger

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Barisa

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Barnes

Readings –Week of July 19, 2026

Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Mon: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tues: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wed: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thurs: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Fri: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Sat: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Observances – Week of July 19, 2026

Sun: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time; **Mon:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Tues: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wed: St. Mary Magdalene; **Thurs:** St. Bridget, Religious

Fri: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; **Sat:** St. James, Apostle



Have you signed your kids up for classes yet? Registration for Youth Faith Formation closes 7/26!

Enroll Confirmed teens in our High School Apologetics class or register younger students for our PreK-Confirmation program by visiting the RE tab on the parish website.

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

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.

Prayer Requests Dawn Drumm, Jennifer Michael, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Joan Smith, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, Lisa Downard, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, and Peter John McGraw.

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





Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
A Journey of Faith

Are you ready to make a journey of faith? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming new members and guiding them through the journey of conversion and initiation into the Catholic faith. It's a gradual process of learning, prayer, and spiritual formation designed for adults. **We will have a Meet & Greet on Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 am in Treacy Hall. OCIA class starts Sunday, August 23 for the Sunday session at 9:30 am in the Fr. Treacy Hall. And the Wednesday session starts August 26 at 6:00 pm in Treacy Hall.**

Registration is open now for:

- Anyone who has never been baptized and/or expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Anyone who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith.

Registration forms are located in the back of the church or on the church's website under "Becoming Catholic". Submit completed forms to the church office or to Deacon Jeff. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Jeff or Liz Montgomery at smvparish.ocia@gmail.com. We look forward to helping you on your journey of faith.

The **Catholic Center of Concern** is hosting its annual **Back-to-School Drive** through July 31. They are collecting new socks and underwear for school age children to be distributed free of charge to families in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the Center at 1010 Church St., NW, Huntsville, Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm.



Newly Baptized

Ella Jane Berry
June 12, 2026

Women's Outdoor Adventures Ministry at SMV

Saint Frassati's Adventurers is a Catholic women's ministry for those who love exploring God's creation while growing in faith, friendship, and fellowship. This ministry is open to women ages 19 and older and welcomes all experience levels—from seasoned outdoor enthusiasts to those just beginning their adventure. Together, we build lasting friendships, strengthen our faith, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors through activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, and more. Come discover the joy of adventure, community, and encountering God in His creation! **Our first meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall. For more information, contact Julie Bury at Julie_Bury@yahoo.com**

Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast TODAY!

9:00am-10:30am in the Parish Hall
New Menu Items! WAFFLES!

Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Buttermilk Pancakes, Toast, Sausage Bacon, Ham, Fried Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Breakfast Dessert Muffins, Instant Oatmeal Varieties, Hot Tea, Assortment Coffee, OJ, & Milk

The **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: pasta sauce; gravy or gravy mixes; rice mixes; canned fruit; soups; jelly; cereal (any size); Vienna sausages. We have plenty of cornbread and muffin mixes.

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<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18

5:30pm | † Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer

Sunday, July 19

8:00am | Stacey Wall (I)

9:00am | KofC Family Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Lector Training (C)

11:00am | † Carl Goodgame

12:30pm | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, July 20

6:30pm | St. Frassati's Adventures (TH)

Tuesday, July 21

8:00am | † Elena Holmes

Wednesday, July 22

8:00am | † John Miscik

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

Thursday, July 23

8am | † Jim Newton

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

Friday, July 24

8:00am | For our OCIA Ministry

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, July 25

5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Car Blessings after Mass

Sunday, July 26

8:00am | † Jeffery Skupien

11:00am | For the Parish

12:30pm | Rebecca Greco (I)

Car Blessings after Masses

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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

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

(VH) Visitation Hall

The **26th Annual Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham** will be held on **Jul 24-25** at **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**, 1728 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham. The conference theme is "Psalm 111: A Personal Walk with Jesus, Daily Union with God in Difficult Times" Registration fee is \$30 for individuals and \$85 for a family of three or more.

For more information, please e-mail

Jwade3585@outlook.com or

betrusso85@gmail.com

Visit www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org to register. Everyone is welcome!

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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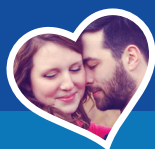
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