

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

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

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

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“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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Our Nursery

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

Monthly Newsletter

Please send announcements for next month's newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

Financial Contributions

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

January 31 & February 1, 2026

Weekly Church Support.....\$14,675

Holy Family..... \$280

JPII High School..... \$135

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Parish Family,

I am happy to be back with you after my recent vacation in India, and I wish to thank you sincerely for your prayers during my time away. It was truly a grace-filled and fruitful visit. I had the joy of baptizing the baby of my nephew, and I was also blessed to officiate the engagement and wedding of my niece. These moments of family, faith, and sacrament reminded me once again of how God works powerfully through our relationships and traditions. I am grateful to have returned refreshed and strengthened for ministry among you.

On February 6th, our First Friday observance was a beautiful witness of faith. Many parishioners joined us for the newly added evening Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Your presence and devotion were deeply encouraging. Let us continue to cherish these moments of prayer before the Lord, who waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament and pours out His grace upon us. Earlier, on February 3rd, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Blaise with the traditional Blessing of the Throats. This simple yet meaningful sacramental reminds us that God cares for our physical and spiritual well-being and invites us to trust Him in all aspects of our lives.

On February 11th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is also observed as the World Day of the Sick. This is a special day to remember all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. I invite you to pray in a special way for the sick of our parish, their families, caregivers, and all who minister to them. May Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for healing, comfort, and hope.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the newly selected and nominated members of our Pastoral Council, as well as to the newly chosen Chair. At the same time, I offer a big thank you to the outgoing members for their dedicated service to our parish over the past three years, and especially to the outgoing Chair for his leadership and commitment to the Church.

This weekend, as we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel from Matthew (5:13-16) reminds us that we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. May our faith be visible in our words, actions, and daily lives, so that others may see the goodness of God and give glory to our Heavenly Father.

With gratitude and prayers,
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.

Feb 8-Feb 15 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Drs. Martin & Caroline Schreeder
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. William Schrenk
- Tues** Mr. Damien Schroeder
- Wed** Mr. Roy Schwanke
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. James Schwierling
- Fri** Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Scott
- Sat** Ms. Helen Scott
- Sun** Mr. Jackson Scott

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of February 8

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

St. Scholastica, Virgin

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-1

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day



Mardi Gras Party for grades 8-12

5-7:30pm Sunday 2/15 in Treacy Hall
Food, Games, Music, & Beads!

RSVP Not Required, but appreciated.
Scan the QR code to let us know who's coming.



World Marriage Day, February 8

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church. Look with kindness on them, renew their marriage covenant, increase Your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Evan Shackelford, and Timothy Payne.

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



Congratulations!

Parker Elaine Howard and William Christopher Dye
 Married February 7, 2026
 Thank you to the couple for donating
 their flowers for the altar.



Sacristan Ministry – If you are interested in serving your parish in a humble and “behind the scenes” ministry, then the Sacristan Ministry is for you. Sacristans are entrusted with beautiful and sacred objects that are used and carried out before Mass and then returned to the Sacristy after the Mass. We arrive at least 30 minutes before Mass to ensure everything is ready.

If you are a Confirmed Catholic over the age of 18 and interested in learning more about becoming a Sacristan, please contact Connie Eimer at stockfan_00@yahoo.com

We have a special need for the 8 am Mass.

Women’s Ministry: Historical Tour and Wine & Cheese Social

Ladies of the parish, you are invited to join us for a unique experience as part of our Women’s Ministry. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 19th, at 6pm**, when we embark on a historical tour of St. Mary of the Visitation Church, followed by a Wine & Cheese Social. Parishioner Mikel Petty will guide us on this journey, offering an insightful and in-depth exploration of the church’s rich beginnings, its beautiful architectural details, and the significance it holds within our community’s history. As a cherished landmark in Huntsville, St. Mary of the Visitation Church stands as a testament to our Catholic heritage, and it is also proudly listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Please gather in the narthex of the church to begin the tour at 6:00 pm. **For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com.**

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

[PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER](#)

[FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE](#)

Saturday, February 7

5:30pm | † Marianne Kershaw

Sunday, February 8

8:00am | † Arthur & Dorothy Davis

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

8:00am | † Richard Kingsbury

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

Wednesday, February 11

8:00am | **For the Parish**

10:00am | Pray & Play contact

erin.townsend18@gmail.com

6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

Thursday, February 12

8:00am | † Helen Ollinger

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

6:30pm | St. Raphael Ministry (TH)

Friday, February 13

8:00am | Richard Varner (I)

8:30am | Coffee Social

6:00pm | The Light Ahead (TH)

Saturday, February 14

5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, February 15

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 (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | Dr. Mira Kruja (I)

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)



Young Adults
BRUNCH

Free Bacon & Pancakes!
 February 22 at 12PM in
 Fr. Treacy Hall

Attention all graduating high school seniors, college students, community college students or those enrolled in technical school! Applications for our annual Parish Education Award of \$500 are now available. Details and entry forms are available in the narthex. Submit entry form, brief autobiography, essay or audio file and letter of recommendation to the parish office by March 30th. Notification will be made in May. Please contact Erin Boles at erindacy@icloud.com or 256-603-6781 with any questions.

The **Food Pantry** is needing the following items: peanut butter, jelly; fruit cups; canned fruit; and cereal. Thank you for your generosity!

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

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



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.



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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