St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

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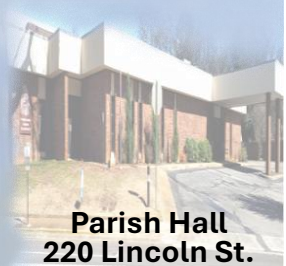

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Parish Hall
220 Lincoln St.

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
First Fridays
8:00am Mass & Anointing; 6:30pm Mass & Adoration

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 any time.

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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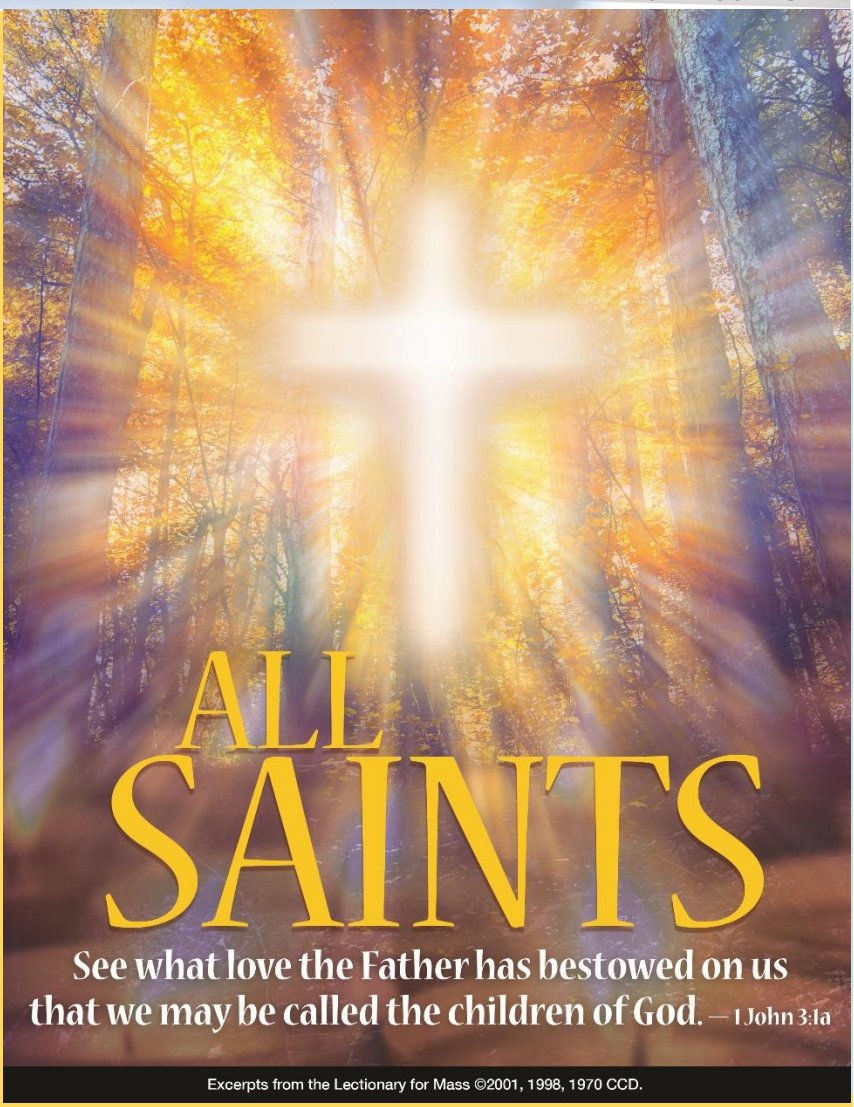

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Save the Date

Nov 2: All Souls Day Masses at 8am, Noon, and 5pm
Nov 6: First Friday – 8am Mass followed by Anointing; 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration.
Nov 8: 8am Mass will honor veterans. Reception will follow.
Nov 11: 6pm Mass followed by Rosary Procession to the Veterans Memorial
Nov 15: KofC Family Breakfast
Dec 5: 1pm Parish Christmas Dinner

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: $20,119

October 24-25, 2026

Weekly Church Support.....$14,650
Holy Family School.....$230
JPII High School.....$75

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

For information on how to donate online, see page 2.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, we are reminded of our universal call to holiness. In today's Gospel (Matthew 5:1–12a), Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, showing us the path to true happiness and holiness. The saints were ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives of faith, love, humility, mercy, and sacrifice. Their example encourages us to follow Christ faithfully in our everyday lives.

On the eve of All Saints Day, we had a wonderful Fall Celebration organized by our Knights of Columbus. My heartfelt thanks to them for their dedication and to all the children and parents who participated. The All-Saints costume contest was especially delightful, helping our children learn about the lives of the saints in a joyful and meaningful way. Thank you to everyone who made this celebration so memorable!

Tomorrow, November 2, we commemorate All Souls Day. We remember in a special way all who have departed from this world—our parents, spouses, sons and daughters, relatives, and friends. Let us entrust them to God's loving mercy and pray that they may share in the fullness of eternal life. If possible, please offer a Mass intention for your beloved departed. You may write their names on the envelope and place them in the collection box. I will keep these envelopes on the altar throughout the month of November.

We will also have a special **Altar of Remembrance** in our church. The parish will display photographs of those who have died from our parish community. You are welcome to bring photographs of loved ones who passed away, especially during this past year, and place them at the side altar. Each day throughout this month, after Mass, as we did last year, we will gather for a brief prayer at the columbarium, remembering our beloved dead.

On November 4, we celebrate the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, a great bishop known for his pastoral care and dedication to Church reform. Next Sunday, we will also honor the veterans of our parish and express our gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

Family Tip of the Week: Visit a Catholic cemetery with your family and pray for the deceased. It is a beautiful way to teach children about faith, remembrance, and the hope of the resurrection.

May all the saints inspire us, and may our departed loved ones rest in the peace of Christ.

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 during office hours and say a prayer.

Nov 1-Nov 8 For the intentions of:
Sun: : Mrs. Pam Cole
Mon: Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Coleman
Tues: Mrs. Julia Coleman
Wed: Mr. Richard Collier
Thurs: Ms. Hayley Conroy
Fri: Mr. & Mrs. Logan Cook
Sat: Mr. & Mrs. John Cooney
Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cornett

Readings for the week of November 1, 2026

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Observances for the week of November 1, 2026

Sun: All Saints; *Daylight Saving Time Ends*; National Vocation Awareness Week
Mon: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); **Tues:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious; *Election Day*; **Wed:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Faith Formation **Pray with us!**

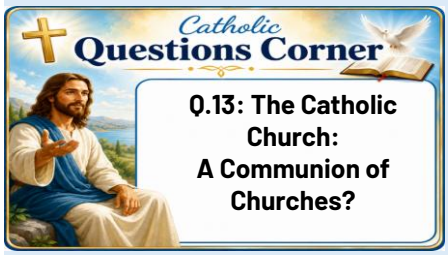
Our 4th grade class would like us to continue praying for the poor and the homeless, asking that they may find strength and comfort in the Holy Spirit.

Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses. We are presently in need of help for the 11am Mass. This is a paid position. Please contact the office if interested.

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.

All Souls' Day is Monday, November 2. We will have Masses at 8am, Noon, and at 5pm. Our 5pm Mass will be at our Columbarium.

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, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, George Bury, and Mary Ellen Larson.



The **Food Pantry** will be giving Thanksgiving food bags to our downtown neighbors again this year, along with our weekly bags. We will be collecting these special items the first 2 weeks in November. There will be a box by the gazebo for your donations during the Masses, along with our bin and baskets in church. The box will be in the office entryway during the week. Please help us fill these bags with the following items: canned chicken or small canned hams; instant mashed potatoes; chicken or turkey gravy; canned green beans; canned yams; cream of mushroom soup; cranberry sauce; and stuffing mix. Thank you for helping us make their Holiday special.

For our weekly bags we need the following items: pasta sauce; pasta; Hamburger Helper; Mac and cheese; canned vegetables other than green beans; peanut butter, jelly; canned chicken, meat, or tuna; instant rice mixes; Chef Boyardee, Vienna sausages, and cereal (regular size or variety packs). Thank you for your continued generous donations.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List.

Or type: https://linktr.ee/smvpantry

Dear SMV Parishioners, I am deeply grateful for the incredible outpouring of love and support following the loss of my husband, Billy. Whether you offered a prayer, sent a card, brought food, or kept us in your thoughts, your kindness will never be forgotten.

A special thank you to the B&G Team. Bringing Billy to his final resting place could not have been a greater honor than being carried by his Saturday morning brothers in Christ. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we navigate this new life without him.

-Sherry Wilson

The **Catholic Daughters** invite all Catholic women ages 18 and older to our monthly meeting on Tues, Nov 3, at 6:00 p.m. in Fr. Trecy Hall. You're welcome to bring a fall dish to share. After the meeting, stay with our Sunshine Committee to write notes of thanksgiving and encouragement to others.

Catholic Daughters will also be selling pecans after weekend Masses outside the church, November 7-8 through November 22, or while supplies last. We'll have a variety to choose from, including raw pecan halves, chocolate-covered pecans, glazed pecans, and more.

For more information, please contact our Regent, Janie Hoyt, at 256-651-4367.

First Friday, November 6th
Mass at 8am followed by Anointing
Mass at 6:30pm followed by Adoration

Help Wanted! Do you crochet or knit? The **Saint Veronica's Blanket Ministry** could use your help! This ministry provides a handmade blanket to the newly baptized babies in our parish. Would you join us in restocking our shelves during our November Blanket Blitz? You don't need to buy yarn; we have project bags made up with crochet and knit weight yarns. For fun, participate in the Silly Baby Blanket Crochet Along! Or commit to 3 rows per day to finish in November. You can turn in your blanket to the office or bring it to a social at the beginning of December. Jackie Henderson will have project bags at the Fall Festival as well as on our shelves in Trecy Hall. **Sign up/Connect with us at:** https://forms.gle/xRNR3FAMpgVZdzaw8

Weekly Schedule & Intentions
PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 31
5:30pm Our Columbarium Ministry
Sunday, November 1
8:00am † William "Tex" Bailey
9:30am Youth Faith Formation/Parish Hall
9:30am OCIA/Trecy Hall
9:30am Adult Faith Formation/Visitation Hall
11:30am Nazareth House/Holy Family Room
11:00am Our Publication Ministry
12:30pm For the Parish
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution
Monday, November 2
8:00am For the Parish
Noon All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm † Natanael Garcia
Tuesday, November 3
8:00am † All Deceased Dominicans
5pm Finance Council/Office
6pm Catholic Daughters/Trecy Hall
Wednesday, November 4
8:00am † Mary & Thomas Dunne
10am Pray & Play Katie LeBlanc 334.470.7854 for location
5:30pm OCIA Dinner; 6pm OCIA/Trecy Hall
6pm Parish Pastoral Council/Parish Hall
Thursday, November 5
8:00am Paul Torrey (I)
8:30am Ladies Sodality/Trecy Hall
6:00pm Men of St. Joseph/Holy Family Room
7:00pm YA Bible Study/Visitation Hall
Friday, November 6
8:00am † Marilyn Plonka
8am Mass followed by Anointing
8:30am 1st Friday Lite Breakfast/Visitation Hall
6:30pm † Carole Eskridge
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration
Saturday, November 7
5:30pm † Mary Ann Horvath
Sunday, November 8
8:00am † Marilyn Plonka
9:30am Youth Faith Formation/Parish Hall
9:30am OCIA/Trecy Hall
9:30am Adult Faith Formation/Visitation Hall
11:30am Nazareth House/Holy Family Room
11:00am † Billy Wilson
12:30pm For the Parish
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

St. Martin of Tours Ministry - Father Jose will dedicate the 8am Sunday Mass on November 8th to our parish's veterans. Pews will be reserved for veterans to sit together. Father will offer a special blessing for the veterans, and a reception will follow in Visitation Hall for the veterans and their families. Please email Steve Plonka at plon2@aol.com no later than Friday, November 6th, if you will be attending so we can plan for the proper space and refreshments.

Father will also celebrate a special Mass on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary Procession to the Veterans Memorial where we will lay a wreath for all of our nation's veterans. Afterwards there will be a reception in Visitation Hall with refreshments for all. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to convey our parish's high regard for all of those who have served, or are serving, our nation. Please send an email to Steve Plonka at plon2@aol.com no later than Sunday, November 8th, with the number of attendees so we can plan appropriately for the reception.

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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