

APRIL 12, 2026 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



# 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

**Pastor: Rev. Jose Raphy Ambooken**

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Cherie Miller | ministries.smv@gmail.com

### 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

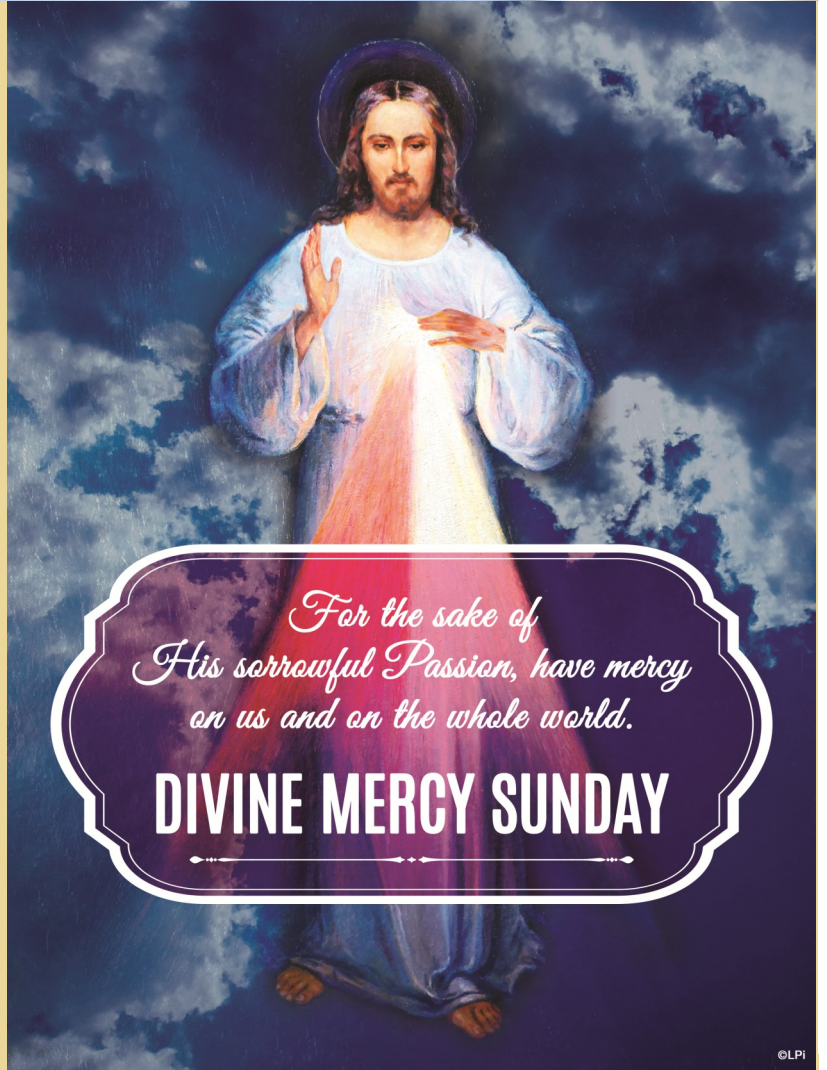
Mon–Thu 8:30am–3:30pm | Fri 8:30am–12:30pm

**After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758**

### Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N  
Huntsville, AL 35801

**256.536.6349/www.smvparish.com**



### Save the Date

**April 26**—Parish Hall Dedication after the 8am Mass. Open house until 10:45.

**May 2**—Nite at the Races at the Parish Hall

**May 17**—Parish Picnic at the Parish Hall

### Financial Contributions

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

#### March 4/5

Weekly Church Support.....\$27,150  
Holy Family.....\$20  
JP II High School.....\$0

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Dear Parish Family,

Warm Easter greetings to you all! Last week, we joyfully celebrated the great feast of Easter, the victory of life over death and light over darkness. Our parish liturgies during Holy Week were prayerful and meaningful, drawing us deeply into the mystery of our salvation. I take this opportunity to express again my sincere gratitude to all our volunteers, who generously offered their time and talents. Your dedication truly enriched our celebrations.

This week, we continued in the grace of Easter through the Divine Mercy Novena. These days invite us to reflect on the boundless mercy of God, revealed through the Risen Lord.

This Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a beautiful reminder that God's mercy is greater than our sins and failures. In today's Gospel (John 20:19-31), we encounter the Risen Jesus appearing to His disciples, bringing them peace and breathing upon them the gift of the Holy Spirit. We also see the journey of Thomas, who moves from doubt to a profound confession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" His story speaks to each of us, especially in moments of uncertainty, inviting us to trust in the living presence of Christ.

In my Eastern rite (Syro-Malabar) tradition, today we also remember St. Thomas the Apostle, the father of our faith, in our liturgies in a special way. His courageous proclamation and deep faith continue to inspire us to remain steadfast and to witness Christ in our daily lives.

May this Easter season renew our hearts in faith, strengthen our hope, and deepen our trust in God's infinite mercy.

Wishing you all a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!

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](http://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.

**Apr 5–Apr 12** For the intentions of:  
**Sun** Mr.&Mrs. Charles Taylor  
**Mon** Mr.&Mrs. Charles Taylor  
**Tues** Mr.&Mrs. Jeff Taylor  
**Wed** Mr.&Mrs. Matthew Taylor  
**Thurs** Ms. Rachel Taylor  
**Fri** Mr. Timothy Taylor  
**Sat** Mr.&Mrs. Nicholas Teets  
**Sun** Mr.&Mrs. William Terrell

### Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 12, 2026

**Sun:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**Mon:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8 **St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**

**Tues:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wed:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

**Thurs:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

**Fri:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Sat:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21



Get ready for **Rainforest Falls VBS!**

**June 15-19**  
for preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
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Adult volunteers are needed. If you can help, please email our DRE at [Jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com)

**Nursery Worker Needed** (Paid Position) to care for children age 4 and under during Sunday Masses. If interested, email your resume to [smvparish@smvparish.org](mailto:smvparish@smvparish.org).



**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.

For a list of our ministries visit our website at [www.smvparish.com](http://www.smvparish.com) or pick up a Guide to Ministries in the church narthex.

**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, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, Lisa Downard, Seraphina Newquist, and Paul Torrey.



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

**Parish Workday at the Rectory**  
**Saturday, April 25 8:00am**  
**Breakfast and lunch provided.**  
**More information to follow.**

## Gazebo Volunteers Needed

One Mass once/twice a month. 8am & 11am Masses only...



please contact Patrick Davis  
 610-322-0857 or  
 tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com.  
 Or sign up at  
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The **Food Pantry** is needing the following items: cereal (any size); pasta, pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups; canned chicken, spam, and tuna; and canned fruit.

Thank you for all your generous donations.

**Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List.**



## Weekly Schedule & Intentions

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE**

### Saturday, April 11

5:00pm | Divine Mercy Novena  
**5:30pm | Scott Reed Family (I)**

### Sunday, April 12

7:30am | Divine Mercy Novena  
**8:00am | † Avery Reed**  
 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**  
**12:30pm | † Billie Stone Carman**  
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

### Monday, April 13

3:30pm | Quilting Class (VH)

### Tuesday, April 14

**8:00am | † Betty Rhodes**  
 6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

### Wednesday, April 15

**8:00am | † Bobby Leslie**  
 6:00pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)  
 6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry (VH)

### Thursday, April 16

**8:00am | † Patrick George Torrey**  
 6:00pm | Women's Ministry (TH)  
 6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

### Friday, April 17

**8:00am | Miles Ibarra(I)**  
 8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)  
 5:00pm | 55+ Potluck (TH)

### Saturday, April 18

7:00am | Into the Breach (TH)

### Sunday, April 19

**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 | Young Professional Brunch (TH)  
**11:00am | Dn. Jeff & Liz Montgomery (I)**  
**12:30pm | Mike Janssen (I)**  
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room, (O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (VH) Visitation Hall

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## TEEN & YOUNG ADULT

### Eucharistic Encounter

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**APRIL 25, 2026 \* 9:30 AM - 5 PM**

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This special event invites teens and young adults to explore their faith, find encouragement, and grow together in community.

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## Altar Servers Needed!

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Karen Vandiver at [j.vandiver@mchsi.com](mailto:j.vandiver@mchsi.com)

“  
 MY LORD AND MY GOD!  
 ”

APOSTLE

- ST. THOMAS

## SMV 2026 ANNUAL "FUN" DRAISER

### CINCO DE DERBY

(A NITE AT THE RACES & CINCO DE MAYO COMBINED INTO ONE FUN NIGHT)

Saturday, May 2, at the Parish Hall

Doors open at 6:30pm, races begin at 7:00pm

**\$25 entrance fee includes: Taco Bar Buffet, \$10 in "betting" chips, and lots of fun and fellowship. \$30 at the door.**

Horse ownerships are available for a \$25 donation per horse— if your horse wins it's race, you are the winner of a \$100 prize.

**Come be part of the fun—This is an adult-only event but free on-site childcare is provided by SMV's Catholic Daughters of America.**

Mint Juleps, Margaritas, Wine, and Beer available for a donation.

**Tickets/Horses on sale after all Masses until sold out.**

We're Buzzing to be Back!

**55+ Pot Luck Dinner**

Fri., April 17th, 5:00 pm  
 Fr. Treacy Room

Please bring a dish or dessert to share.  
 Drinks provided.

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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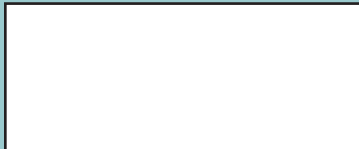
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cvpakovsky@bhmdioocese.org  
256-536-0073



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