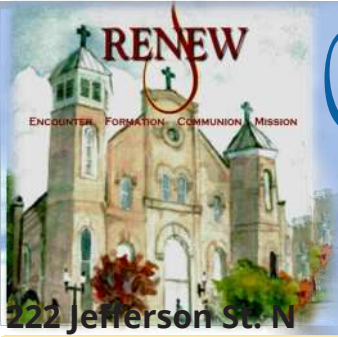


SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025

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

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellissery, PhD

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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

Contact Us

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Save the Date

SEP 21: Farewell Luncheon for Fr. Joy, 12:30–2:30 at the PH

UPDATE: Our Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO, has been postponed. See page 3 of the bulletin for more information.

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

September 13/14

Weekly Church Support.....\$15,541

Holy Family.....\$335

JPII High School.....\$160

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer for Trust

Jesus, with Your gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe You when You say You want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer. Amen.

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Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us – a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

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.

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of September 21st

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18 **National Migration Week**

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21 **St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22 **Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45 **St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Faith Formation

Pray With Us!

This week, our 5th grade class asks you to join them in praying for disabled and homeless veterans and their families, that they receive the medical care and support they need.



Thank You to our Director of Religious Education and to all of our catechists and subs. Please pray for them this week!

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.

Weekly Emails

are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

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.

Monthly Newsletter

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

Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Steve Montgomery, George Bury, Joan Smith, Ann Geist, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, and Jim Bodine.

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





Women's Ministry

Ladies, join us as we Pray the Rosary under the big oak tree at the Brosemer Flower Farm at our Women's Ministry meeting on **Saturday, September 27** at **10:00 a.m.** Parishioner Mary Francis Brosemer will teach us the basics of flower arranging, and you will get to take home your arrangement. Bring your rosary, lawn chair, and a snack to share for a picnic. Look for the blue balloons marking the entrance at the **Brosemer Flower Farm located at 3008 Winchester Road NW, Huntsville 35810.** If you're interested in this fun-filled faithful morning at the farm, please contact **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com for more information.**

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A **Farewell Luncheon** for Fr. Joy will be held **TODAY** from **12:30-2:30** at the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Heavenly Father,

*We thank You for the gift of our priest,
Father Joy, who has faithfully served
this parish with love and devotion.*

*As he prepares to leave, we ask for Your
blessing upon him. Guide him in his new
ministry, and grant him wisdom,
strength, and peace.*

*Comfort our hearts as we say goodbye,
and help us trust in Your plans for the
future.*

*May Your grace unite us as a parish
family, and may Your light shine brightly
through the work of Your servants.*

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO, planned for the end of September has been postponed. We hope to set a date for the Lenten season in 2026.

If you have questions, please contact
Fran Riley, fmriley5@gmail.com
or Mike Janssen, mjj032753@gmail.com

The Food Pantry needs the following items: peanut butter, jelly; soups; pasta, pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; instant oatmeal; gravy; Vienna sausages; ramen noodles; canned chicken, meat; and cereal. Thank you again for all your continued donations.

**Scan the QR code to see our
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Weekly Schedule & Intentions

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

Saturday, September 20

5:30pm | For the Parish

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

Sunday, September 21

8:00am | † Manuel Corona

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | † Patrick Bolton

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

**12:30-2:30pm | Farewell Luncheon for
Father Joy (PH)**

Monday, September 22

3:30pm | Quilting Club (TH)

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

Tuesday, September 23

8:00am | Fr. Jim Koressel (I)

Wednesday, September 24

8:00am | † Bea & Charles Albright

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | St. Lawrence Ministry (VH)

Thursday, September 25

8:00am | † Jeffrey Skupien

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

Friday, September 26

8:00am | † Bernard McGuire

8:30am | Coffee Social

6:30pm | Catholic Homeschoolers (TH)

Saturday, September 27

10:00am | Women's Ministry visit to
Brosemer Flower Farm

5:30pm | † Raymond Schleeper

Sunday, September 28

8:00am | † Judy Mulherin

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Parish

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)**

The Homebound Prayer Ministry

visits our homebound parishioners and prays with them and anyone from the parish that may need a prayer visit in their homes. If you are interested in having a prayer visit, please contact **Steve Venckus at 703-599-8528 or email Svenckus1@verizon.net.** If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Steve as well.

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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