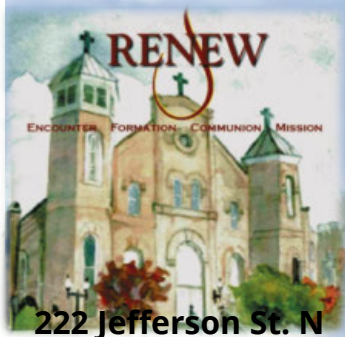


APRIL 27, 2025 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



# 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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**Cherie Miller** | [ministries.smv@gmail.com](mailto: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: 256.384.3741**

### Contact Us

222 Jefferson St. N

Huntsville, AL 35801

**256.536.6349**

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### Save the Date

**May 10**—Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville

**May 17**—Nite at the Races in the Parish Hall

### Financial Contribution

**Apr 12/13 & 19/20**

Weekly Church Support.....\$38,605  
Holy Family.....\$440  
JP II High School.....\$120  
2nd Collection Bldg Fund.....\$2,621  
Bake Sale.....\$824

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## Pope Francis Biography

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.



**Our Lenten Prayer Ribbons will continue until Pentecost Sunday**

Please tie a ribbon and say a prayer!

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**



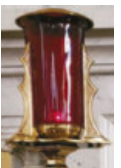
## Parish Registration

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.

## Sanctuary Lamp

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.

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. George Heeschen
- Mon** Mr. Alexander Henderson
- Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Chris Henderson
- Wed** Mrs. Donna Hergert
- Thurs** Ms. Laura Hernandez
- Fri** Ms. Patsy Hicks
- Sat** Mrs. Patti Hicks
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Sean Higgins



**April 26-May 4** For the intentions of:

## Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 27th

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8 **St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 **St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21 **St. Pius V, Pope**

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36 **St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer**

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 **St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14 **Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**

## Faith Formation

Please pray this week for the children in our parish preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time next weekend.



May 1st



National Day of Prayer

## Online Giving

Contributions can be made through our website: [smvparish.com](http://smvparish.com) by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office at 256-536-6349 if you have questions or for more information.

## Altar Flowers

may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Please 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

Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Kathy Rogers, Emory & Virginia McCullough, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Ann Geist, Manuel Corona, Mark Corona, and Gerard Drumm.

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

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



## Attention all graduating high school seniors enrolled in a university, college or technical school!

Applications for our \$500 annual **Parish Education Award** are now available. Details and entry forms are available in the back of the church in the narthex and in the Saint Mary of the Visitation office. Submit provided entry form, brief autobiography, short essay, and letter of recommendation to the parish office by April 30th. Extra credit on your entry for early applications! Notification of winner(s) will be made in May.

### Women's Ministry

Ladies, get your garden tea party hats ready for our annual **Tea Party with Blessed Mother Mary** on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall. Come enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. There will be tea sandwiches, scones, and petite desserts to enjoy. **Our guest speaker is Molly Cook.** She will share her faith-filled story of how she and her husband have embraced God's unexpected plan for their family. Their son, Liam, now 2 years old, was born with a rare genetic disorder and underwent a liver transplant at 9 months old. Come hear Molly's incredible story of faith, courage, and hope.



### The Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville

is May 10, 9am-3pm. Meet in front of the John Paul II Center at the Shrine. Carpooling from the Visitation parking lot will also be available. A sign-up sheet and flyer with the itinerary is available in the narthex.

**For more information:**  
mjj032753@gmail.com

### First Friday Mass/Anointing May 2nd at 8:00am

Join us for a lite breakfast and fellowship afterwards in Visitation Hall.

### First Thursday Adoration

May 1st at 7:00pm



**Food Pantry** SMV's Food Pantry Ministry hopes everyone had a happy and blessed Easter. It was a beautiful day to give out food to our downtown community neighbors. The food pantry is requesting the following items: peanut butter, jelly; soups; canned chicken, tuna; Vienna sausages; cereal; canned vegetables. Thank you so much for your continued generous donations.

Scan the QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.  
Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>.



### Weekly Schedule & Intentions

#### Saturday, April 26

5:00pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet

**5:30pm | For the Parish**

#### Sunday, April 27

7:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet

**8:00am | For the Sacristan Ministry**

8:30-10:30am | KofC Free Parish Appreciation Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

10:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet

**11:00am | † Jesse Turner**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

#### Monday, April 28

4:00pm | Quilting Class (TH)

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

#### Tuesday, April 29

**8:00am | All Dominicans Living & Deceased**

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

#### Wednesday, April 30

**8:00am | † Monica Bannon**

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

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

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)

#### Thursday, May 1

**8:00am | † Edward Bannon**

8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration

#### Friday, May 2

**8:00am | † Keavy Ruth Nenner**

First Friday Mass & Anointing

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast

#### Saturday, May 3

**5:30pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry**

#### Sunday, May 4

**8:00am | † Patricia Schwanke**

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

**11:00am | For the Parish**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

2:30pm | First Communion Mass

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

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

**(VH)** Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

### Knights of Columbus

**FREE Parish Appreciation Breakfast  
TODAY 8:30-10:30am at the Parish Hall.**



### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Oct 18-25, 2025 with Via Immaculata Guided Tours, accompanied by Father Joy.** Total trip cost including meals and gratuities will be approximately \$3500. \$2700 is paid to the tour company directly, with a registration deposit of \$350, which includes Airfare, double Hotel rooms with Breakfast, Coach Bus transportation, and English guide. We will be visiting Mexico City; Guanajuato; Cristero Saints; and Guadalupe.

Registration form link: <https://form.jotform.com/250644352920150>

For information contact Michael Riley at michael.rileyjr1@gmail.com or Father Joy.



**Brooks McCormick Silva  
April 20, 2025**

**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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