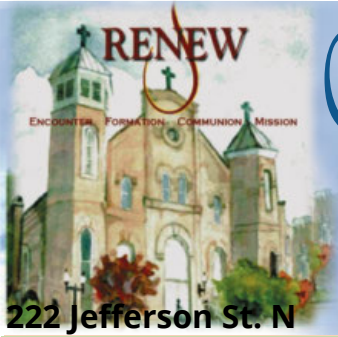


OCTOBER 5, 2025 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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: To be assigned

Deacon: Dn. Jeff Montgomery

jeffmontgomery35758@gmail.com

Director of Religious Education

Jennifer Kilroy | jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com

Bookkeeper

Lynne Greco | finance@smvparish.org

Office Manager

Lois Lindsey | smvparish@smvparish.org

Ministries Coordinator

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: 256.384.3741

Contact Us

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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Save the Date

Oct 7-8: 24-Hour Chain Rosary

Oct 12: Pet/Companion Blessing

Nov 1: All Saints Day Mass at 9am

***Until our new pastor is assigned, we will have Communion Services Tuesday–Friday at 8am. Confessions will be Saturday only, 4–5 pm.**

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

September 27/28

Weekly Church Support.....\$14,578

Holy Family.....\$160

JPII High School.....\$120

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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



October 5th

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God, help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE. Amen.
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Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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.

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.

Sep 28-Oct 5 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. Ivan Morales
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Moreau
Tues Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morgan
Wed Mr. & Mrs. Sean Moriarty
Thurs Mr. Andrew Morris
Fri Mr. John Morris
Sat Ms. Maggie Morris
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Richard Morris



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of October 5

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 **St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42 **Our Lady of the Rosary**

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13 **St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest**

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28 **St. John XXIII, Pope**

Faith Formation

Pray With Us!

Our Confirmation class asks that we pray this week for those who are struggling in and questioning their faith, that they may grow in their relationship and likeness with God.



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.



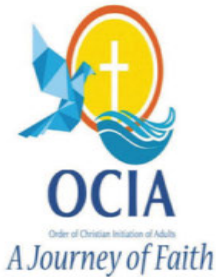
Monthly Newsletter

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

Prayer Requests 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





Our classes began on September 7 with 37 men and women who are on a journey of faith. The OCIA Team is deeply grateful for the opportunity to accompany all those who are seeking the Catholic faith. Together, we journey through the first stage of OCIA, the Pre-Catechumenate session, which is a time of inquiry. We invite our parish family to join us in praying for the Inquirers as they discern God's call and take their first step toward full communion with the Catholic Church. May our support and intercession encourage them as they continue their walk of faith.

Catholic Daughters Pecan Sales return this year starting in November. Sell dates will be November 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16. We will be set up outside after weekend masses with cases on hand to sell this year rather than taking preorders. All pecan products will cost \$12 each. We thank you for supporting our work! **Contact Janie Hoyt with questions, 256-651-4367.**



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.

24-Hour Chain Rosary

On Tuesday, October 7, we will begin a 24-hour chain rosary prayer. The non-stop rosary will begin with Adoration and a Rosary at 7:30am, followed by a Communion Service at 8:00am and will conclude with Adoration and a Rosary on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:30am and a Communion Service at 8:00am. Please sign-up in the narthex or use the Signup Genius located on our website, smvparish.com. We are making a special plea to Our Lady for her intercession to help in our renovations.



Pet/Companion Blessing
Sunday, October 12, 1:00pm
in Mary's Garden Courtyard.

55 + Spaghetti Dinner

October 17th - 5:00pm

Fr. Treacy Hall

Dinner, Dessert and Beverages provided Just bring yourself and enjoy some fellowship and a few surprises!



October Women's Ministry Meeting

The ladies of the Women's Ministry will be assembling Blessing Bags on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm in Fr. Treacy Hall for the less fortunate in our area and ShowerUp Huntsville. If you'd like to donate, we are accepting hygiene items such as travel-sized toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, combs/brushes, and hand sanitizer. We're also asking for socks for men & women. A collection box is located in the church narthex to accept donations this weekend and next weekend, October 10/11.

If you have questions, please contact **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com**.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 4

5:30pm | † **Manuel Corona**

Sunday, October 5

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

NO Adult/Youth Faith Formation or Nazareth House

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | † **Lynn Gagne**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

7:30am | Adoration/Rosary (Begin 24-Hour Chain Rosary)

8:00am | Communion Service

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

Wednesday, October 8

7:30am | Adoration & Rosary

8:00am | Communion Service

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

6:00pm | Knights of Columbus (PH)

Thursday, October 9

8:00am | Communion Service

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

6:30pm | St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, October 10

8:00am | Communion Service

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

6:00pm | The Light Ahead (TH)

Saturday, October 11

11:00 | Rocket City Regulators (PH)

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

Sunday, October 12

8:00am | **Stephen & Jannie Krall (I)**

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | † **Manuel Corona**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

1:00pm | **Pet Blessing (Courtyard)**

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

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

Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

The Food Pantry is requesting the following items: soups; canned chicken, & meat; cereal; jelly; canned fruit; applesauce; peanut butter or cheese crackers. Thank you for your generous donations.

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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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