

He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Jn 20:6-8

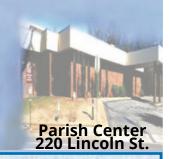
## **APRIL 20TH, 2025 | EASTER SUNDAY**



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#### 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

#### **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

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The office will be closed on Easter Monday.

Dear Beloved Family of God,

Happy Easter! Today, we rejoice in the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is through His triumph over sin and death that we are filled with hope and renewed in His eternal promise of love and salvation.

We as a parish family began this year with Bishop Raica lighting the candle of Jubilee of Hope and Renew Visitation. He blessed and opened the new wheel chair access door. Our theme was "Renew" and in Lent we added "Be Holy" to the theme. We are an official pilgrimage site of the Jubilee of Hope, and my wish is that we all take spiritual advantage of the opportunity.

I am so grateful for your Lenten efforts of practicing virtues daily in addition to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Hope all the efforts and programs we had in this Lent were useful in renewing ourselves and becoming holier. Thank you for your incredible participation. Thanks to all our 64 ministries and their heads for the awesome leadership.

As we celebrate this holy day, I pray that your hearts may be touched by the boundless joy and peace of the risen Lord. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives, guiding you to love, hope, serve, and grow ever closer to Him.

Thank you for being a cherished part of our Visitation spiritual family. Your faith and devotion inspire me, and I am grateful to walk with you in our shared journey of faith.

May God's blessings be with you and your loved ones this Easter and always.

In the Love of Christ and the Mother, Fr. Joy Thomas Nellissery

#### Save the Date

April 26—Rectory Workday May 4—First Communion Mass May 10-Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville

May 17-Nite at the Races in the Parish Hall

May 18—Parish Picnic

**Entering from Washington St** Parking Lot Gate Code 222

#### **Financial Contribution**

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

Due to an early bulletin submission financial contributions for Apr 12/13 will be included in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

# Prayer, Worship, Ministry

#### **The Parish Pastoral Council**

welcomes new members Bryan Miller, Steve Plonka, & Logan Shelton. and extends a thank you to our outgoing members, Billy Wilson, John Cooney, and Jennifer Skupien.



Tenebrae: Thank you to all who participated in the three days of prayer. Special thank you to Mike Janssen for taking leadership, and for the choir, lectors, and leaders for using their talents to enrich the prayer service. Thank you all so much!

Holy Week: Thanks to all who worked hard to prepare our church and grounds for this special week: the team of Decorators, the Altar Flower Ministry, the Altar Linen Ministry, and the Buildings & Grounds team. Thank you to those who assisted at the Masses: Ambassadors, Lectors, Altar Servers, Deacon Jeff, and Jackie Henderson, Loralee Fontenot, and the Choirs. And to any who volunteered who are not part of the above groups-Thank You!

Divine Mercy Novena: Thank you for all who are participating in the Novena. Please join the Novena weekdays after the 8:00am Mass and the weekend before the Mass, and concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27.

#### The Finance Council

welcomes new members Barbara Schiavone and Mike Janssen. and extends a thank you to our outgoing members, James Curtin and Caroline Ellers.



To all who helped with the OICA and Confirmation receptions.

Please send news, pictures, etc., for consideration in the SMV Monthly Newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com

by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's newsletter.

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

#### **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** Ms. Kay Hanson

Mon Ms. Jane Hardebeck

Tues Ms. Britanee Harris Wed Mr. Jonathon Harrison

Thurs Mr. & Mrs. Michael Harwood

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Austin Hawk Sat Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hawkes

Sun Mr. & Mrs. George Heeschen

**Apr 19–Apr 27** For the intentions of:

#### Weekly Readings & Observances-Week of April 20th

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15 Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18 Tuesday within the

Octave of Easter: Earth Day

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 Wednesday within the

Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 Thursday within the

Octave of Easter

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14 Friday within the

Octave; Arbor Day

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15 Saturday within

the Octave of Easter

#### **Faith Formation** Pray with us!

Please join our HSA students this week in praying that those being received into full communion with the Church will continue on their faith journey and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

**Online Giving** Contributions can be made through our website: 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. 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 Unborn Baby Boy Bartlett, and Gerard Drumm.

## **In Memory**

Joe & Majorie Agee Susan Shaw Agee Bea & Charles Albright

Pam Alcorn Cristal Alexia

Josephine Amtenbrink

Paul Amtenbrink

Mr. & Mrs. H. Anderson

Deborah Booth Armstrong

All Unborn Babies
Dennis Barrett

James & Joyce Berdahl Debbie & John Bilinski

Theodore Blair
Vera Boggess
Patrick Bolton
Robert J. Bolton
Theresa Brower

Theresa Brewer lanthia Bridges

Baby Bryan

Harold & Edna Bryan

Martha Campbell Joseph Chiluk-ki

Richard G. Clawson

Bobby Cole John Cole, Jr.

Claire Coleman

Margret Comgen
Robert Comgen

Gladys Comus

Joseph & Caroline Cooney

Randy Cooper
Christine Cornelius

Marie Coulter
Robert Crampton

Roger & Betty Crampton

Simone Curtis
Butch Damson
Mark Danison
JoAnn Davidson
John Davidson

Arthur & Dorothy Davis Mary Lee & Lytton Davis

Robert W. Davis

Philip P. Donahue Eimer Family Helen Elking

Conway L. & Gloria Ellers Anthony & Joyce Ellis Larry & Corinne Finckenor

David Florian Greg Florian

Huey & Mildred Ford

Cathy Fortin
Alberto Francisci
Frank & Mary Freidhoff
Bob & Erma Galindo
Donald Geidner
George Geist
Martha Geist

Mr. & Mrs. John Geist

**Reaves Geist** 

Anne, Bernard & Ralph Gerken

Lamar & Jane Gilmore Ruth & Millard Gorum Neil & Molly Gossage

Grandpa Grill Mario Gregorio

Rick Hall Robert Hartley, Jr.

Mattie Hellard

James G. & Mary Holland

Hope Homelvig Betty Howse

Jerry & Dolan Howse
Dr. Donald & Mary Huber

Eugene J. Hufnagel Faye E. Hufnagel Hurd Family Barbara Jacko

Mr. & Mrs. J. Jett Mr. Ted Jett

Lucille Johnson Bradley E. Jones Gene Jones

Jess Jones

David Jordan Robert Hartley Jr. Gertrude Keeley

Vivian & Clifford Kelley

John Kenney
Patrick Kenney
Marianne Kershaw
Mary Frances Kimel

Scott Kimel

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Kungis Family
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Pierre Lequebin
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Joseph M. Lindner
Lena Lindner
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Elizabeth Mash

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Jim Moore

Kathryn Faith Moore

Clay Moquin Joe Moquin Maggie Moquin Louis Moreno

Nicholas & Susan Naymik

Albert Nenninger

Catherine Roling Nenninger

Keavy Ruth Nenninger
Jerome & Mary Nerger
Mary JoAnn Nichols

# **In Memory**

Mary A. Nicolella Michael G. Nicolella

Stephen. Nicolella Earl & Virginia Noe

Catherine L. O'Loughlin

Joe O'Loughlin

Joseph O'Loughlin

Loreta O'Loughlin

Michael Paludan

Mike Panella Family

Tony & Marie Panella

Eugene & Vera Parker John & Janice Patrick

John Patterson

Katherine Patterson

Retta Payne

Doug G. Pearson

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John Porter

**Ed Powers** 

Julia Pritoka

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Frank & Jacqueline Reilly

Parents & Siblings of Amanda Rice

Parents & Siblings of John Rice

Albert L. Rich

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James Robbins, Jr.

Eloi & Racquel Rodrigues

Eloi Rodrigues, Jr.

Phyllis Rothkopf

Harold & Patricia Rupp

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Angelita Santiago

**Daniel Santiago** 

Siegmar Sauerwein

Willimar/Katharina Sauerwein

Syl & Darylene Schneider

Albert Schrenk

Thelma Schrenk

#### In Honor

part of my life.

Pam Cole

Adam Crews

Lilv Crews

Ann Geist

Ben Majors

Nathalie Speer

Jessica Crews

Pope Francis

Diana Lee Bolton

All I have loved on this earth:

for their souls & in gratitude

to God that they have been

Juliette & Bernadette Conklin

Mark & Courtney Conklin

Robert & Karen Davis

Father Joy Nellissery

Matthew Wall Family

Trevor Kelly Family

Norman W. Schwanke

Patricia J. Schwanke

Roger L. Schwanke

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Bo Smith

Sara Smith

Violet E. Smith

Phil Solomon

Adriana Roman Soto

All Souls in Purgatory

Stark

Maryann Stopczynski

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Jesse & Suraiya Turner

J.C. & Irene Vandiver

James Clyde & Frances Vandiver

**Vorsino & Ruffing Families** 

Bill & Shirley Wall

James W. White

George Winghart

Janet Winghart

Yepes Family

Mary Zaczek

Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave! Our Lord is victorious! Alleluia, alleluia!

#### **Confirmation Class 2025**

These young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 12th. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

> Annaliese Benzenhafer Katherine Benzenhafer

> > **Jeremiah Carrillo**

Lane Freiburger

**Brandon Guzman** 

**Eamon Higgins** 

**Jasper Howse** 

**Therese Medallo** 

Victoria Newell Mary Lynn Owens **Peter Smith** Savannah Smith

Thank you Brian and Sharon Mitchell for preparing them to receive this Sacrament!



# OCIA

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming the newly baptized members (adults) of the Catholic Church: Alyson Dowdy, Travis Dunagan, Jeannine Dupree, Martha Potts, Ryan Reynolds, Chloe Rice, Kayla Sharbutt, and Jack Shaw who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th. Also, congratulations and welcome to **McKenna Crawford and** Zack Crawford who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holv Eucharist.

## **Knights of Columbus FREE Parish Appreciation Breakfast**

next Sunday, April 27, 8:30-10:30am at the Parish Hall.

### 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.

Questions? Email Erin Boles at erindacy@icloud.com

Food Pantry The food pantry has another short list thanks to all your generous donations. The food pantry is needing the following items: canned vegetables; jelly; canned tuna; and soups. Thank you very much and God bless!

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

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



To all who brought goodies for the bake sale

and to all who bought them! And a big thank you to the Young Professionals who staffed it!

Our **Church Directory** is available to view on your computer or smartphone! Instant Church Directory—the program we use to build our church directory—has a member website. You can access this website by scanning this QR code or following this link — https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com Create your account by entering the primary email listed on your parish registration and following the directions on-screen.



#### Weekly Schedule & Intentions Saturday, April 19

8:00am | Morning Prayer/Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am | Food Blessing

10:00am | Easter Egg Hunt

8:00pm | For the RCIA Candidates

8:00pm | Easter Vigil

#### Sunday, April 20

7:30am & 10:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:00am | For Gratitude of Life

11:00am | Rosary Making Ministry

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

#### Monday, April 21

8:00am | Communion Service & Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

#### Tuesday, April 22

8:00am | † Joev Harris

8:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

#### Wednesday, April 23

#### 8:00am | William Joseph Schrenk (I)

8:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet 10am | Pray & Play—contact erin.townsend18@gmail.com 6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)

#### Thursday, April 24

8:00am | Jake Davis (I)

8:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

#### Friday, April 25

8:00am | † William Carter Wall

8:30 am | Divine Mercy Chaplet

Coffee Social

6:30pm | Catholic Homeschoolers (TH)

#### Saturday, April 26

5:00pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm | For the Parish

#### Sunday, April 27

7:30 & 10:30am | Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### 8:00am | † Jesse Turner

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (0)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

#### 11:00am | Sacristan Ministry

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

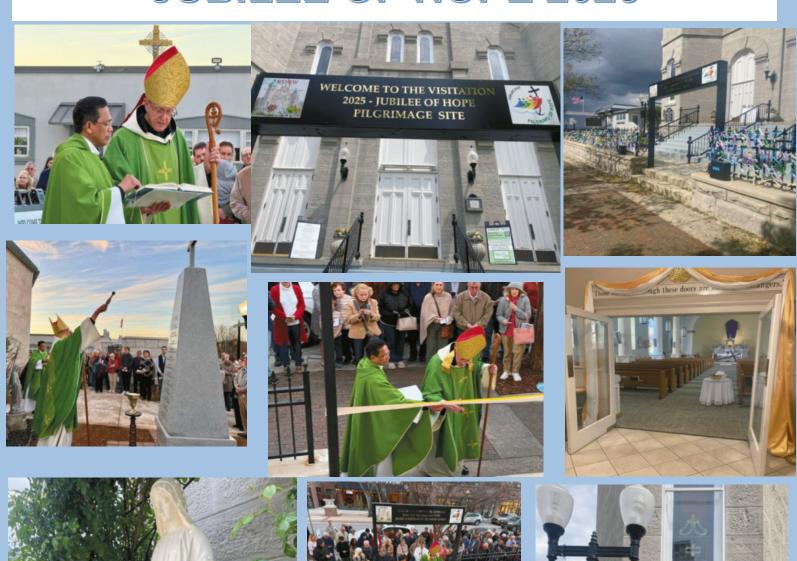
(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room,

(0) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (TH) Trecy Hall,

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

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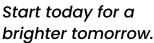
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