

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



222 Jefferson St. N

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 Treacy 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

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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

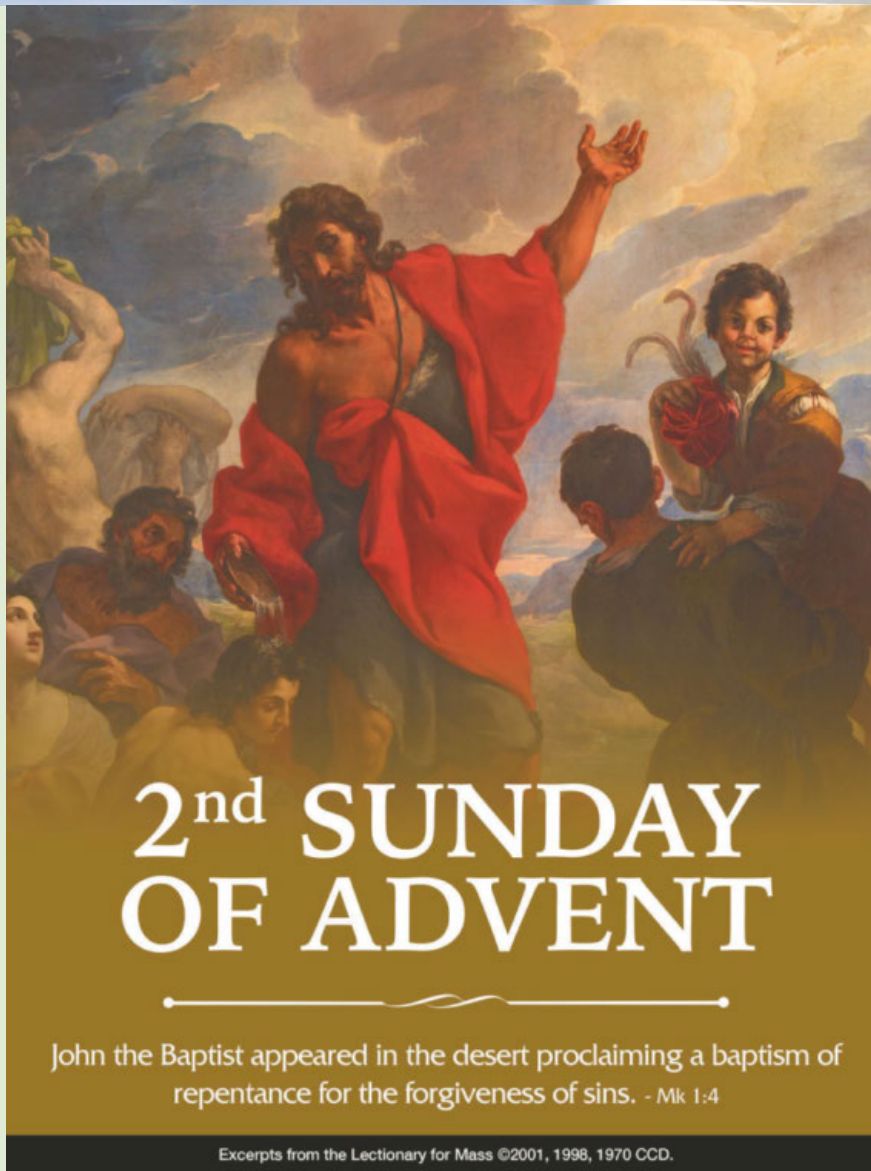
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John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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

Advent Giving Tree Gifts
Due TODAY

Save the Date

Dec 13: KofC Advent Activity Night
Dec 14, & 21: Adoration
December 20: Waiting In Darkness, An Evening of Song, Organ, & 0 Antiphons

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$14,470**
December 3, 2023 Income:
Weekly Church Support.....\$ 14136
Holy Family School.....\$ 55
JP II High School.....\$ 15

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Leadership Team of Visitation

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SMV WEEKLY & MONTHLY INFORMATION

Weekly emails to all registered parishioners will be sent every Wednesday and will serve as a reminder of upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

Please send news/announcements/pictures 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.

Service Commission

55+

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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.

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.

Dec 10–Dec 17 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Walter Langley

Mon Ms. Stacy Lankford

Tue Mr. Larry Lantz

Wed Mr. Joseph Lanza

Thu Ms. Mary Ellen Larson

Fri Ms. Jannon Larue

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Brett Lassus

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Luca Latini



WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

Mon Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26 **St. Damasus I, Pope**

Tues: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30 **St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15 **St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Faith Formation

Wanted: Youth ages 5-18 for the **2023 Christmas Eve Youth Choir** that will lead Lessons & Carols before the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Readers preferred, but non-readers may join with older siblings. For questions, contact Jackie Henderson at 251-602-6963. Scan the QR code to sign up!



Pray with us!

Our PreK-Kindergarten class asks that you join them this week in praying for all people during Advent, that we show love to our families and each other and grow closer to God and Jesus.



Online Giving

Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.org by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office if you have questions or for more information.

Nursery

Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in Treacy Hall.

Prayer Requests

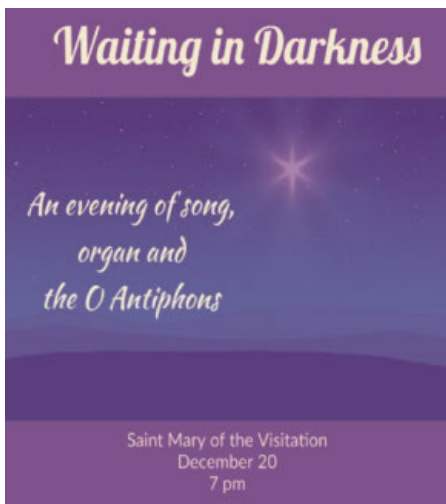
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Have A Prayer Request Or Need A Pastoral Visit?
Contact us for a prayer request 256.536.6349

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council, which meets monthly and assists the pastor in parish affairs, will have rotational vacancies. Please consider serving your parish. You may nominate yourself or a fellow parishioner. Those nominated must meet the active membership requirements at SMV as listed at the bottom of this page. Nomination forms are in the narthex and on our website and **can be placed in the collection next Sunday, December 17th, or returned to the church office no later than Friday, December 22 by noon.**



Waiting in Darkness

An evening of song,
organ and
the O Antiphons

Saint Mary of the Visitation
December 20
7 pm

Christmas Choirs

Christmas is coming & the choirs need you! Consider joining the choir for one of our Christmas liturgies.

For more information contact Jackie Henderson at 251-602-6963.

Women's Ministry

Ladies of the parish, you're invited to our Paint Night Christmas Party for our Women's Ministry meeting on **Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm** in Treacy Hall. Join us for an unforgettable evening of friends, fun, and painting. Art by CandyT will provide everything needed for an exciting night out. There is a \$30 fee which includes supplies to create your 8x10 painting. To pay and reserve your spot, contact **Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697. If you use Venmo, scan this QR code to pay and reserve your spot, and in the comments add St. Mary Church.**



*KnC Council 4080
Invites you
Advent Activity Nights
at the SMV Parish Center
6:30 pm*

Dinner will be served, by the Knights, not you!!

December 6: Rosary and Advent Saints
Be prepared to leave your shoes outside or bring an extra pair!

December 13: O Antiphons
Make wooden ornaments to use as we draw close to Christmas



Your RSVP helps us plan for supplies and food.
Cathdad1970@gmail.com

Christmas Flower Offering

Our Christmas Flower Memorial is a way to remember our deceased and to honor living individuals. Your donations to the Memorial supports our Christmas decorating. Special flower envelopes are in the pew holders and your monthly packet. Please turn in your Christmas flower offering no later than **December 13** for names of your loved ones to appear in the bulletin on Christmas weekend. **Please print names legibly.**



**O Come,
Let Us Adore**

*An opportunity
to sit with
our Lord.
Confession
available.*

I look at Him, and He looks at me. -An old farmer to St John Vianney

*7-8 pm
Saint Mary of the Visitation*

December 7 - December 14 - December 21

This Week's Schedule &

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9

5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, December 10

8:00am | Anthony Venckus (I)

9:00am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15am-10:45am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

12:30pm | Parish Christmas Dinner (PH)

Monday, December 11

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, December 12

8:00am | † Gertie Venckus

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:30pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, December 13

8:00am | † Lon Franklin Raby III

10:00-11:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00pm | Parish Council (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | KoC Advent Activity O Antiphons (PH) Formal Room

7:00pm | Bible Study (VH)

Thursday, December 14

8:00 am | † Bob DeHaye

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

7:00pm | Adoration & Confession

Friday, December 15

8:00 am | † Joe McCormack

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, December 16

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, December 17

8:00am | † Teresa Roling Wilser

9:15am-10:45am | RCIA (TH)

11:00am | † Ina Jenkins

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:30pm-2:30pm | Christmas Dinner (PH)

NO Adult or Youth Faith Formation

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

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church

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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