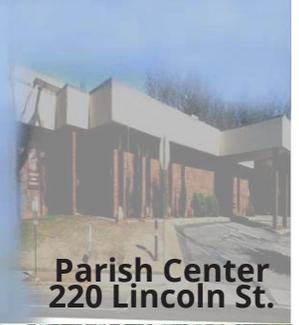




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Parish Center
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Mass Schedule

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

Mass & Adoration

1st Fridays | 6:30pm

Parish Staff

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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

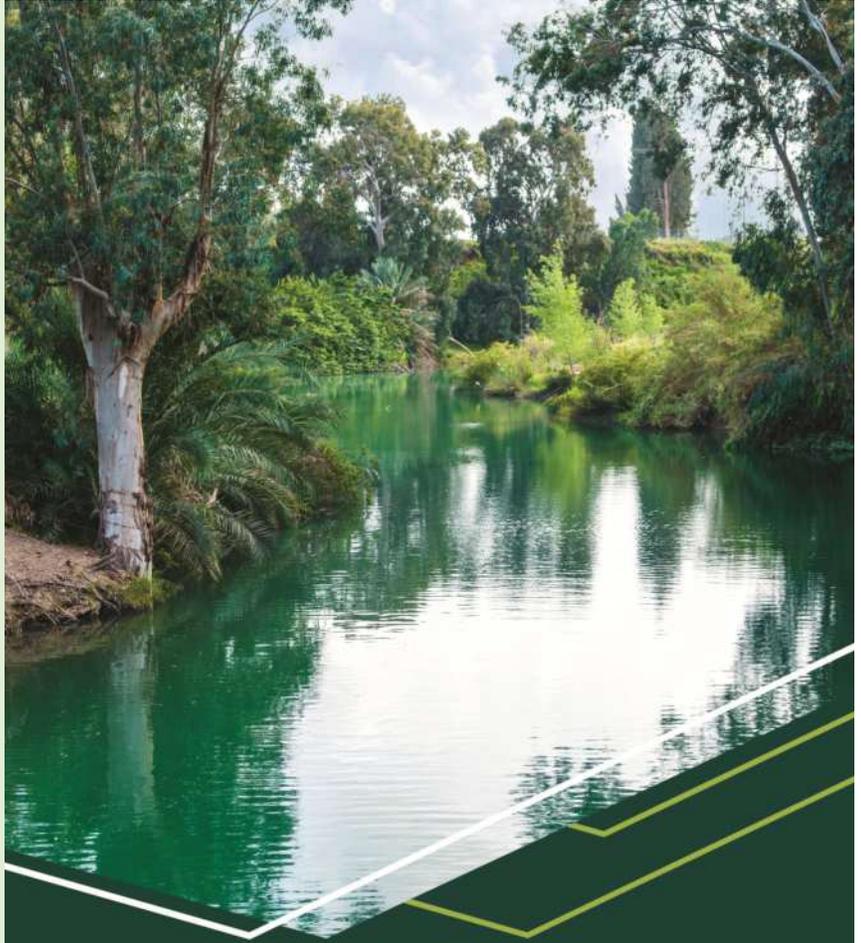
Mon—Thu 8:30am—3:30pm | Fri 8:30am—12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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We will have **Communion Services** at 8am Tues–Friday for the remainder of January. Confessions on Saturday from 4–5pm

Monthly Newsletter

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

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$20,119**

December 27/28 & January 3/4

Weekly Church Support.....	\$70,908
Christmas.....	\$14,585
Holy Family.....	\$376
JPII High School.....	\$95

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Parish Family,

As we gather this weekend, I am grateful to share several joyful updates from our parish community. First, many of you have already noticed that the new front doors of our church have been installed. They are not only beautiful but also a symbol of welcome, strength, and renewal for our parish. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to our generous parishioner who sponsored this project. Some of the stained-glass work related to this improvement will be completed soon. Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during the inconvenience caused by this work. Your support and encouragement mean a great deal.

Today also marks the resumption of all catechism and faith formation classes. I warmly welcome our children, youth, catechists, and parents as we continue this important journey of growing in faith together. Religious education is not simply about learning information, but about forming hearts and lives rooted in Christ.

We also rejoice with our St. Veronica Blanket Ministry as they recently celebrated their first anniversary. This dedicated group has been a wonderful blessing to our parish. As part of their ministry, they prepare a special welcome gift—a crocheted blanket—for our newly baptized babies. What a beautiful expression of love, care, and faith, wrapping our youngest members in warmth and prayer from the very beginning of their Christian life. The ministry also has a quilting group who has prepared and delivered quilts to our homebound as a reminder that they are not alone; that they too are loved and wrapped in prayer. Thank you, members of the St. Veronica Blanket Ministry, for your generosity and commitment.

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17), we see Jesus entering the waters of the Jordan, where He is revealed as the beloved Son of the Father, and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him. This feast reminds us of our own baptism, when we were claimed by God, washed clean, and called to live as His beloved children.

Beginning tomorrow, we enter Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar, symbolized by the green color of hope and growth. Though called "ordinary," this season invites us to live our faith faithfully in the ordinary moments of daily life, growing steadily in holiness.

May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly in the days ahead.

In Christ,
Fr Jose

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.



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.

Jan 11-Jan 18 For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Roughneen
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Roy
- Tues** Ms. Danica Mae Rubia
- Wed** Mrs. Marion Ruffing
- Thurs** Mr. & Mrs. Chris Rush
- Fri** Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Sabatini
- Sat** Mr. Paul Saboe
- Sun** Mrs. Diane Sachs

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of January 11

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

The Baptism of the Lord

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 **St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 **St. Anthony, Abbot**

A Prayer for Safe Travels for Father Jose

Heavenly Father, we lift up Fr. Jose into Your loving care as he travels. Guide his steps and steady his path. Surround him with Your angels, shielding him from harm and leading him away from danger. Grant him peace of mind, strength in body, and joy in spirit, so that he may return to us renewed and ready to continue his holy work. May he draw ever closer to You, and may his travels be a witness to Your love and protection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Faith Formation



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.

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

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

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



Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life Saturday, January 17 Respect Life Mass 9:00 AM · Cathedral of St. Paul 2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life Immediately following the Mass 10:45 AM · Planned Parenthood 1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com Facebook: Birmingham Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life 205-447-8796

In Memoriam
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Damson Father of Susan Park and grandfather of Patton Hammitte



Claire Elizabeth Maslowas
January 4, 2026

Weekly Schedule & Intentions
PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 10
5:30pm | For the Parish
Sunday, January 11
8:00am | † Carolyn Baxter
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)
9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)
9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)
9:30am | OCIA (TH)
11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)
11:00am | † Lisa Mitchell
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
Monday, January 12
3:30pm | Quilting Club (VH)
7pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)
Tuesday, January 13
8am | Communion Service
6pm | Life in Faith (VH)
6:30pm | Women's Ministry (TH)
Wednesday, January 14
8am | Communion Service
10am | Pray & Play (TH)
6pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)
Thursday, January 15
8am | Communion Service
6pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)
Friday, January 16
8am | Communion Service
8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)
5pm | 55+ (TH)
Saturday, January 17
7am | Into the Breach (TH)
5:30pm | For the Parish
Sunday, January 18
8:00am | † Robert Smith
9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)
9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)
9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)
9:30am | OCIA (TH)
11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)
11:00am | † Robert Rees
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)

WOMEN'S CURSILLO ... Looking to grow your faith and love of Jesus? The Cursillo Movement offers the method, tools and support needed to live a fuller, more vibrant Christian life. The next Women's weekend will be held March 12-15, 2026, at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman. For more information text Linda Schaaf at 256-541-2687 or email her at LSchaaf325@gmail.com

Baby Bottle Boomerang is hosted by the Catholic Daughters to benefit the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center. Empty bottles will be distributed again after Masses this weekend. Please return filled bottles after any weekend Mass throughout January. Thank you for your generosity and support of life!

Congratulations!
Madeline Kent & Samuel Barnes
Married January 10, 2026
Thank you to the couple for donating their flowers for the altar.

Women's Ministry
All ladies of the parish are invited to the Women's Ministry meeting on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026** to hear Guest Speaker, Karin Beck, a professional organizer with Karin's Clutter Control. Karin is passionate about organizing and decluttering homes and businesses. She will share her faith-filled story of how she started her professional organizing business. Karin loves repurposing items, creating designated spaces, and maintaining order. She will offer helpful tips on how she assists families in bringing order to their homes through decluttering, repurposing, and organizing. **Join us at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall.**
For more information, contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

55+
Come enjoy a little Winter Wonderland Friday, January 16, 5:00 pm
Fr. Treacy Hall
Soup and Salad Potluck
Please bring your favorite soup, salad, or dessert to share.

The **Food Pantry** is requesting the following items: pasta sauce; canned fruit; instant mashed potatoes; gravy; peanut butter and jelly; ramen noodles; peanut butter crackers; cheese crackers; spam; tuna pouches; and rice. Thank you for your continued generosity!
Scan the QR code to see our Pantry's Amazon Wish List.
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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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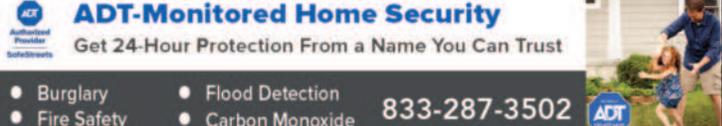
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