

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



222 Jefferson St. N

St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Hall
220 Lincoln St.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass: Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Nursery provided next door in Visitation Hall
for the 8:00am & 11:00am Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday–Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 – 5:00pm

Or by appointment

First Fridays

8:00am Mass & Anointing; 6:30pm Mass & Adoration

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 any time.

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

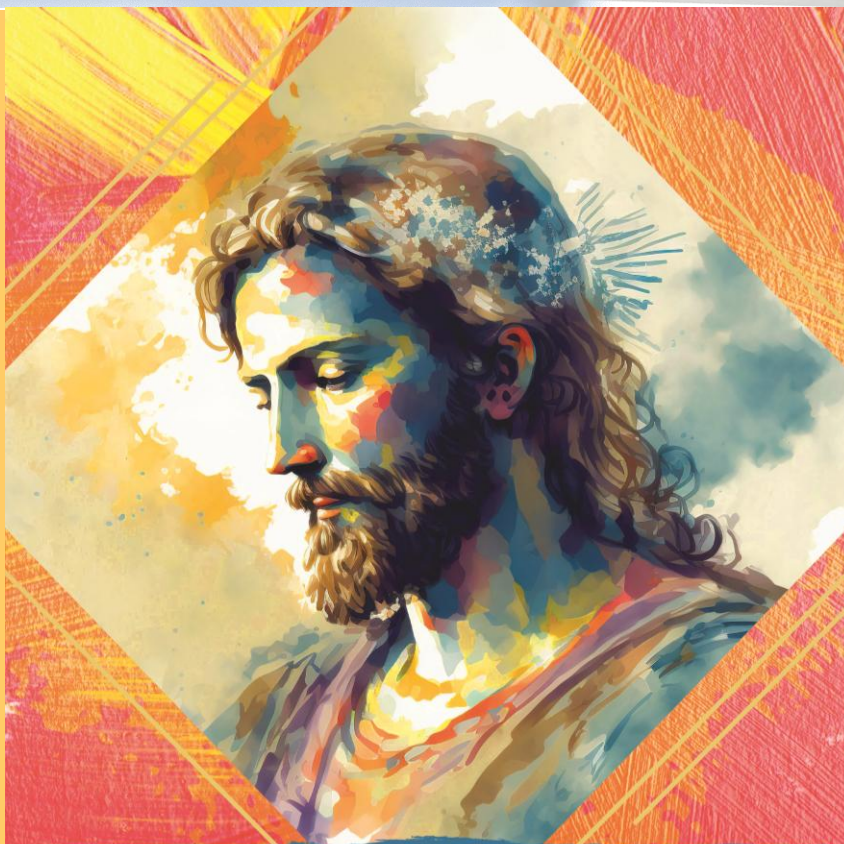
After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

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“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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Save the Date

Sep 4: First Friday Mass at 8am followed by Anointing; Mass at 6:30pm followed by Adoration.

Sep 25: “Who is the Man of the Shroud” Exhibit in the Parish Hall

Oct 4: Blessing of the front stained-glass windows after the 8am Mass and Blessing of Pets after the 12:30pm Mass.

Oct 7: Rosary for World Rosary Day at 7pm in the church

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

Aug 22/23

Weekly Church Support.....\$17,970

Holy Family.....\$50

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Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

As we come to the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel invites us to reflect deeply on what it means to follow Jesus. In Matthew 16:21-27, Jesus tells His disciples that He must suffer, be put to death, and be raised on the third day. He then gives us a challenging invitation: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The Christian life is not always easy or comfortable. Following Christ means being willing to make sacrifices, forgive others, serve generously, and remain faithful even when the path is difficult. Jesus reminds us that true life is not found in gaining everything the world offers, but in giving ourselves to God and to others. As we begin a new month, let us renew our commitment to follow Christ faithfully, carrying our daily crosses with trust and hope.

With August coming to an end, we enter the month of September. The changing of the month is a beautiful opportunity to pause, give thanks for God's blessings, and ask for His guidance for the days ahead. May September be a month of renewed faith, prayer, and service for all of us and for our parish family.

On September 3, we celebrate the feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, who served the Church with great wisdom, humility, and pastoral dedication. On September 5, we celebrate St. Teresa of Calcutta, whose life was a powerful witness to Christ's love for the poor, the sick, and the forgotten. May their examples inspire us to serve others with compassion.

Friday, September 4, is First Friday. We will have 8:00 a.m. Mass followed by the Anointing of the Sick, and 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by one hour of Eucharistic Adoration. I warmly invite everyone to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Family Tip #14: Choose one evening each month to be screen-free. Put away phones, tablets, computers, and television, and spend that time together as a family—talking, praying, playing, or simply enjoying one another's company. These simple moments can become some of the most precious memories of family life.

May God bless you and your families, and may September be a month of abundant grace and peace.

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 during office hours and say a prayer.



Aug 30-Sep 6 For the intentions of:
Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Landon Boggs
Mon: Mr. & Mrs. Ben Boles
Tues: Mrs. Bernadette Bolton
Wed: Ms. Diana Bolton
Thurs: Mrs. DeLourdes Booker
Fri: Miss Kate Borasky
Sat: Mr. & Mrs. Srdjan Boskovic
Sun: Ms. Allison Bosworth

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

No Youth Formation Classes Next Sunday 9/4!

Pray with us!

Each week our students gather to learn and pray together, to grow in their relationship with God, and to strengthen their understanding of the mission that is placed before us all as Christians. Starting next weekend, please check this part of the bulletin for prayer intentions requested by our students. We then humbly invite you to pray with your young brothers and sisters in Christ for the intentions the Holy Spirit has placed on their hearts.

Our Adult Faith Formation Classes will have a "Meet and Greet" TODAY in Visitation Hall at 9:30am.

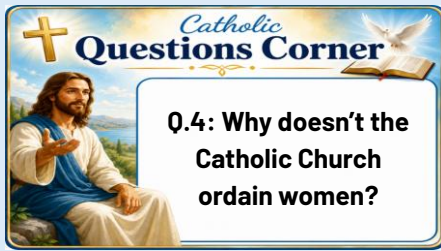
Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. For more information contact the office at smvparish@smvparish.org

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 Dawn Drumm, Jennifer Michael, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, and George Bury.





Saint Frassati's Adventurers is a Catholic women's ministry for those who love exploring God's creation while growing in faith, friendship, and fellowship. This ministry is open to women ages 19 and older and welcomes all experience levels—from seasoned outdoor enthusiasts to those just beginning their adventure. Together, we build lasting friendships, strengthen our faith, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors through activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, and more. Come discover the joy of adventure, community, and encountering God in His creation! **Please see the weekly Newsletter for upcoming events or contact Julie Bury at Julie_Bury@yahoo.com**



The Knights of Columbus Cookbook—The Knights want to thank all those who have submitted recipes for their cookbook and remind everyone that recipes are still being accepted. Forms are available in the narthex.



Vocation Discernment Series for single Catholic women 17-35 who are interested in learning more about vocation discernment and religious life - September 9: What is Discernment and How Do I Do It? November 11: Knowing Yourself in Him 6:30pm-8:30pm. Compline with the Dominican Sisters, Talk, Small Groups, Adoration. Where: St Rose Convent and Academy. Space is limited, so please RSVP by Monday, Sept 6: birmingham@op-tn.org

Hospitality Gazebo—Each church ministry will host the gazebo on a monthly basis. The gazebo is hosted exclusively on **Sundays** (weather permitting) after the 8am Mass and the 11am Mass. The Ushers Ministry will host in September. If you are an usher and have time please consider helping to build community and make friendships by volunteering for the Hospitality Gazebo.



The **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; soups; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; cereal; and ramen noodles. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

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



First Friday—September 4
8:00am Mass followed by
Anointing of the Sick. Join us afterwards for a lite breakfast and fellowship in Visitation Hall.
6:30pm Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Weekly Emails are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing events for the week and other announcements. If you are not receiving the email and would like to please contact the office at smvparish@smvparish.org.



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29

5:30pm † Maximino Urot

Sunday, August 30

8:00am † Mary Jane Pfister

9:30am OCIA (TH)

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am Adult Faith Formation Meet
& Greet (VH)

11:00am For the Parish

12:30pm Lynne Greco (I)

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

Tuesday, September 1

8:00am Cherie Miller (I)

6:00pm Catholic Daughters (TH)

Wednesday, September 2

8:00am Fr. Jim Koresell (I)

10am Pray & Play contact Katie LeBlanc
334.470.7854 for location

6:00pm OCIA (TH)

Thursday, September 3

8am † George Smith

8:30am Ladies Sodality (TH)

6pm Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, September 4

8:00am † Carrie Tumminello

Mass followed by Anointing

8:30am Lite Breakfast (VH)

6:30pm For the Parish

Mass followed by Adoration

Rocket City Regulators contact

Bill Boggess 256-881-2226 for time & location/2-day event

Saturday, September 5

5:30pm † Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer

Sunday, September 6

8:00am † Robert Rees

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

11:00am † Peter John McGraw, Sr.

12:30pm For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room, (O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (TH) Treacy Hall, (VH) Visitation Hall

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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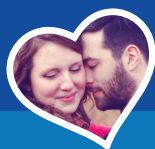
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