



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

### Parish Staff

**Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellissery, PhD**

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**Deacon: Dn. Jeff Montgomery**

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**Director of Religious Education**

**Jennifer Kilroy** | *jennifer.kilroy@gmail.com*

**Bookkeeper**

**Lynne Greco** | *finance@smvparish.org*

**Office Manager**

**Lois Lindsey** | *smvparish@smvparish.com*

**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

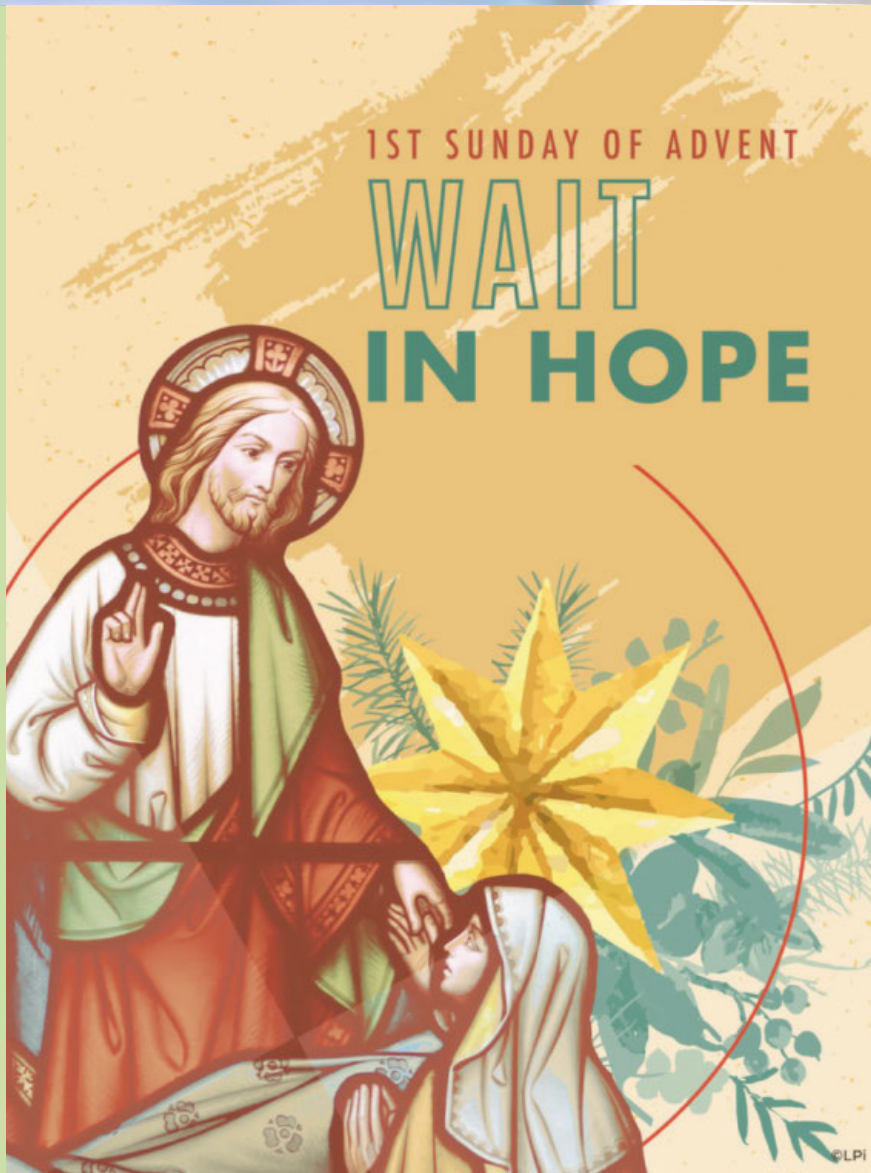
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### Save the Date

**Dec 6 & 13:** KofC Advent Activity Nights

**Dec 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

**Dec 9:** Penance Service

**Dec 7, 14, & 21:** Adoration

**December 10:** Christmas Dinner

**December 20:** Waiting In Darkness, An Evening of Song, Organ, & O Antiphons

### Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$14,470**

Nov 18 & 26, 2023 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$ 25,705

Holy Family School.....\$ 335

JPII High School.....\$ 155

**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

### Finance Council Chair

Ben Boles | bolestv@gmail.com | 256-651-5690

### Pastoral Council Chair

Brian Mitchell | pastoralcouncil@smvparish.org

### Liturgy Council Chair

Jackie Henderson | cjadk@aol.com

### Formation Commission Chair

Mike Janssen | mjj032753@gmail.com | 256-603-0634

### Hospitality Commission Chair

Ed Poniatowski | skibert@aol.com | 256-426-8874

### Prayer Commission Chair

Connie Eimer | ronandcon2u@comcast.net

### Service Commission Chair

## 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 3–Dec 10** For the intentions of:

- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Koshut
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Edward Krieger
- Tue** Ms. Camille Kroeger
- Wed** Dr. Mira Kruja
- Thu** Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kruza
- Fri** Ms. Loretta Kubik
- Sat** Ms. Cathy Kulas
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Chris Langford



## 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.

## Hospitality Commission

### Ambassadors

Kathy Nerger | kathenerger@protonmail.com  
256-617-4203

### Donut Sunday

Donna Winghart | 256-653-3636

### Food Pantry

Martha Jordan | marthaannjordan@gmail.com

### Hospitality Tent

Jerry & Renee Wilson | sportnstitch@gmail.com

### Nicodemus Ministry (Funeral assistance)

Renee Wilson | sportnstitch@gmail.com

### St. Lawrence Ministry (Social Committee)

Ed Poniatowski | skibert@aol.com | 256-426-8874

## National Organizations

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Denise George | 337-401-1855

### Knights of Columbus

Patrick Davis | 610-322-0857

## 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.

## Scripture Conversations

Come join our new Bible study. Wednesdays at 11:00 am or 7 pm in Visitation Hall as we talk about the prior Sunday's readings. For more info contact Diane Sachs at ramblinwreck83@duck.com

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

**Sun:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 **1st Sunday of Advent**

**Mon:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 **St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**Tues:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wed:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 **St. Nicholas, Bishop**

**Thurs:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 **St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Fri:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sat:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 **St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin**

## Faith Formation

### An Advent Family Prayer

God of love, your Son, Jesus, is Your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of Your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for His coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

**Bake Sale** - Thank you to Donna Winghart and her volunteers, and all who supported the sale by donating and buying goodies. Proceeds fund our College Education Award.

## 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.

Altar flowers donated by Liz Montgomery to commemorate the 5th anniversary of Deacon Jeff Montgomery's ordination.



## Nursery



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

## Prayer Requests

Claudia McCoy, Liam Cook, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Milton Mantler

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



**Waiting in Darkness**

An evening of song,  
organ and  
the O Antiphons

Saint Mary of the Visitation  
December 20  
7 pm

**Christmas Cards for Sale Today  
After Mass at the church office.**

**Christmas Dinner**  
The Parish Council is hosting St. Mary's annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, **December 10**, from **12:30-2:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please join us to celebrate the Season of Christmas!

**O Come, Let Us Adore**

An opportunity to all 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

**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.



**Christmas Children's Choir**  
Children are welcome to join the special choir that leads the Lessons & Carols before the **4:30 Christmas Eve Mass**. Readers preferred but non-readers can join with older siblings. Rehearsals are **Dec 20-23, 9-11am in Treacy Hall**. For more info contact Jackie Henderson at **251-602-6963**

**KOC Council 4080**  
Invites you to  
**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

**2023 Advent Giving Tree Gift Cards**  
In the church TODAY after each Mass  
This year our parish will give to the isolated & elderly living in our downtown community and our weekly Food Pantry patrons. For all who selected tags, the wrapped gifts should be placed under the tree by **Sunday, December 10th**. If you want to purchase gift cards for the Giving Tree, they are \$25 and available after each Mass. **Members of the Food Pantry will be available to help.**

**Into the Deep**  
Please join Deacon Jeff on **Wednesday, Dec 6 at 6pm in Treacy Hall** to learn about the 12 Days of Christmas. For more info contact:  
**Deacon Jeff Montgomery at jeffmontgomery35758@gmail.com**

**Food Pantry Request**  
The Food Pantry has a need for the following items: **Pasta sauce, Vienna Sausages, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, applesauce, canned fruit, fruit cups, jelly, peanut butter crackers, Hamburger or Tuna helper**. Scan this QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: **https://linktr.ee/smvpantry**



**This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 2**  
11:00a | BBQ & Cornhole Tournament (PH)  
5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

**Sunday, December 3**  
8:00am | For the Parish  
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 | † Roger Crampton  
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution  
12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

**Monday, December 4**  
7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

**Tuesday, December 5**  
8:00am | † Mary Frances Kimel  
6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)  
6:00pm | Finance Council (O)  
6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

**Wednesday, December 6**  
8:00am | † Daniel & Geraldine Schiavone  
10:00-11:00am | Pray & Play (TH)  
11:00am | Bible Study (VH)  
6:00-8:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)  
6:00pm | Into the Deep (TH)  
6:30pm | KoC Advent Activity Rosary & Advent Saints (PH)  
7:00pm | Bible Study (VH)

**Thursday, December 7**  
8:00 am | † Mary Lynne Seyler  
8:30am | Ladies Sodality (TH)  
6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)  
7:00pm | Adoration & Confession

**Friday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation**  
8:00 am | For All the Mothers of the Parish  
8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)  
6:00 pm | For the Parish

**Saturday, December 9**  
10:00am-Noon | Penance Service  
5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

**Sunday, December 10**  
8:00am | For the Parish  
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 | † Roger Crampton  
Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution  
12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)  
12:30pm-2:30pm | Christmas Dinner (PH)  
(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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