

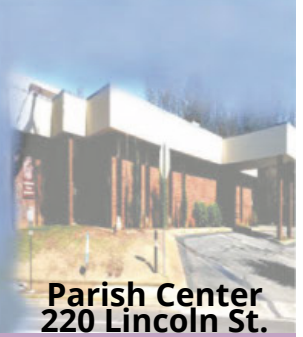
DECEMBER 8, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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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: 256.384.3741

Contact Us

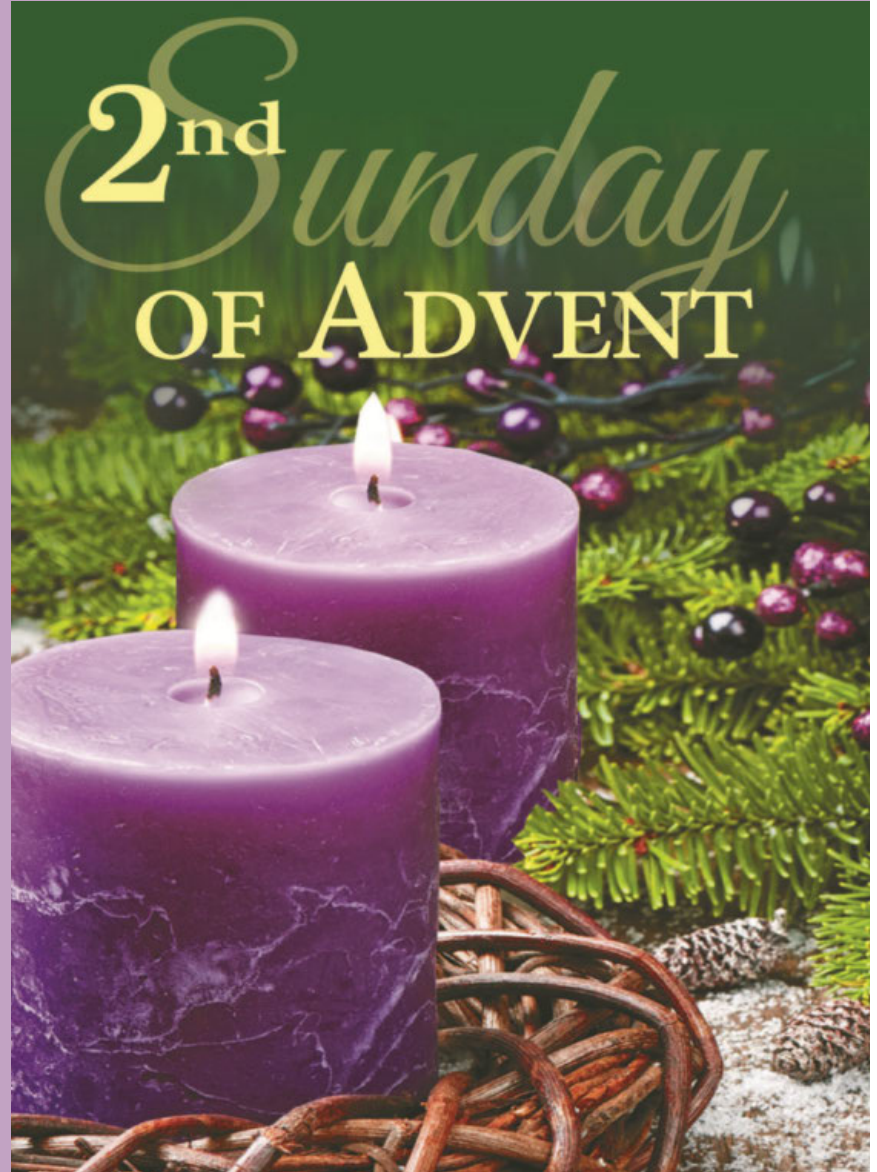
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Save the Date

Dec 9: The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 8am & 6pm

Dec 12 & 19: Adoration and Confession 7pm

Dec 14: Cullman Christkindlemarkt Trip 2–7pm

Dec 15: Advent Giving Tree Gifts Due

Dec 15: KofC Breakfast with Santa in the Parish Hall

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$15,860

Nov 23/24 & Nov 30/Dec 1 Income

Weekly Church Support.....\$34,648

Holy Family.....\$526

JPII High School.....\$286

Bake Sale Proceeds.....\$1035

(to benefit Education Award)

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

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55+

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**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 9th
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 8am and 6pm**

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 1–Dec 8 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Nestor Chaperon/Pina

Mon Mr. John Childs

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Choate

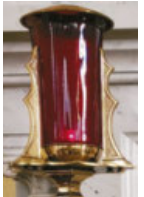
Wed Dr. Sam Citrano, Jr.

Thurs Ms. Angeline Clawson

Fri Ms. PJ Clawson

Sat Mrs. Pam Cole

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Coleman



Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

Monday: 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**

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14 **Our Lady of Loreto**

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30 **St. Damasus I, Pope**

Thursday: 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**

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19 **St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 **St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Faith Formation

Christmas Eve Youth Choir

Next Saturday (12/14) is the first rehearsal for our Christmas Eve Youth Choir. For details and to sign up, scan the QR code →
Send questions to cjadk@aol.com



PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

**TODAY at 12:30pm
in the Parish Hall.
Come join us in
celebrating the holy
season of Christmas.**

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. Please contact the office for more information.

Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Treacy Hall (next door to the church) during the 8 & 11am Masses.



Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, 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, Joey Nees, and Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, David Geist, Jesse Turner, Suraiya Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, and Mike Imhoff.

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



All ladies of the parish are invited to the **Women's Ministry Christmas Party** on **Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm**. Come join the fun and fellowship! We will have Christmas BINGO and a Christmas Sock Exchange. The Sock Exchange is optional but if you want to play, bring one pair of fun, cozy, Christmas socks (max price \$15). Please RSVP for this fun evening to **Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com**. When you RSVP, you will get the address of the parishioner hosting the Christmas party.

Christkindlemarkt The Saint Lawrence Social Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Cullman Christkindlemarkt on Saturday, December 14th. We will meet in the Parish parking lot at 2pm and carpool to Cullman. We will depart Cullman for home around 7pm. If you have never been to an authentic European Christmas Market, this is a great opportunity for the whole family! There is no cost other than what you decide to spend at the market. If you are interested in attending please contact Ed Poniatowski at (256) 426-8874 or skibert@aol.com. If you are willing to drive other folks let Ed know when you contact him.

2024 Advent Giving Tree continues this weekend: Select tag(s) from the tree and sign out in the notebook. Wrap the gift(s) and place them under the tree by **Sunday, Dec 15**. If you want to purchase gift cards they are \$25 and available after each Mass. **Members of the Food Pantry will be available to help.**

Christmas Flower Offering Your donations support 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 TODAY, December 8** for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin. **Please print names legibly.**

The Homebound Prayer Ministry for parish shut-ins/homebound or those living alone will come to your home and pray the rosary with you and your family. If you would like to be on this ministry team or if you are a shut in/homebound or living alone please **contact Steve Venckus at svenckus1@verizon.net**.

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council will have rotational vacancies. Please consider serving your parish. Nomination forms for the Parish Council will be in the narthex and on our website. Please talk with Father Joy if interested in serving on the Finance Council.



Patricio James Galeas
November 29, 2024



Come and Let Us Adore Him

Adoration and Confession Thursday,
Dec 12th, and Dec 19th at 7pm

Food Pantry Request

The food pantry needs the following items: canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly; applesauce; fruit cups; Chef Boyardee; Vienna sausages; and cereal (regular size or variety packs). Thank you for your many generous donations. And an extra special Thank You for your contributions on our Holiday food bags. Our community neighbors very much appreciated them.

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



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 7

10:00am-Noon Advent Penance Service

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, December 8

8:00am | † Pamela Rea Alcorn

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30 | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | † Roger Crampton

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:30pm | Parish Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 9

8:00am | Emma Wilson (I)

6:00pm | For the Parish

6:00pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am | Anthony Venckus (I)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:30pm | Women's Ministry

Wednesday, December 11

8:00am | † Gertie Venckus

4:00pm | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

6:00pm | Knights of Columbus (PH)

6:00pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

Thursday, December 12

8:00am | † Pat Schwanke

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

7:00pm | Adoration & Confession (C)

Friday, December 13

8:00am | † Arturo Rios

8:30am | Friday Social

5:00pm | 55+ Christmas Gathering (PH)

Saturday, December 14

11:00am | Rocket City Regulators (PH)

2:00pm | Trip to Christkindlemarkt in Cullman

5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

Sunday, December 15

8:00am | For the Parish

8:30-10:30am | KofC Christmas Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30 | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | The Rosary Making Ministry

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church

(PH) Parish Hall


(O) Office

(HFR) Holy Family Room

(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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