

MARCH 17, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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### 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**

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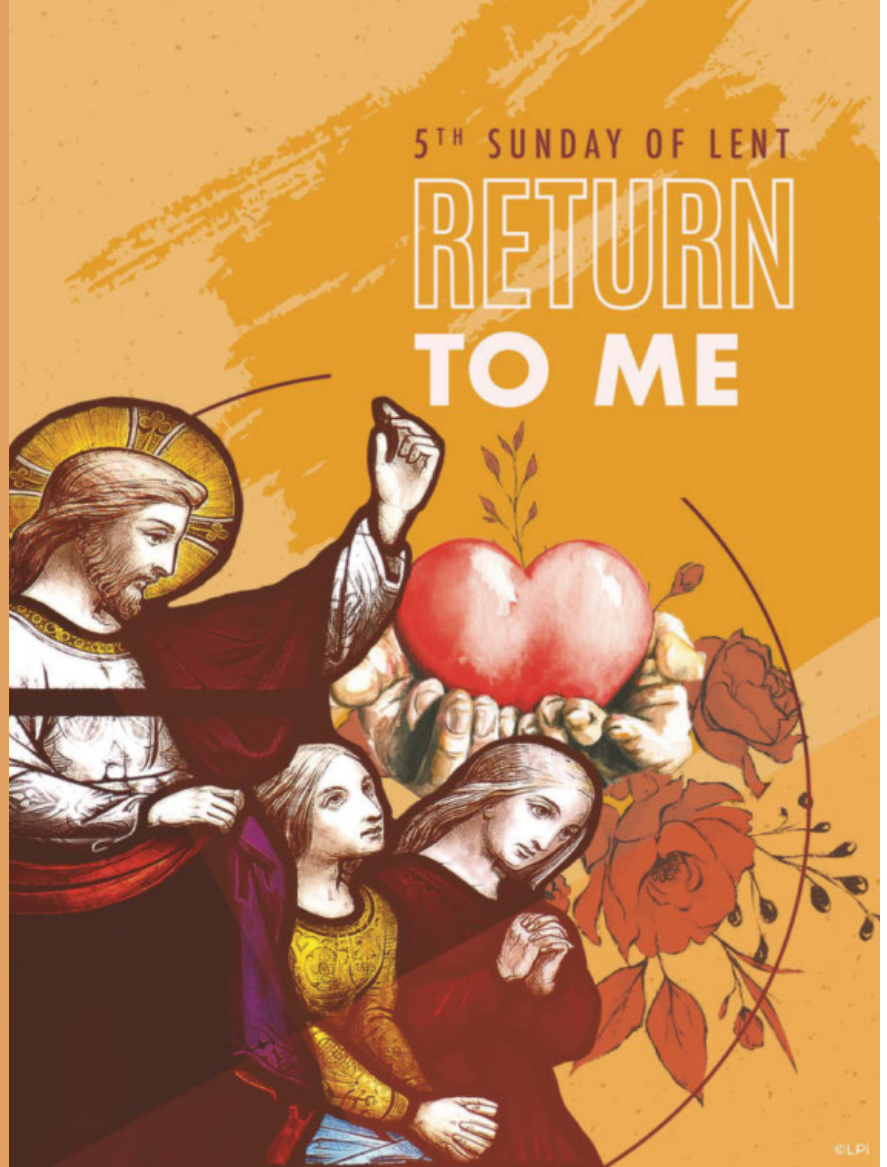
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### **Save the Date**

**Mar 21:** Seven Last Words

Organ Recital & Meditation

**Mar 22:** Potluck Supper

**Mar 22:** Adoration & Stations

**Mar 23:** Penance Service

**Mar 24:** Young Professionals  
Brunch

**Mar 30:** Easter Egg Hunt

**Apr 20:** Nite at the Races

**May 19:** Parish Picnic

**See page 3 of the bulletin for  
our Holy Week Schedule.**

### **Financial Contribution**

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$15,860**

March 9/10 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$ 16,659

Holy Family School.....\$ 125

JPII High School.....\$ 0

Catholic Relief Fund.....\$ 145

**Thank you for your generosity and  
continued support!**

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

## Leadership Team of Visitation

### Finance Council Chair

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## 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.

**Mar 17–Mar 24** For the intentions of:

**Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Parkes

**Mon** Ms. Marylin Passino

**Tues** Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Pate

**Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Patrick

**Thurs** Mrs. Madelyn Patton

**Fri** Mrs. Betty Jo Pearsall

**Sat** Ms. Stacy Peavey

**Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Peddycoart



## Formation Commission

### Baptism Prep Class Jed & Sally Park

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### Women's Group Liz Montgomery

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### Young Professionals Ronan Lucey

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## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 **5th Sunday of Lent**

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11 **St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

## Young Professionals Brunch

Next Sunday, March 24, at 12:30pm, at the Parish Hall.

For more information contact  
smvyoungadults@smvparish.org

## Pot Luck Supper & Stations

5:30pm, March 22nd in Treacy Hall. Bring a meat-free dinner to eat & share. Then after supper, head to the church for 7pm Stations of the Cross.

## 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

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.



## 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

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

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



## Holiday Bake Sale

Palm Sunday weekend, March 23/24, in Visitation Hall after all Masses. Your home baked donations are greatly needed to make our sale a success. Bring your goodies to Visitation Hall before Mass.

**For more information contact Mary Davis at 256-881-3152.**

**CAKES, COOKIES, BREAD, PIES, CANDY CHEESE STRAWS, PARTY MIX**

## Easter Flower Offering

Our Easter Flower Memorial is a way to remember our deceased and to honor the living. Your donation supports our Easter decorating. Easter Flower envelopes are in your monthly packet or in the narthex. **Please turn in by March 24 for names to appear in the bulletin.**

## Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

### Palm Sunday (March 24)

Vigil: Sat 5:30pm; Sun 8:00 & 11:00am

### Tenebrae (March 25, 26, 27): 7:30pm

### Maundy Thursday (March 28)

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm

Adoration: 8:00-10:00pm

### Good Friday (March 29)

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Stations of the Cross: 12 Noon & Reflection

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00pm (1st Day of Novena)

Passion Liturgy: 7:00pm

### Holy Saturday (March 30)

Morning Prayer: 8:00am followed by

Divine Mercy Novena

Food Blessing: 9:00am

Easter Vigil 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday (March 31)

Divine Mercy Novena 7:30am

Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

**Divine Mercy Novena:** Weekdays after the morning Mass ; Weekends before the Mass through April 6

## Planning Meeting for Nite at the Races Fundraiser

Interested in helping with this event? Join us Monday, March 18, at 6:00pm in Treacy Hall for a planning meeting! Opportunities include food prep, decorations, set up/clean up, banker, horse betting stations, food cashier, and others.

**For more information please contact Fran Riley at [fmriley5@gmail.com](mailto:fmriley5@gmail.com)**

## Scripture Conversations

Wednesdays, 11am, Visitation Hall; 7pm Holy Family Room (lower level Jefferson St. parking lot side.) A friendly group of cradle Catholics, new Catholics, and non-Catholic spouses and friends who discuss readings from the previous Sunday. Join us to talk, listen and learn.

**Contact Diane Sachs at [diane.h.sachs@gmail.com](mailto:diane.h.sachs@gmail.com) for more**

## Calling all homeschoolers!

Visitation is hosting a homeschool graduation Mass on May 25th at 10am.

All homeschoolers are welcome to attend and celebrate these students and families. Reception to follow to celebrate the graduates and the end of the school year. Please contact Jackie Henderson to sign up: [cjadk@aol.com](mailto:cjadk@aol.com), 251-602-6963.

## Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Pasta; pasta sauce; Chef Boyardee; soups; gravy, or gravy mixes; peanut butter, jelly; canned chicken, or tuna; canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; and cereal (regular size or variety packs). All



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

## This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 16

11:00am | St. Patrick's Day Parade Blessing & Food & Drink Give-away

**5:30pm | † Catherine Roling Nenninger**

St. Joseph Table at Mass

### Sunday, March 17

**8:00am | For the Parish**

9:00am | KofC Pancake Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Columbarium Blessing

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation, Sunday Video (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

St. Joseph Table at Masses

**11:00am | Fr. Joy Thomas Nellisery (I)**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

### Monday, March 18

6:00pm | Nite at the Races Meeting (TH)

### Tuesday, March 19

**8:00am | † Gertie Venckus**

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Building & Grounds (TH)

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

### Wednesday, March 20

**8:00am | † Ottavio Fassina**

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00pm | Soup Supper (TH)

6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry (O)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

7:00pm | Bible Study (HFR)

### Thursday, March 21

**8:00am | † Ronald Tepool**

10:00am | Bible Study with Fr. Joy (VH)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

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

7:00pm | Organ Recital & Meditation (C)

### Friday, March 22

**8:00am | Hilda Gabrys (I)**

8:30am | Friday Social (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

5:30 | Potluck Supper (TH)

6:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration (C)

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

### Saturday, March 23

10:00am-12:00pm | Penance Service ©

10:00am | Food Pantry (TH)

**5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright**

Bake Sale after Mass (VH)

### Sunday, March 24

**8:00am | † Butch Damson**

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation, Sunday Video (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

**11:00am | For the Parish**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Bake Sale after each Mass (VH)

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

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

(HFR) Holy Family Room

**KofC Pancake Breakfast**  
**At 9am TODAY**  
**in the Parish Hall.**

**Columbarium Blessing**  
**TODAY**  
**After the 8am Mass.**

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

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