

OCTOBER 8, 2023 | 27TH 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 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

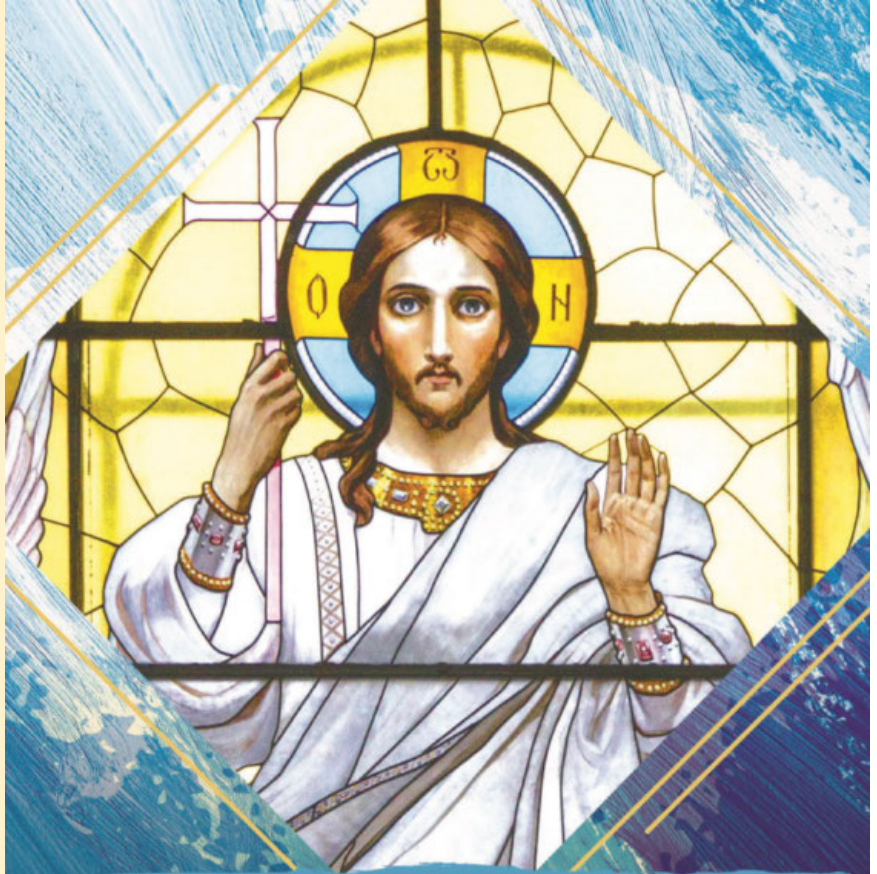
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"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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Save the Date

TODAY: Pet/Companion Blessing

October 13: 55+ Comedy Nite

October 14: SMV Workday

October 14/15 & 21/22:

Blessing Bag Donations Due

October 27: Fall Dance

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses:
\$14,470

Sep. 30/Oct. 1, 2023 income:
Weekly Church Support...\$14,389
Holy Family School.....\$ 145
JP II High School.....\$ 155

Church/Roof Restoration Campaign
January 1—September 30, 2023:
\$308,905

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

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Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sun: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 **Columbus Day;**

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Tue: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4 **St. John XXIII, Pope**

Thu: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Fri: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Sat: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28 **St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**

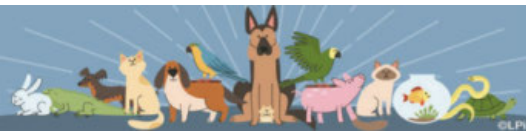
Faith Formation

PRAY WITH US!

Please join our Confirmation students this week in praying that people struggling from the effects of war and natural disasters and those living in poverty receive love and support from the Church and their communities.



Pet/Companion Blessing
TODAY—1:00pm
at Mary's Garden Courtyard



Altar Flowers are in celebration of Brittian Anderson. Happy Birthday!

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.



Hospitality Commission

Ambassadors

Kathy Nerger | kathenerger@protonmail.com

256-617-4203

Donut Sunday

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National Organizations

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Denise George | 337-401-1855

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Patrick Davis | 610-322-0857



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.

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 the buffet in the narthex. Or if you have an address change, please update it with our office.

Prayer Requests

Joann Tyra, 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, Albert Rich, Theresa Marlowe

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.

October 8—October 15

For the intentions of:

Sun Mr.&Mrs. George Heeschen

Mon Mr. Alexander Henderson

Tue Mr.&Mrs. Chris Henderson

Wed Ms. Donna Hergert

Thu Ms. Laura Hernandez

Fri Ms. Patricia Hicks

Sat Ms. Patti Hicks

Sun Mr. &Mrs. Sean Higgins



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



55+ Comedy Nite

All 55+ are invited to join us Friday, October 13, 7:00pm at the Parish Hall to watch a video performance of the comedian Tim Hawkins. Tim is famous for his Christian comedy and parodies of popular songs. Please bring a snack to share, soda/water will be provided and the bar will be open for donations. Call Cherie Miller 256.651.6492 for more information.



Columbarium Pre-Sale

Pricing for Parishioners
\$3000 per niche until Nov. 11, 2023
\$3500 after November 11
2 urns per niche



Scan QR code for more information.

Women's Ministry Blessing Bag Request

The Women's Ministry is asking for donations of hotel room-size toiletries, new socks (men & women), toothbrushes/toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, women's feminine products, men's shaving products, and any travel-size items to fill Blessing Bags. The Blessing Bags are for the homeless and less fortunate in our area and will be given to First Stop in Huntsville to distribute. **Donations will be accepted before and after Masses on Saturday/Sunday October 14/15 and October 21/22.** For information about this community service project, contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697.

SMV Work Day

Saturday, October 14

8:00am Church Grounds

Rosary Compatible with Science Why Pray the Rosary?

More than a century ago a proud university student boarded a train in France and sat next to an older man who seemed to be a peasant of comfortable means. The brash student noticed that the older gentleman was slipping beads through his fingers. He was praying the rosary.

"Sir, do you still believe in such outdated things?", the student inquired.

"Yes, I do. Don't you?" the man responded. The student laughed and admitted, "I do not believe in such silly things. Take my advice. Throw the rosary out the window, and learn what science has to say about it."

"Science? I do not understand this science. Perhaps you can explain it to me," the man said humbly, tears welling in his eyes.

The university student noticed that the man was deeply moved. To avoid hurting further the older person's feelings, he said, "Please give me your address and I will send you some literature to explain the matter to you." The man fumbled in the inside pocket of his coat and pulled out his business card. On reading the card, the student lowered his head in shame and was speechless.

The card read: "Louis Pasteur, Director of the Institute of Scientific Research, Paris." The deluded science student encountered his country's leading chemist and bacteriologist.

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following: **Pasta; pasta sauce; instant rice; instant oatmeal; instant mashed potatoes; applesauce; peanut butter/cheese crackers; soups; Chef Boyardee; gravy; canned fruit; peanut butter; jelly; canned meat (chicken, vienna sausage, etc.); tuna; pork and beans; cereal (regular size or variety packs); fruit cups**

Scan this QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in this link:

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7

7:30am | Adoration
 8:00am | Mass
 8:00am | For the Parish
 10:00am | Women's Ministry (Brosemer Farm)
 5:30pm | Brittian Anderson

Sunday, October 8

8:00am | Harold & Charlie Varner
 9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)
 9:15-10:45am | RCIA (TH)
 9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)
 9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)
 11:00am | For the Parish
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
 12:15pm | High School Apogetics (TH)

Monday, October 9

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, October 10

8:00am | † Poor Souls in Purgatory
 6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, October 11

8:00am | Ron & Connie Eimer
 10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)
 6:00pm | Pastoral Parish Council (TH)
 6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

Thursday, October 12

8:00am | † Jim & Betty Cuff
 6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)
 6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Friday, October 13

8:00am | † Poor Souls in Purgatory
 8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)
 7:00pm | 55+ Comedy Nite (PH)

Saturday, October 14

5:30pm | For the Parish
 8:00am | Work Day (church grounds)

Sunday, October 15

8:00am | Cindy Hunsucker
 9:00-10:30am | KofC Pancake Breakfast (PH)
 9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)
 9:15-10:45am | RCIA (TH)
 9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)
 9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)
 11:00am | Noah Herbert
 Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution
 12:15pm | High School Apogetics (TH)

(O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall
 (VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church

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