

OCTOBER 12TH, 2025 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025

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 Visitation 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: To be assigned

Deacon: Dn. Jeff Montgomery

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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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28th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Save the Date

Nov 1: All Saints Day Mass at 9am

**Second Collection next weekend
October 18/19 for World Missions**

***Until our new pastor is assigned, we will have Communion Services Tuesday-Friday at 8am. Confessions will be Saturday only, 4-5 pm.**

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

September October 5/6

Weekly Church Support.....\$20,405

Holy Family.....\$75

JPII High School.....\$35

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord, every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future. Amen. ©LPI

To Give of Oneself

In the South, the use of "Yes, Sir," "Yes, Ma'am," and "Thank you," have been drilled into many a little person's brain. Unfortunately, as time goes by, those social conventions seem to be in danger, even in the very places that have held them sacred for so long. In fact, I have found that I sometimes will even get a strange look when I utter similar words to a stranger or passer-by. It seems manners are being traded for acceptance of ill-conceived tolerance, even tolerance of the ill-mannered.

We know this is nothing new when we look at the story of Jesus' healing of the ten lepers. After healing ten, only one comes back to show gratitude to the healer. Why did 90% of those healed not offer thanks?

We all find our lives filled with blessings. We may sometimes think we deserve the good things we receive. We may also believe because everyone receives the same gifts — things like life, air, and the planet — that God didn't single us out, and our obligation to offer thanks is diminished. However, gratitude is never obligated. The other 9 did not get their leprosy back due to ungrateful hearts. Gratitude is simply the gift we give to the one who was generous to us in the first place. A gift for a gift. Generosity gives birth to more generosity. Without as much gratitude in the world, there is less chance for an increase of love and generosity. So, who do you need to thank today?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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**"Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has accomplished
marvelous deeds." Psalm 98:1 NCB**

For a list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.com or pick up a Guide to Ministries in the church narthex.

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.

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of October 12

Sun: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19 **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32 **Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day**

Tues: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41 **St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**

Wed: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46 **St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Thurs: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54 **St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7 **St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 **St. Luke, Evangelist**

Faith Formation



Please join our Confirmation students this week in praying that those battling illnesses will look to God in times of hardship, that they and their families will seek refuge in Him and stay hopeful in these difficult situations, and that God will grant that they become healthy and able live happy lives.

Nursery Worker Needed (Paid Position) to care for children age 4 and under during Sunday Masses. If interested, email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.

Weekly Emails
are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing upcoming events for the week and other announcements.

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.

Oct 12-Oct 19 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Richard Morris

Mon Mr. Nick Morrow & Ms. Patricia Garcia

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Jackson Moss

Wed Ms. Mandy Moss

Thurs Mrs. Lacey Muenstermann

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Mullins

Sat Mr. Christian Munoz



Pray With Us!

Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Contact the office for more information.

Monthly Newsletter
Please send announcements for next month's newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

Prayer Requests

Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, George Bury, Joan Smith, Ann Geist, Gerard Drumm, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, and Jim Bodine.

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



The **Men of St. Joseph** is an association of Christian men, united under the Catholic Church, who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families. We meet to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings to have a better understanding of God's word. All men (single or married) of the parish are invited to join us **Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Holy Family Room.**

For more information, contact

Deacon Jeff at jeffmontgomery@35758@gmail.com.

In Memoriam—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Steve Montgomery
October 6, 2025
Brother of Dn. Jeff Montgomery (Liz)

Newly Baptized
October 5, 2025
Davis Benjamin Lazzari
Sébastien Blaise Fontenot

Catholic Daughters Pecan Sales return this year starting in November. Sell dates will be November 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16. We will be set up outside after weekend masses with cases on hand to sell this year rather than taking preorders. All pecan products will cost \$12 each. We thank you for supporting our work! **Contact Janie Hoyt with questions, 256-651-4367.**



The Homebound Prayer Ministry visits our homebound parishioners and prays with them and anyone from the parish that may need a prayer visit in their homes. If you are interested in having a prayer visit, please contact **Steve Venckus at 703-599-8528 or email Svenckus1@verizon.net**. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Steve as well.

55 + Spaghetti Dinner

October 17th - 5:00pm

Fr. Treacy Hall

Dinner, Dessert and Beverages provided Just bring yourself and enjoy some fellowship and a few surprises!



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 11

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, October 12

8:00am | Stephen & Jannie Krall (I)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | † Manuel Corona

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

1:00pm | Pet Blessing (St. Mary's Courtyard)

Monday, October 13

3:30pm | Quilting Club (VH)

7:00pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, October 14

8:00am | Communion Service

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:00pm | Finance Council (O)

6:30pm | Women's Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, October 15

8:00am | Communion Service

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

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

Thursday, October 16

8:00am | Communion Service

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

Friday, October 17

8:00am | Communion Service

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

5:00pm | 55+ (TH)

Saturday, October 18

5:30pm | † Mark Corona

7:00am | Into the Breach (TH)

Sunday, October 19

8:00am | For the Parish

9:00-10:30am | KofC Family Breakfast (PH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (O)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | † Tony Pisano

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room,

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

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: pasta, pasta sauce; gravy; canned fruit; peanut butter or cheese crackers; cereal; fruit cups. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish Or type in:

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



K of C Family Breakfast

October 19th

9:00-10:30am in the Parish Hall



Do you have rosaries in need of repair? Bring them to the breakfast and our parishioner Miria Finckenor will fix them for you.



October Women's Ministry Meeting

The ladies of the Women's Ministry will be assembling Blessing Bags on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm in Fr. Treacy Hall for the less fortunate in our area and ShowerUp Huntsville. If you'd like to donate, we are accepting hygiene items such as travel-sized toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, combs/brushes, and hand sanitizer. We're also asking for socks for men & women. **A collection box is located in the church narthex to accept donations this weekend.**

If you have questions, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

Pet/Companion Blessing TODAY, October 12th, 1:00pm in Mary's Garden Courtyard.

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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