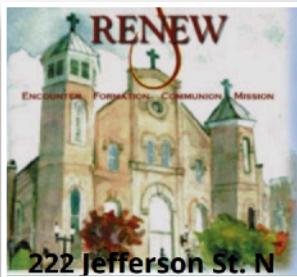


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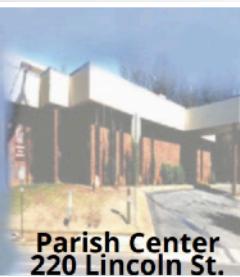


# St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

*Diocesan Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee of Hope 2025*

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



## January - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

### First Friday Adoration



### Help Wanted!

All our choirs need new members, but our Saturday, 5:30 Mass needs volunteers the most. If you regularly attend the 5:30 Mass, please consider joining the choir. Practices are once a month with a run through before Mass. Contact Jackie Henderson, [cjadk@aol.com](mailto:cjadk@aol.com)

### Memorial Bricks

There are still memorial bricks (8"x8") available in Mary's Prayer Garden. Suggested donation is \$100. **The plan, layout, and order forms are in the narthex or at the office.**

### Women's Ministry

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 to hear Guest Speaker, Karin Beck, a professional organizer with Karin's Clutter Control. Karin is passionate about organizing and decluttering homes and businesses. She will share her faith-filled story of how she started her professional organizing business. Karin loves repurposing items, creating designated spaces, and maintaining order. She will offer helpful tips on how she assists families in bringing order to their homes through decluttering, repurposing, and organizing. Join us at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Tracy Hall. For more information, contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or [elizabeth35758@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth35758@gmail.com)



### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is accepting nominations for new members of the council. If you know of anyone (including yourself) who would make a good council member please fill out a nomination form. Forms are located in the back of the church. Please return completed forms to the office or place in a contribution basket by January 11.

### Jubilee Year Wrap-up

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope & Spiritual Renewal will be honored on Epiphany Sunday, January 4. Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the Jubilee Renewal Candle will be processed out of the church and our year of Hope and Renewal will come to its conclusion. Please join the procession.

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## We Need You - Saturdays With God

**The Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Ministry** meets every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Office Building to take care of all kinds of repairs, improvements, groundskeeping, etc. throughout all of the Church facilities. Presently, we have around 30+ active members, and **we are always looking for hidden talents.** The contact for this ministry is Manfred Segewitz, 256.527.2278 or manfseg@gmail.com.

## SMV Online Parish Directory

Please add your family picture to our parish directory. You can download the app to your phone or access it from your PC.

iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221>

Android: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members&pcampaignid=web\\_share](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members&pcampaignid=web_share)

Create your account using this email and then view the directory. You can add your family picture and update information by tapping the Menu button in the top left of the main screen and select the Edit My Family option.

## Knight of Columbus

The Knights will accept any size **artificial** tree or garland, lights functioning or not, to be dropped off at Parish Hall any day between Dec 29 thru Jan 15 at the red shed behind the Parish Hall. We are getting ready for the 2026 Christmas with St. Nick / Santa Claus event! Thank you in advance!

## Food Pantry

St. Mary of the Visitation parish has had another successful Advent Giving Tree this season. We collected over 170 gifts to distribute to our downtown community neighbors. These gifts went to four different locations to help make everyone's Christmas a special day. The Food Pantry Ministry would like to thank everyone for their very generous gifts, and to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Each picture represents a different location for the gifts. **Pictures on page 5!**



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Come enjoy a little Winter Wonderland

Friday, January 16, 5:00 pm

Fr. Tracy Hall

Soup and Salad Potluck

Please bring your favorite soup,  
salad, or dessert to share.

Drinks provided.



## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Baby Bottle Boomerang to be hosted by the Catholic Daughters to benefit the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center. Empty bottles will be distributed after weekend Masses on January 3-4 and January 10-11. Please return filled bottles after any weekend Mass throughout January. Thank you for your generosity and support of life!

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## Notice

The two renovated restrooms in Tracy Hall will be available for use during the weekend Masses so that the waiting line for the restroom in the church narthex could be eliminated. One of the restrooms is wheelchair accessible.

## Suggestions?

Please submit any suggestions or comments to improve the SMV Newsletter or items you would like to see in the newsletter to: [visitationnews@gmail.com](mailto:visitationnews@gmail.com). If you have pictures of your ministry event or pictures from around the parish, those can be submitted along with a write-up if you choose to the same email above. Please send submissions by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

## Veterans "Coming Home" Retreat

### A Day of Spiritual Reflection on Military Service

**When: Sat. January 24, 2026, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Where: Holy Spirit's Parish Life Center**

Where do you go to unpack the duffle bag of experiences that were part of your military experience?

**All veterans, spouses and their adult family**

**members** are welcome for reflection on the gifts and burdens of having served. Whether you served in any of our military components: full time, national guard or reserves; whether you are currently serving, recently discharged or back in civilian life for many years, this is a day of healing, hope, and sharing with others who understand your story. Open to all faith traditions. There is no cost for attendees. Attendance is limited to 20. Contact the below for more information.



**To Register use the QR Code or contact:**

- John Durant (256) 604-6030, [johndurant8005@gmail.com](mailto:johndurant8005@gmail.com)
- Deacon Heckman (256) 714-7027, [lee.g.heckman@gmail.com](mailto:lee.g.heckman@gmail.com)
- Mike Walsh ((757) 773-8712, [habumike@yahoo.com](mailto:habumike@yahoo.com)

## January Saints & Observances

1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God	20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr
2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus	23 - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
4 - The Epiphany of the Lord	24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop	26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
6 - St. André Bessette, Religious	27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin
7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
11 - The Baptism of the Lord	31 - St. John Bosco, Priest
13 - St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
17- St. Anthony, Abbot	

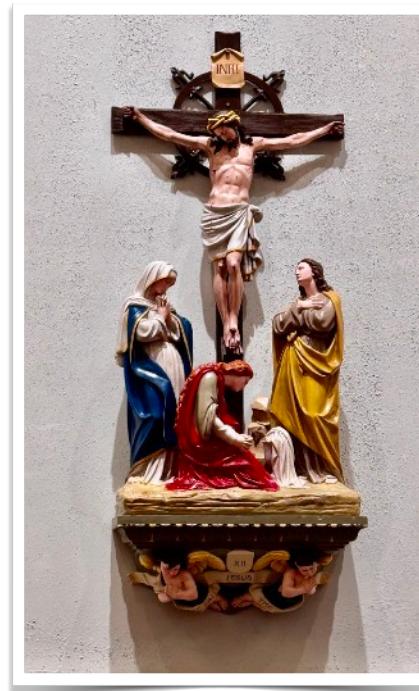
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The Quilters of Saint Mary of the Visitation presented Lois Lindsey, our church Secretary, with a hand quilted reversible table runner recently. It was a token of our appreciation, for her contribution in helping with our pick ups and drop offs of our quilts.



Some pictures of our new stations! Steve Plonka, project leader, Mike Janssen, facilitator, and Mircea Lacatus, who is the artist.

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Father Jose made some Christmas visits to our homebound parishioners!



These furniture pieces are available for a donation! The furniture is from the formal room at the Parish hall. For more information contact **Cherie Miller 256.651.6492**.



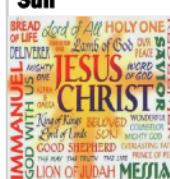
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Thank you to everyone who helped decorate for the season!



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**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR.**  
**The Most Holy Name of Jesus—January 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>IMMANUEL</b>  <b>JESUS CHRIST</b>  <b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b>  <b>MEJIAH</b></p>	<p><b>*EVERY SUNDAY (Unless Otherwise Noted):</b>          Confirmation Class—9:30am/VH          Faith Formation Adult—9:30am/HFR          Faith Formation Youth—9:30am/PH          High School Apologetics—9:30am/Bridal Suite Nazareth House—11:00am/HFR          Order of Christian Initiation Adults —9:30am/TH          Food Distribution Jefferson St Parking Lot 12-1pm          C-Church, HFR-Holy Family Room, O-Office, PH-Parish Hall, TH-Treacy Hall, VH-Visitation Hall</p>		<p><b>1</b> <i>The Solemnity of Mary</i>          7:30am Confessions          8:00am Mass          6:00pm Mass  <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>          7:30am Confessions          8:00am Mass/Anointing          8:30am Lite Breakfast/          VH          6:30pm Mass /Adoration</p>	<p><b>3</b>          4:00pm Confessions          5:30pm Mass</p>	
<p><b>4</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>          8:00am Mass          11:00am Mass followed by Jubilee Year Conclusion          9:30am CCIA /TH          11am Young Professionals Brunch/TH  <b>NO ADULT/YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES OR NAZARETH HOUSE</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>          7:00pm St. Jerome Book Club/VH    <b>Mental Health Birthdays</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>          8:00am Communion Service          6:00pm Catholic Daughters/TH          6:00pm Finance Council/O</p>	<p><b>7</b>          8:00am Communion Service &amp; Novena</p>	<p><b>8</b>          8:00am Communion Service          6:00pm Men of St. Joseph/HFR          6:30pm St. Raphael Ministry /TH</p>	<p><b>9</b>          8:00am Communion Service          8:30am Coffee Social/VH          6:00pm The Light Ahead / TH</p>	<p><b>10</b>          11:00am Rocket City Regulators/HFR          4:00pm Confessions          5:30pm Mass</p>
<p><b>11*</b>          8:00am Mass          11:00am Mass</p>	<p><b>12</b>          3:30pm Quilting Class/          VH          7:00pm St. Jerome Book Club/VH</p>	<p><b>13</b>          8:00am Communion Service          6:00pm Life in Faith/VH          6:30pm Women's Ministry/TH</p>	<p><b>14</b>          8:00am Communion Service &amp; Novena          10:00am Pray &amp; Play/TH          6pm Parish Pastoral Council/TH          6:30pm KofC contact Kirk Wimsett/256-479-5860</p>	<p><b>15</b>          8:00am Communion Service          6:00pm Men of St. Joseph/HFR</p>	<p><b>16</b>          8:00am Communion Service          8:30am Coffee Social/VH          5:00pm 55+ /TH</p>	<p><b>17</b>          7:00am Into the Breach/TH          4:00pm Confessions          5:30pm Mass</p>
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