

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 | 33RD 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

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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: 256.384.8758

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“It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” - Lk 21:13-15

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

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Save the Date

November 22/23: Holiday Bake
Sale after all Masses

November 29/30: Advent Giving
Tree Begins

December 2: Christmas Parade
Social (Hot Cocoa & More)

December 7: Parish Christmas
Event

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

November 8/9

Weekly Church Support.....\$19,415

Holy Family.....\$192

JPII High School.....\$142

Building Fund.....\$2,648

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer in Seasons of Trust

O Lord,

Be with me now, I feel so alone. Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness. Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship. Amen.

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We Are Called to Be Saints

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One's patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, "Look at me!" We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don't sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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Monthly Newsletter

Please send announcements for next month's newsletter to:

visitationnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

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.

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.

Nov 16–Nov 23 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Park

Mon Mr. & Mrs. John Luke Parker

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Larry Parker

Wed Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Parkes

Thurs Ms. Marissa Parkes

Fri Ms. Marilyn Passino

Sat Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Pate

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Patrick



Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of November 9

Sun: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Tues: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10 **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thurs 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48 **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40 **St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

Walk with the Saints

November 23rd



Prepare your family for Advent with a special evening event the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Be introduced to saints on our walking tour, enjoy some delicious treats, assemble an Advent wreath, and take home resources to help your family slow down and make the most of this special season of preparation. RSVP required.

Scan the QR code
for a Full Event Description
& to Reserve a Spot



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.



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, Jim Bodine, and Caroline Lindsey

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



Newly
Baptized



Isabella Marie Miller
November 9, 2025



Congratulations!

Brittany Elizabeth Berger
Patrick Donald Peveler
married on November 8, 2025

Winter Clothing Drive

Greater Huntsville Area is in desperate need of Winter Clothing!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is conducting a clothing drive to assist local homeless and less fortunate men, women and children.

Gently used..... Coats (all adult and children's sizes)

Sweaters and sweatshirts,

Gloves/mittens,

Winter hats.

Donations will go to the Catholic Center of Concern

Drop-off is November 23rd Noon-1:30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall

220 Lincoln St NE, Huntsville
Just pull up by the flagpole and Knights will unload your items!

55+ Put on your cowboy hat and boots and giddy on down to the

Fr. Treacy Hall for a
Potluck Supper

Friday, November 21st, 5:00pm
Please bring a
main dish, side dish, or dessert
Drinks provided

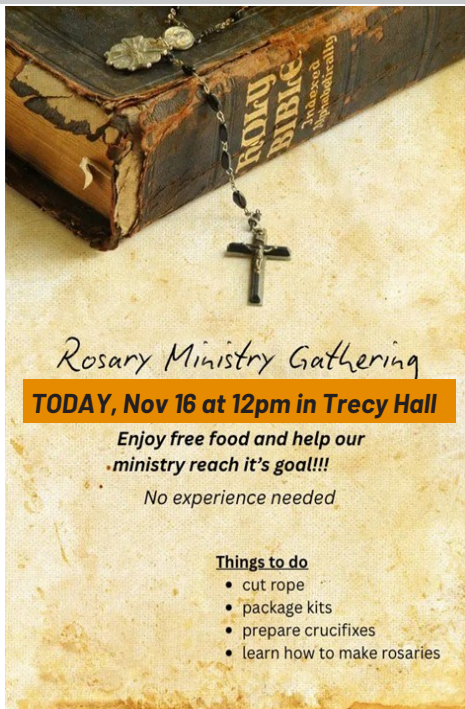


Catholic Daughters Pecan Sales
THIS WEEKEND after all Masses!

Women's Ministry Ladies, please join us for a **Friendsgiving Potluck** on Tuesday, **November 18 at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall.** Join us for food, fun and fellowship. The turkey is provided, just bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Come be a part of our *Gratitude Tree* activity that brings together our community of faithful women. **Please**

RSVP to Liz Montgomery at
elizabeth35758@gmail.com or
at 281-705-6697.



Rosary Ministry Gathering

TODAY, Nov 16 at 12pm in Treacy Hall

*Enjoy free food and help our
ministry reach it's goal!!!*

No experience needed

Things to do

- cut rope
- package kits
- prepare crucifixes
- learn how to make rosaries

Holiday Bake Sale

November 22/23

in the gazebo after all Masses. This sale funds the Education Award. Your home-baked sweet or savory treats are greatly needed to make the sale successful. Bring your donation to the gazebo before Mass, and then stop by after Mass to buy a goody to take home. For more information, call Mary Davis at 256-527-9013.



The **Food Pantry** Ministry wants to thank everyone for their very generous Thanksgiving donations. You have surpassed last year's amount and we are extremely grateful. Now our collection will be for our regular needed items until the end of the year. We are in need of only a few items: pasta and cereal. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

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



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 15

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, November 16

8am | † Marilyn Plonka

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11am | † Patrick Bolton

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Noon-2pm | Rosary Makers (TH)

Monday, November 17

7pm | St. Jerome Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, November 18

8:00am | Communion Service

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

Wednesday, November 19

8am | † Clifford & Vivian Kelley

6:00pm | Food Pantry (TH)

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

Thursday, November 20

8am | † Marilyn Plonka

6pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, November 21

8am | † Micky Chambers

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

5:00pm | 55+ (TH)

Saturday, November 22

5:30pm | † Manuel Corona

Bake Sale After Mass (Gazebo)

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11am | For the Parish

Bake Sale after each Mass (Gazebo)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Walk with the Saints—a special evening event in preparation for Advent

(**must RSVP to reserve a time slot between 5:00pm and 6:40pm**)

(**C**) Church, (**HFR**) Holy Family Room, (**O**) Office, (**PH**) Parish Hall, (**TH**) Treacy Hall, (**VH**) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp)

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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