

APRIL 6, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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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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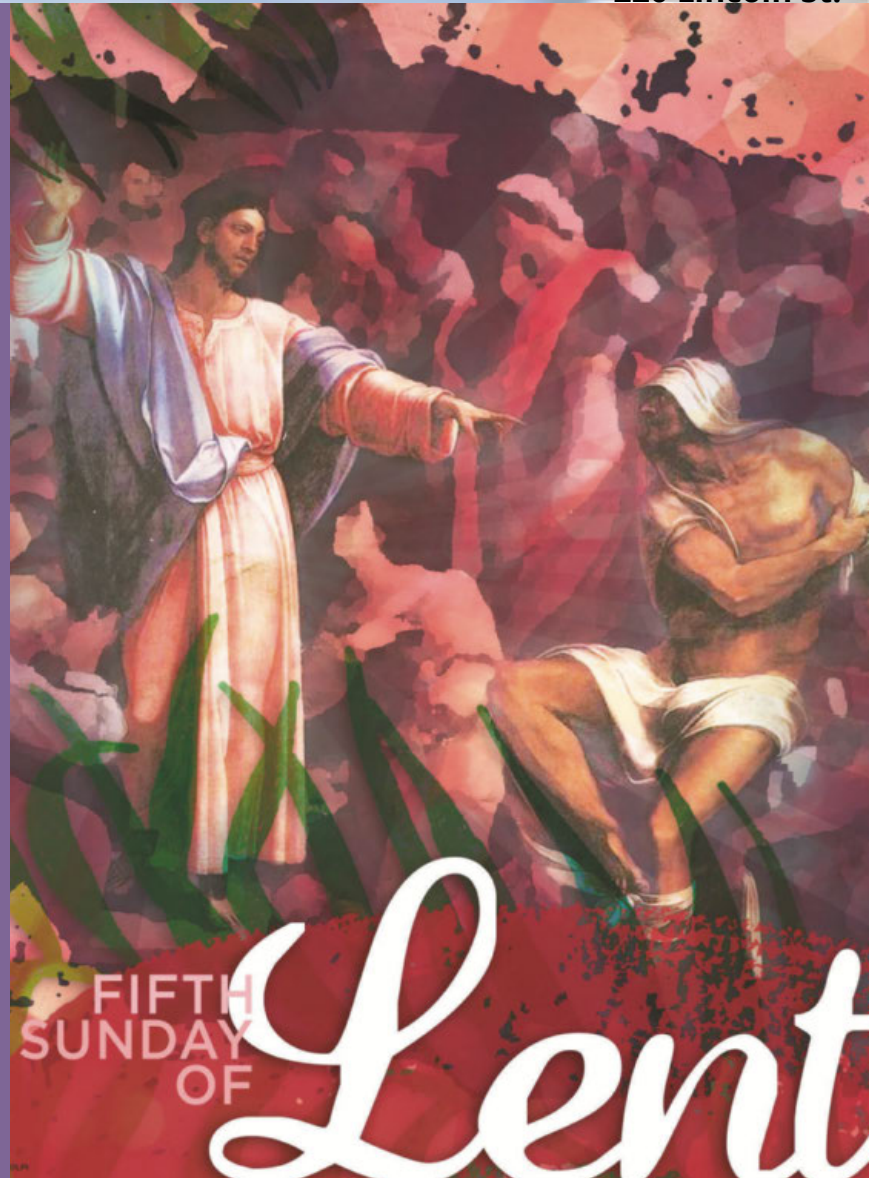
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Save the Date

Apr 6, 7, & 8—Parish Mission with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB

May 2-3—Overnight Pilgrimage to St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman

May 10—Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville

May 17—Nite at the Races in the Parish Hall

For Lenten Opportunities and Holy Week Schedule see page 2 of the bulletin.

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$17,325

March 22/23

Weekly Church Support.....\$18,039

Holy Family.....\$154

JPII High School.....\$5

Catholic Relief Services.....\$3338

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

2025 Lenten Opportunities Our Theme: Renew, Be Holy

"This is the will of God that you be holy."
(1 Thes 4:3)

Daily Meditation Booklet: "Living with Passion"
Practice Virtues Daily; Pilgrimage
Prayer Ribbons

Sundays: Video Series
FORMED: "How to Lent" & "Foretold"
9:15-10:45 am in Visitation Hall
Thursdays: Bible Study with Fr. Joy
10:00-11:00 am in Visitation Hall
Fridays: Stations of the Cross 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm
Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm
Potluck Suppers 3/14, 4/4, 4/11 5:30 pm-Trecy Hall
Fish Fry Dinners 3/7, 3/21, 3/28 5:00 pm-Parish Hall

Saturday, April 5: Lenten Penance Service
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

April 6, 7, 8: Parish Mission
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB (Cullman Abbey)
Sunday, April 6: 5:30pm Mass and Talk
Monday, April 7: 8:00am Mass, Coffee & Talk
6:30pm Talk
Tuesday, April 8: 8:00am Mass, Coffee & Talk
6:30pm Talk

Saturday, April 12: Confirmation-Bishop Baker
10:00 am

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 13)

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

Tenebrae (April 14, 15, 16)

(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) – 7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Good Friday (April 18)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross and Reflection 12:00 pm

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

Passion Liturgy 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday (April 19)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Food Blessing 9:00 am

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 20)

7:30 am Divine Mercy Novena; Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Novena (April 18 thru April 26): Weekdays
after the morning Mass and weekends before the Mass

Pentecost (June 8)

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

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.

- Sun** Dr. Gregory Gum
- Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Gustafson
- Tues** Mr. Will Guthrie
- Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Alex Guzman
- Thurs** Ms. Isabella Gwilliam
- Fri** Mrs. Carolyn Hall
- Sat** Mrs. Heather Halsey
- Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Patton Hammitte



Apr 6-Apr 13 For the intentions of:

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 6th

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 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 8:12-20

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

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 **St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Pray with us!

This week the 2nd grade class would like us to pray for help in finding ways to provide the homeless community with homes that they deserve.



Faith Formation



The Knights of Columbus thank the parishioners of St. Mary's for supporting our fish fry dinners during this Lenten season. Food, fun and fellowship was had by all! Proceeds from the dinners will go to St Jude's Children's Hospital, St. Mary's Church, the Food Pantry Ministry, and Religious Education.



Online Giving Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.com by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office at 256-536-6349 if you have questions or for more information.



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.

Our Nursery

for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses.



Prayer Requests Claudia McCoy, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Robert Rees, Kathy Rogers, Emory & Virginia McCullough, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Kitty Jordan, Steve Montgomery, Jesse Turner, George Bury, Wilanna Dixon, Mike Imhoff, Joan Smith, Erin Drumm, Ghada Almahdi, and Ann Geist.

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





6pm 4/9 Special Presentation Online Dangers: Prevention and Support

On Wednesday, April 9th, licensed therapist and Community Education Program Manager Beth Jackson from the National Children's Advocacy Center will be at the parish center to give a presentation on current online dangers our youth are facing. This presentation will review current trends concerning social media/internet safety and how they affect children and teens. How to talk about these issues with children and teens to prevent issues before they occur and what to do if an individual is in a potentially dangerous situation will be discussed. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Cooking Ministry

Did you know that Visitation has an all volunteer cooking ministry? The ministry prepares dishes for funeral and sacramental receptions and may also help setup and clean up after the reception. There are three receptions coming up in the next couple of months where food will be prepared and served. If you would like to share your talent and/or time in this vital ministry or would like more information, please email Sally Park, sallywallyp@yahoo.com.



Kaehler James Roth, Jr.
March 22, 2025

Pot Luck Supper & Stations

5:30pm on April 11 in Treacy Hall. Bring a meat-free dinner to eat & share. Then after supper, head to the church for 7pm Stations of the Cross.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Oct 18-25, 2025 with Via Immaculata Guided Tours, accompanied by Father Joy. Total trip cost including meals and gratuities will be approximately \$3500. \$2700 is paid to the tour company directly, with a registration deposit of \$350, which includes Airfare, double Hotel rooms with Breakfast, Coach Bus transportation, and English guide. We will be visiting Mexico City; Guanajuato; Cristero Saints; and Guadalajara.

Registration form link: <https://form.jotform.com/250644352920150>

For information contact Michael Riley at michael.rileyjr1@gmail.com or Father Joy.

Food Pantry The food pantry is requesting the following items: jelly; canned chicken; canned vegetables; canned fruit; pasta, pasta sauce; mac and cheese; and Hamburger Helper. Thank you so much for your very generous donations.

Scan the QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.

Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>.



Congratulations and welcome to those received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church on Sunday, March 30th:

- Stephanie Beltran**
- Quinn Bernhard V**
- Colin Coble**
- Tyler Dowdy**
- Emily Fox**
- Bailey Anne Jagneaux**
- Amy Lawson**
- Patricia Santoro**
- Jared Shields**
- Billy Smart II**

Our Easter Flower Memorial

is a way to remember our deceased and to honor the living. Your donation supports our Easter decorating. **Please turn your envelope in this weekend for names to appear in the bulletin.**

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 5

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, April 6

8:00am | Rosary Prayer Group Ministry

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | † Eric Griffin

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

5:30pm | Parish Mission Mass & Talk

Monday, April 7

8:00am | Parish Mission Mass, Coffee, & Talk

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

6:30pm | Parish Mission Talk (C)

Tuesday, April 8

8:00am | Parish Mission Mass, Coffee, & Talk

8:00am | Mary Davis (I)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

6:30pm | Parish Mission Talk (C)

Wednesday, April 9

8:00am | † Theodore Blair

10am | Play & Pray, erin.townsend18@gmail.com

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (TH)

6:00pm | PPC (VH)

6:00pm | Knights of Columbus (PH)

6pm | Children's Advocacy Ctr Presentation (PH)

Thursday, April 10

8:00am | † Raymond Schleeper

4:15 | St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (VH)

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

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

Friday, April 11

8:00am | † Charles Albright

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross

5:30pm | Potluck Supper (TH)

6:00pm | Adoration

6:00pm | The Light Ahead (VH)

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12

7:00am | Into the Breach (PH)

10:00am | Confirmation Mass

11:00am | Rocket City Regulators (PH)

5:30pm | Anna Pham (I)

Sunday, April 13

8:00am | For the Parish

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | High School Apologetics Students (O)

9:30am | Nazareth House (HFR)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | Kitty Jordan (I)

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)

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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