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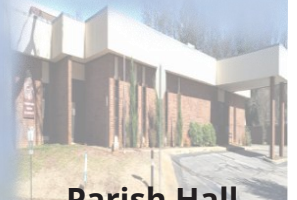


222 Jefferson St. N

St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Hall
220 Lincoln St.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass: Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Nursery provided next door in Visitation Hall
for the 8:00am & 11:00am Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday-Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Mass & Adoration

1st Fridays | 6:30pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jose Raphy Ambooken

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Cherie Miller | ministries.smv@gmail.com

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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21st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will
build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not
prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of
heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

Save the Date

Sep 25: "Who is the Man of the
Shroud" Exhibit in the
Parish Hall

Oct 4: Blessing of the front
stained glass windows after the
8am Mass and Blessing of Pets
after the 12:30pm Mass.

Oct 7: Rosary for World Rosary
Day at 7pm in the church

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

Aug 15/16

Weekly Church Support.....\$19,274
Holy Family.....\$440
JP II High School.....\$10

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and continued support!**

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online, see page 2.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

Last weekend, at our 8:00 a.m. Mass, I had the joy of commissioning our catechists for the new faith formation year. I am deeply grateful to each of them for generously offering their time, talents, and faith for our children and for our parish. What we offer our children is much more than "catechism." It is faith formation—helping our young people know Jesus, love Him, live their faith, and become faithful members of His Church. Let us thank and pray for our catechists as they begin this important ministry. Through their service, they are offering their gifts to our children, our parish, and ultimately to God.

Today we celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter professes his faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is the fundamental question of Christian life. May each of us continually deepen our relationship with Jesus and boldly profess Him as Lord and Savior.

On August 24, we celebrate the Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle, one of the Twelve who faithfully followed Christ and witnessed to the Gospel.

On August 27, we celebrate St. Monica, a model of persevering prayer and a mother who never stopped praying for her son. I am especially grateful to our Ladies Sodality Ministry, which faithfully takes care of the St. Monica Prayer Ministry, praying for those who have left the Church and asking God to bring them home. May St. Monica intercede for all those we love who have drifted away from the faith.

The following day, August 28, we celebrate her son, St. Augustine, whose conversion reminds us that God's grace can touch every heart. On August 29, we remember the Passion of St. John the Baptist, who courageously remained faithful to the truth.

Family Tip #13: Pray for one another by name every day. There is something beautiful and powerful about hearing our name lifted up before God by those we love. Let us make this a daily family practice.

May God bless our families, our catechists, and our entire parish community.

Fr. Jose

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.



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.

Aug 23-30 For the intentions of:
 Sun: Mr. Matthew Bice
 Mon: Mr. Rick Black
 Tues: Mr. & Mrs. Noah Blackwood
 Wed: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Blankenberger
 Thurs: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blattler
 Fri: Mr. Braden Blevins
 Sat: Mr. & Mrs. William Boggess
 Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Landon Boggs

Readings—Week of August 23

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Observances—Week of August 23

Sun: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; **Mon:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle; **Tues:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest; **Thurs:** St. Monica; **Fri:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; **Sat:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

High School Youth Group Kickoff

1:15pm Next Sunday, August 30th in Treacy Hall
 Questions? Email Sean McGeary:
seanmcgeary9@gmail.com



Our Adult Faith Formation Classes will have a "Meet and Greet" on August 30th in Visitation Hall at 9:30am. Classes will start on September 20th. Additional information will be upcoming in our bulletin and newsletters.

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.

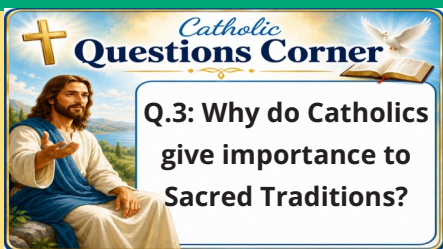
Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses.

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

Prayer Requests Dawn Drumm, Jennifer Michael, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, and George Bury.

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





Newly Baptized

August 15, 2026
Joshua Diego Shearer
Robert Ellis Edwards



to any of our parishioners who, along with our members, donated goodies to the Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale last weekend. And **thank you** to all who purchased goodies! Your generosity made it a huge success with \$2032 raised, enabling us to contribute to our Church Building Fund and to finance future Catholic Daughters' projects.

Young Adults Brunch

TODAY
11:00 am
in Treacy Hall



The Knights of Columbus Cookbook—The Knights want to thank all those who have submitted recipes for their cookbook and remind everyone that recipes are still being accepted. Forms are available in the narthex.



Cursillo Weekend for Women will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL, April 8-11, 2027. If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time! Contact Linda Schaaf at lschaaf325@gmail.com. The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.

Hospitality Gazebo—Each church ministry will host the gazebo on a monthly basis. The gazebo is hosted exclusively on **Sundays** (weather permitting) after the 8am Mass and the 11am Mass. The Ushers Ministry will host in September. If you are an usher and have time please consider helping to build community and make friendships by volunteering for the Hospitality Gazebo.



The **Food Pantry** is low on the following items: peanut butter; canned fruit; soups; canned meat or chicken. We have plenty of canned tuna. Thank you for your generous donations.

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



Helpers Needed for all Weekend Masses

Ushers

contact Brian Mitchell
briankmitch@hotmail.com

Lectors

contact Erin Boles
erindacy@icloud.com

Eucharistic Ministers

contact Billy Wilson
billyraywilson@gmail.com

Greeters

contact Kathy Neger
knerg@pm.me

Altar Servers

contact Karen Vandiver
j.vandiver@mchsi.com

Or talk to any one of the helpers when you are at church to let them know that you are interested.

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22

5:30pm Our Parish

Sunday, August 23

8:00am Pray & Play Ministry

9:30am OCIA (TH)

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am Mothers' Ministry

11:00am Young Professionals (TH)

12:30pm Women's Ministry

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

Tuesday, August 25

8:00am † Greg Pfister

6:30pm ProLife Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, August 26

8:00am † Laurencia Urot

6:00pm OCIA (TH)

Thursday, August 27

8am † Marie Victoria Reilly

6pm Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, August 28

8:00am Lois Lindsey (I)

8:30am Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, August 29

10:30am Homebound Prayer Ministry (VH)

5:30pm † Maximino Urot

Sunday, August 30

8:00am † Mary Jane Pfister

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

11:00am Our Parish

12:30pm Lynne Greco (I)

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

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

Weekly Emails

are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing events for the week and other announcements. If you are not receiving the email and would like to please contact the office at smvparish@smvparish.org.

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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