

JULY 5TH 2026 | 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

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 & 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

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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

Contact Us

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“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28-30

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Save the Date

**Sunday, July 5th—8:00 Mass
honoring Police & Active
Military**

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

Due to an early bulletin submission financial contributions for June 27/28 will be included in the next bulletin. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Dear Parish Family,

As we gather this weekend for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, I extend my warm greetings and prayers to all of you. This weekend, as our nation celebrates Independence Day, we take a moment to honor and thank the men and women of our parish who serve our country and community through the military, police departments, fire services, emergency response teams, and other public safety agencies. Their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment help preserve the freedoms and security that we often take for granted. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers, asking God to protect them and guide them in their important responsibilities.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30), Jesus offers one of the most comforting invitations found in Scripture: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* Many people today carry heavy burdens—worries about family, health, finances, work, and the future. Jesus reminds us that we do not carry these burdens alone. When we place our trust in Him and walk with Him daily, He gives us strength, peace, and rest for our souls. May we learn to surrender our anxieties to the Lord and discover the joy that comes from following Him.

On July 11, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Benedict, the father of Western monasticism and the patron saint of Europe. Saint Benedict taught his followers to seek God through prayer, work, discipline, and community life. His famous motto, *"Ora et Labora"* ("Pray and Work"), remains a valuable guide for Christian living. Let us ask for his intercession that our families may become places of prayer, faith, and mutual support.

Family Tip #7: Do not answer telephone calls during family dinner. Last week I did not publish a Family Tip because of limited bulletin space. This week we continue our series with a simple but important suggestion. Family meals provide a valuable opportunity for conversation, listening, and strengthening family relationships. Unless it is an emergency, allow phone calls and electronic devices to wait until after the meal. Give your full attention to those gathered around the table. Strong families are built through small but meaningful moments shared together.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

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.

July 5–July 12 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. Sean Anderson

Mon Mr. & Mrs. Steve Anderson

Tues Mr. & Mrs. Michael Andrews

Wed Ms. Cynthia Angulo

Thurs Mr. Steven Angulo & Ms. Isaura Fernandez

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Wes Archibale, III

Sat Ms. Angela Arnold

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Aswin

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of July 5, 2026

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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Mon: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-3

Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thurs: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

St. Benedict, Abbot

Want to support our program?
Consider signing up to provide items from our
Faith Formation Wishlist!

Scan the QR Code
to view the list



**Enrollment for Pre-K – 12th Grade Faith Formation
Classes is open for the 2026-2027 School Year. Visit the RE tab
on the parish website to register!**

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

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.

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, Joan Smith, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Dana Hammer, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Buddy Rogers, Lisa Downard, Seraphina Newquist, and Paul Torrey.

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



Widows & Widowers Group

The Widows and Widowers group will meet for lunch on **July 9 at 1:00** at The Cheesecake Factory located at 300 The Bridge NW, Huntsville, in **Bridge Street Town Center** next to Barnes and Noble. Please call or text **Joe at 719-213-9459 by Tuesday, July 7** for information, reservations or cancellations. Newcomers are always welcome. We are an informal group that gathers monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. **Come join us!**

Cursillo Weekends for Men and Women

will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL.

-Men's Cursillo Weekend:
August 13-16, 2026

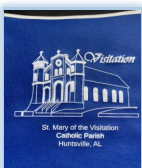
-Women's Cursillo Weekend:
April 8-11, 2027

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.

Monthly Newsletter

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



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Catholic Charismatic Renewal

The **26th Annual Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham** will be held on **July 24th and July 25th**. **CHANGE OF VENUE:** It will be held at **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**, 1728 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham on July 24 and 25. The conference theme is **"Psalm 111: A Personal Walk with Jesus, Daily Union with God in Difficult Times"** and will feature Father Frankline Fomukong, Father James Hedderman, Father Jacob R Ebong Ntoko, and Father Paul Asih. Registration fee is \$30 for individuals and \$85 for a family of three or more.

For more information, please e-mail **Jeannie**

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To register, visit

www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org. Everyone is welcome!

Annunciation of the Lord Art Gala Fundraiser Sacred Art to support Sacred Spaces

There will be a Silent Art Auction with Sacred Artist **Jacob Zumo**. Attire is Semi-Formal with wine & Hor D'oeuvres.

Supporting Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church's Building Fund

July 10th from 6-9pm at the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

To purchase tickets, visit the website at: annunLord.com/buildingbeauty

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 4

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, July 5

8:00am | Barbara Martin

9:00am | Reception for police & active military (TH)

11:00am | Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

12:30pm | Maggie Roughneen (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Tuesday, July 7

8:00am | † Baby Scholten

5:00pm | Finance Council (O)

Wednesday, July 8

8:00am | † Bea Albright

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | PPC (TH)

6:00pm | KoC meeting (PH)

Thursday, July 9

8:00am | † Judy Mulherin

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

6:30pm | St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, July 10

8:00am | † Francisco Tovar

Saturday, July 11

5:30pm | Camille Travis (I)

Sunday, July 12

8:00am | † Ms. Shema

11:00am | For the Parish

12:30pm | Lois Lindsey (I)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

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

The food pantry is in need of the following items: cereal; jelly; applesauce; Chef Boyardee; ramen noodles; canned chicken, and meat; gravy; and pasta sauce. We now have plenty of cornbread mix, and mashed potatoes. **The food pantry hopes everyone enjoys their 250th celebrations. God Bless America**

Thank you for your continued support and donations.

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

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



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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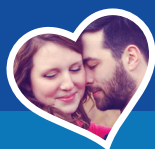
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