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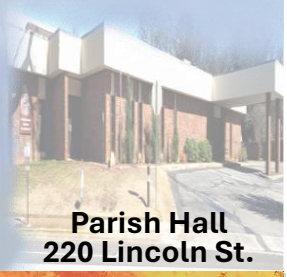
# St. Mary of the Visitation

## 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
**First Fridays**
8:00am Mass & Anointing; 6:30pm Mass & Adoration

## Parish Staff

**Pastor: Rev. Jose Raphy Ambooken**
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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 any time.

## 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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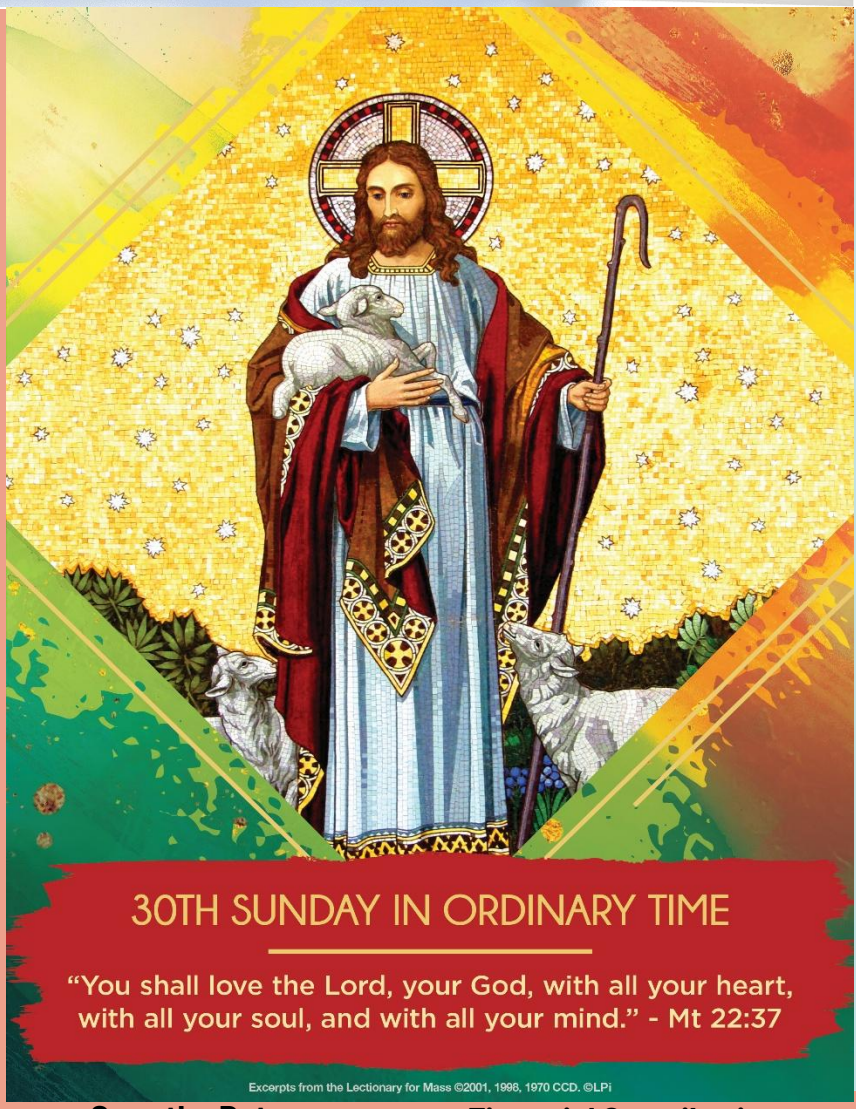
**256.536.6349/www.smvparish.com**




## Save the Date

**Oct 31**: 11am Fall Festival
**Nov 2:** All Souls' Day Masses at 8am, Noon, and 5pm
**Nov 8:** 8am Mass will honor veterans. Reception will follow.
**Nov 11:** 6pm Mass followed by Rosary & Procession to the Veterans' Memorial
**Dec 5:** 1pm Parish Christmas Dinner
**Dec 13:** KofC Breakfast with Santa

## Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: $20,119
**October 17-18, 2026**

Weekly Church Support.....$21,350
Holy Family School.....$268
JPII High School.....$57
World Missions.....$1,882

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support!**

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

## Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40), Jesus reminds us of the two greatest commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These two commandments are at the very heart of our Christian life. Our love for God becomes visible through our love for one another—through our kindness, forgiveness, compassion, and willingness to serve. As we approach the end of October, let us ask ourselves: Do our words and actions reflect the love of Christ? May we strive each day to make our homes, our parish, and our community places where God's love is experienced and shared.

On October 28, the Church celebrates the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles who faithfully followed Jesus and proclaimed His Gospel. May their courage and dedication inspire us to remain steadfast in our faith and generous in our witness to Christ.

Next Sunday, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, honoring all those who lived faithfully and now share in the glory of heaven. On Monday, November 2, we commemorate All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). During this special month of remembrance, let us pray for our beloved family members and friends who have gone before us. You are welcome to request Mass intentions for them. You may also write their names on the envelope and place them in the collection box. I will keep these envelopes on the altar and remember your beloved departed in my prayers throughout November. May our prayers bring comfort to those who mourn and express our enduring love and hope in the promise of eternal life.

As we say goodbye to October and welcome November, I thank you for your faith, prayers, and participation in our parish life. May the coming month deepen our communion with God and with one another.

Finally, on the eve of All Saints' Day, our Knights of Columbus have arranged a Fall Festival. I warmly invite everyone, especially our families and children, to come, participate, and enjoy this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun. Let us celebrate together as a family of parish!

With prayers and blessings,

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 during office hours and say a prayer.

**Oct 25-Nov 1** For the intentions of:
Sun: : Mr. John Childs
Mon: Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Choate
Tues: Dr. Sam Citrano, Jr.
Wed: Mrs. Angeline Clawson
Thurs: Ms. Paula Clawson
Fri: Mr. John Coble
Sat: Mr. & Mrs. John Cody
Sun: Mrs. Pam Cole

### Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
**Monday:** Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

### Observances for the week of October 25, 2026

**Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles; Saturday: All Hallow's Eve

## Faith Formation
## Pray with us!

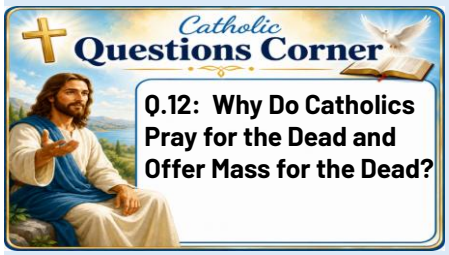
This week, our PreK-Kindergarten class asks you to join them in praying for the homeless and poor, that they feel God's love, compassion, and warmth from others and are comforted during hard times.

**Our Nursery** for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses. We are presently in need of help for the 11am Mass. This is a paid position. Please contact the office if interested.

**Altar Flowers for this weekend were donated by Justina Caldas.**

**All Souls' Day** is Monday, November 2. We will have Masses at 8am, Noon, and at 5pm. Our 5pm Mass will be at our Columbarium.

**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, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, George Bury, and Mary Ellen Larson.




The **Food Pantry** will be giving out Thanksgiving Holiday food bags to our downtown neighbors again this year, along with our regular weekly bags. We will be collecting these special items the first 2 weeks in November. There will be a box by the gazebo for your donations during the Masses, along with our bin and baskets in church. The box will be in the office entryway during the week. Please help us fill these bags with the following items: canned chicken or small canned hams; instant mashed potatoes; chicken or turkey gravy; canned green beans; canned yams; cream of mushroom soup; cranberry sauce; and stuffing mix. Thank you for helping us make their Holiday special.

For our weekly bags we need the following items: pasta sauce; pasta; Hamburger Helper; Mac and cheese; canned vegetables other than green beans; peanut butter, jelly; canned chicken, meat, or tuna; instant rice mixes; and cereal (regular size or variety packs). Thank you for your continued generous donations.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List.

Or type: https://linktr.ee/smvpantry

**The SMV HS Youth Group will be taking a field trip to Maple Hill Cemetery TODAY. For more information email: L.MAC.MULLEN@AOL.COM**

**Mothers' Ministry** All moms expecting their first baby through having kids still at home are invited to join the Mother's Ministry. We have monthly social nights and a group chat for fostering community and sharing resources. Come join a lovely group of moms! **Contact Reilly Duvall for more information: 703-479-4703 or reillycuccinelli9@protonmail.com**

## Saint Frassati's Adventurers
## Saturday, October 31

**Join us for a great fall adventure at Smith Lake in the Bankhead area**

**Details will come for those who RSVP, including the time and where to meet for carpooling, the lake house address and what to bring.**

**If you are interested in joining Saint Frassati's Adventurers and want to RSVP for this event, contact Julie_Bury@yahoo.com.**

**Saint Frassati's Adventurers is for Catholic ladies 19 and up.**

## Fall Festival

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **October 31 from 11am to 4pm** in the Parish Hall.

Activities Include: All Saints Costume Contest (around 12:30pm) for Kids (come dressed as your favorite saint and say a few words about why you chose that saint. The winner will receive a goodie bag with candy, a gift card to a local family entertainment venue, and some other assorted goodies); a Bounce House; Fall-themed Photo Area; Knights of Columbus Cornhole; Other Games and Activities; College Football on the Projector Screen; Food for Sale, with proceeds benefiting Knights of Columbus charities; and Popcorn!

## Weekly Schedule & Intentions

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, October 24**
**5:30pm † Pat Schwanke**
**Sunday, October 25**
**8:00am For the Parish**
9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am OCIA (TH)
9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)
11:30am Nazareth House (HFR)
**11:00am JP Cueva (I)**
**12:30pm Our Rosary Prayer Group**
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution
1:15pm High School Youth Group
l.mac.mullen@aol.com for info
**Monday, October 26**
7pm St. Jerome's Book Club (VH)
**Tuesday, October 27**
**8:00am Father Bill Kelly (I)**
6:30pm Pro-Life Ministry (TH)
**Wednesday, October 28**
**8:00am † Sarah Tepool**
5:30pm OCIA Dinner; 6pm OCIA (TH)
**Thursday, October 29**
**8:00am † Michael & Cathleen Dunne**
6:00pm Men of St. Joseph (HFR)
7:00pm Young Adults Bible Study (VH)
**Friday, October 30**
**8:00am † Helen Kruml**
8:30am Coffee Social (VH)
**Saturday, October 31**
11am-5pm Fall Festival (PH)
**5:30pm Our Columbarium Ministry**
**Sunday, November 1**
**8:00am † William "Tex" Bailey**
9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)
9:30am OCIA (TH)
9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)
11:30am Nazareth House (HFR)
**11:00am Our Publication Ministry**
**12:30pm For the Parish**
Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution
(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room, (O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (TH) Trecy Hall, (VH) Visitation

## Expectant Mothers' Ministry

Any St. Mary's mom expecting a baby, we have a ministry that would love to support you and your family around delivery! We mainly do postpartum meal trains, but provide other support as needed. You don't need to know a lot of people at church to participate, we love to support all our pregnant mamas! **Contact Reilly Duvall for more information: 703-479-4703 or reillycuccinelli9@protonmail.com**

**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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