



222 Jefferson St. N

# St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center

## Mass Schedule

### **Weekday Mass**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am

Nursery provided next door in Treacy 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: 256.384.3741**

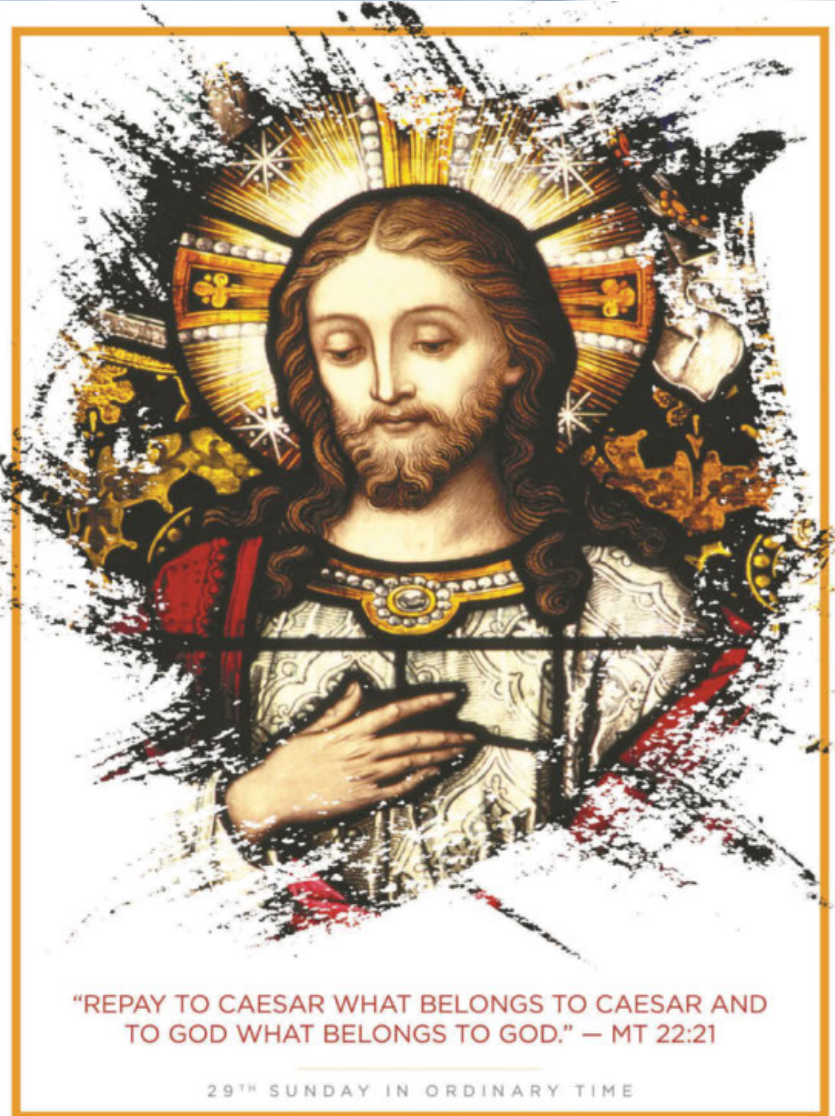
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## Save the Date

**October 27:** Fall Dance

**November 1:** All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

**November 2:** All Souls' Day

Mass at Maple Hill Cemetery

**November 11:** Veteran

Recognition

**World Mission Sunday  
Second Collection Today**

## Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses:  
**\$14,470**

October 14/15 2023 income:  
Weekly Church Support...\$ 9,862  
Holy Family School.....\$ 180  
JPII High School.....\$ 160

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

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

# Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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## Leadership Team of Visitation

### Finance Council Chair

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### Pastoral Council Chair

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### Prayer Commission Chair

Connie Eimer | ronandcon2u@comcast.net

### Service Commission Chair

Manfred Segewitz | manfseg@gmail.com | 256-527-2278

## 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.

**October 22-29** For the intentions of:

**Sun** Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hotard  
**Mon** Mr. & Mrs. Noah House  
**Tue** Ms. Pamela Howard  
**Wed** Mr. & Mrs. Brian Hoyt  
**Thu** Mr. & Mrs. David Howse  
**Fri** Ms. Kathy Hudson  
**Sat** Ms. Nancy Hunt  
**Sun** Ms. Lisa Hunter



**SAVE the DATE**  
**Holy Family School**  
**Fundraiser**  
**A Nite at the Races**  
**Saturday – October 28**

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

**Sun:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 **World Mission Sunday**

**Mon:** Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21 **St. John of Capistrano, Priest**

**Tue:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38 **St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

**Wed:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48

**Thu:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

**Fri:** Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59

**Sat:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16 **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

## Prayer Commission

### Altar Flower Ministry

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### Altar Servers

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### Altar Linen Ministry

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### Candle Light (Devotional) Ministry

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### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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### Mary's Hand

Arrange the Hymnals and book mark them

Fill oils for altar candles and clean pews

Cristina Benzenhafer | 256-652-9362

### Ministry of the Word (Lectors)

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### Rosary Making Ministry

Jed Park

### Sacristan Ministry

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### Ushers

Robert Smith | Estate60@outlook.com

## Faith Formation

### PRAY WITH US!

This week, the 1st grade asks you to join them in praying for the poor, that God provides for them always.



On this mission Sunday, as Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the theme, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," lets recommit to our shared mission to carry the love and message of Christ to the world and remember that this also means allowing God to work through us to bless others and care for the poor.

## Online Giving

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

Altar flowers are in  
celebration of  
**Olivia Russell &  
Benjamin Jones**  
married October 21, 2023

## Nursery



Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in Trecy Hall.

## Prayer Requests

Joann Tyra, Claudia McCoy, Liam Cook, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Albert Rich, Theresa Marlowe, Milton Mantler

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







## Columbarium Pre-Sale

Pricing for Parishioners  
\$3000 per niche until Nov. 11, 2023  
\$3500 after November 11  
2 urns per niche  
Scan QR code for more information.



## World Mission Sunday, October 22

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move,"** based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35).

Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen.

In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: **their hearts burned within them** as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, **their eyes were opened** as they recognized him and, ultimately, **their feet set out** on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

Pope Francis' full message for World Mission Day 2023 can be read here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/20230106-giornata-missionaria.html>

## Potluck & Dancing at the Parish Hall

Come dance with us! The fall parish dance is a country/western theme. We are giving Fridays a try, **October 27th at 5:30pm**. Have questions? Contact Jackie at 251.602.6963. All are welcome!

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Calling all Catholic Women over the age of 18! Roses of St. Mary (Catholic Daughters of the Americas) are hosting a special gathering on **Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:00PM in the Fr. Trecy Room**. Join us for an evening of inspiration and laughter with a community outreach speaker. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. This ministry is a chance to meet incredible people, make a difference in your community, and have a few laughs along the way.

## Veterans Day Recognition

On Saturday, November 11 we will have a **candlelight Rosary procession** to the Veteran's Memorial for prayers and wreath laying **at 6:30pm**. Following the service, we will be serving Chili in Trecy Hall. Please contact Ed Poniatowski at (256) 426-8874 or Skibert@aol.com if you have any questions or would like to help.

## SMV Church Directory

Please use links below to sign up and begin using the SMV On-line Church Directory. Call the office for more information.

iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221>

Android - [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.member&pcampaignid=web\\_share](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.member&pcampaignid=web_share)

PC - <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

## All Souls' Day—Holy Mass at Maple Hill Cemetery

On Thursday, November 2, we will have our regular 8:00am morning Mass at our church and at **noon** will have **Mass at the Catholic section of Maple Hill Cemetery**. Please pass on the information and invite your friends and families.

## Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following: **Pasta sauce; soups; Chef Boyardee; instant rice mixes; gravy; Hamburger or Tuna Helper; canned fruit; fruit cups; applesauce; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; pork and beans; Vienna Sausages; peanut butter, jelly; peanut butter/cheese crackers; instant oatmeal**

## This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 21

5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

### Sunday, October 22

8:00am | For the Parish

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15-10:45am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | Homebound Ministry Members

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

### Monday, October 23

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

### Tuesday, October 24

8:00am | † Mary Frances Kimel

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

### Wednesday, October 25

8:00am | † Marianne Kershaw

10:00am | RCIA (VH)

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | St. Lawrence (VH)

6:00pm | Catholic Daughters (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

### Thursday, October 26

8:00am | Miracle Peacock

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

### Friday, October 27

8:00am | Anna & Sean Alexandria

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

5:30pm | Country/Western Dance & Potluck Dinner (PH)

### Saturday, October 28

5:30pm | † Sarah Tepool

### Sunday, October 29

8:00am | † John Lewis & Samuel Citrano

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15-10:45am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

(O) Office, (TH) Trecy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall  
(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church

*"Ideas won't work  
unless YOU do."*

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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