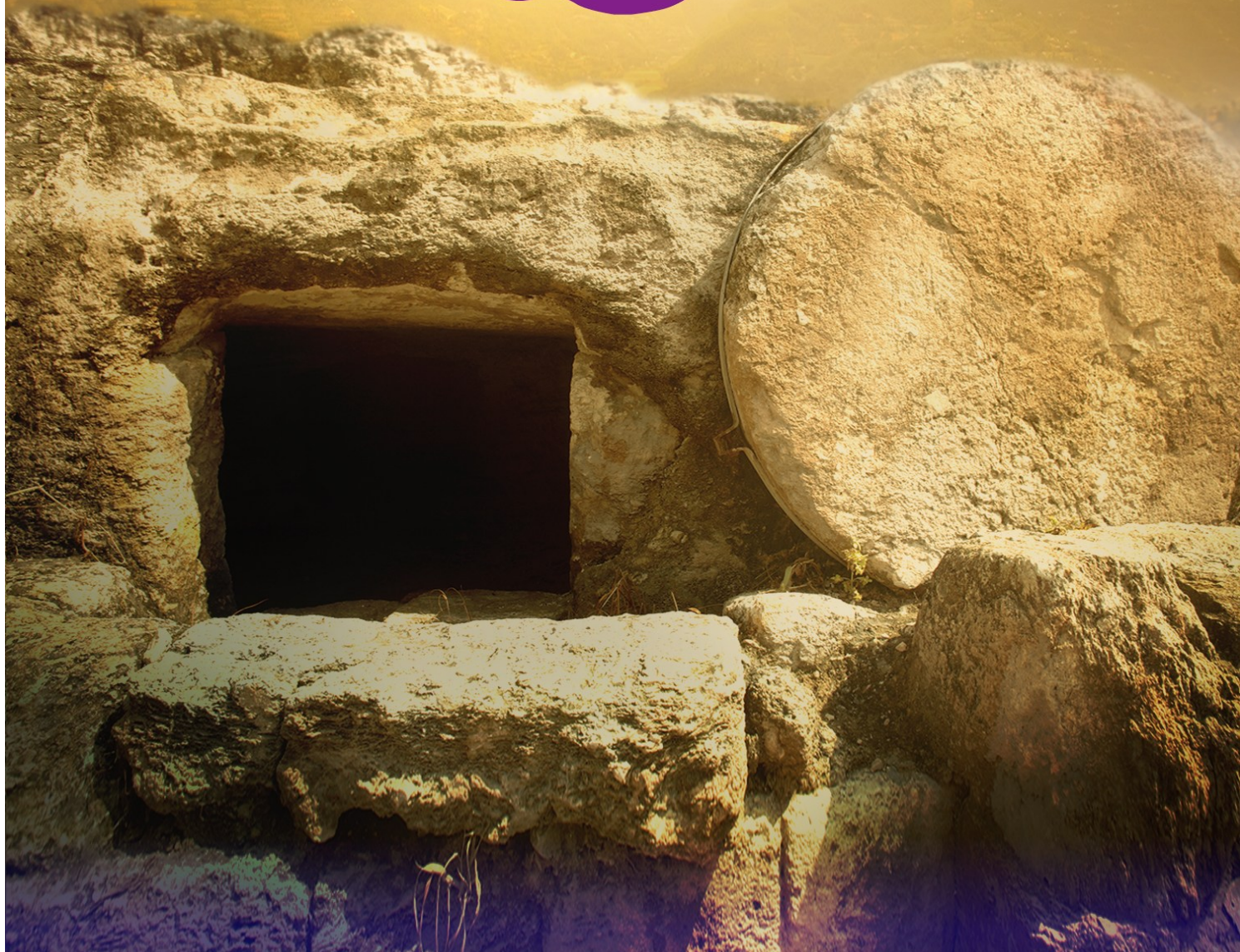


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APRIL 5, 2026 | EASTER SUNDAY



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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

Mass & Adoration

1st Fridays | 6:30pm

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 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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“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

Save the Date

April 26—Parish Hall Dedication after the 8am Mass. Open house until 10:45.

May 2—Nite at the Races at the Parish Hall

May 17—Parish Picnic at the Parish Hall

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$20,119**

Due to an early bulletin submission financial contributions for March 28/29 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.

Dear Parish Family,

Grace and peace to you in this joyful season of Easter!

At the beginning of this sacred week, we were blessed to gather for the Tenebrae prayer on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. It was a beautiful time of silent meditation, allowing us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's passion. I truly appreciate the good number of participants who joined in prayer, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize these meaningful services.

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of attending the Christ Mass at the Cathedral. It was a profound moment of priestly communion, reminding us of the unity we share in Christ's ministry. Thank you for keeping me and all our priests in your prayers. With Palm Sunday, we entered into Holy Week and brought our Lenten journey to its fulfillment. I sincerely hope that this season of Lent has been a time of true spiritual renewal for each one of you. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all our volunteers and ministry members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Your dedication made our celebrations prayerful and meaningful. The Eucharistic procession and Adoration were truly inspiring. I also thank those who participated in the Washing of the Feet, recalling Christ's humble service. The Passion Liturgy and the Veneration of the Cross deeply touched our hearts.

Congratulations to all who came into the Church and those who received the sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. May the risen Lord continue to guide and strengthen you in your faith journey.

We will be praying the Divine Mercy Novena each day leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy. I encourage all of you to take part in this beautiful devotion.

On Saturday the 11th, we will welcome the youth group from Most Merciful Parish, Madison, for a church tour. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Today, as we celebrate Easter, I extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your families. May the joy and peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes.

A blessed and joyful Easter to all!

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.

Apr 5–Apr 12 For the intentions of:
Sun Mr.&Mrs. Jay Stinson
Mon Mr. Michael Stock
Tues Mr.&Mrs. Thomas Stramiello
Wed Mr.&Mrs. Scott Stuckenschneider
Thurs Mr.&Mrs. David Szafranski
Fri Mr.&Mrs. Charles Tabarracci, Jr.
Sat Mr.&Mrs. Ryan Tama
Sun Mr.&Mrs. Charles Taylor

Weekly Readings & Observances—Week of April 5, 2026

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35
Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tues: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thurs: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15



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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 Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, George Bury, Joan Smith, Gerard Drumm, 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



In Memory

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Christine Cornelius	Marie Jasper	George & Irene Noe

Easter Flower Offerings

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Katy O'Loughlin
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Thank you God for all my many
blessings. Amen.

Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave! Our Lord is victorious! Alleluia, alleluia!



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Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 4

7:30pm | Divine Mercy Novena

8:00pm | OCIA Candidates

Sunday, April 5

7:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

8:00am | For the Parish

11:00am | † Jerry Damson

12:30pm | † Dwain & Vera Lindsey

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, April 6

6:00pm | Mass

6:00pm | For the Parish

6:30pm | Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday, April 7

8:00am | Steve Plonka (I)

8:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

6:00pm | Roses for St. Mary (TH)

6:00pm | Finance Council Mtg. (O)

Wednesday, April 8

8:00am | † Charles Albright

8:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

6:00pm | KofC Rosary & Meeting (PH)

6:00pm | PPC (TH)

Thursday, April 9

8:00am | † Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer

8:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

6:00pm | Liturgical Council (VH)

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

6:30pm | St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, April 10

8:00am | Martinez Family (I)

8:30pm Divine Mercy Novena

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

6:00pm | The Light Ahead (TH)

Saturday, April 11

5:00pm | Divine Mercy Novena

5:30 | Scott Reed Family (I)

Sunday, April 12

7:30am | Divine Mercy Novena

8:00am | † Avery Reed

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am | Confirmation Class (VH)

9:30am | HSA (Bridal Suite)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (HFR)

9:30am | OCIA (TH)

11:00am | Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am | For the Parish

12:30pm | † Billie Stone Carman

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Happy Easter

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We're Buzzing to be Back!
55+ Pot Luck Dinner
Friday, April 17th, 5:00 pm
Fr. Treacy Room



Please bring a dish or dessert to share.
Drinks provided.



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SMV 2026 ANNUAL "FUN" DRAISER

CINCO DE DERBY

(A NITE AT THE RACES & CINCO DE MAYO COMBINED INTO ONE FUN NIGHT)

Saturday, May 2, at the Parish Hall

Doors open at 6:30pm, races begin at 7:00pm

\$25 entrance fee includes: Taco Bar Buffet, \$10 in "betting" chips, and lots of fun and fellowship

Horse ownerships are available for \$25 per horse – if your horse wins it's race, you are the winner of \$100

Other fun games are available: 50/50 Raffle, Best Derby Hat and Cinco de Mayo Hat, Heads or Tails, and featuring SMV's own live "horse" race

Come be part of the fun— This is an adult-only event but free on-site childcare is provided by SMV's Catholic Daughters of America volunteers.

Mint Juleps, Margaritas, Wine, and Beer available for a donation.

Tickets/Horses go on sale after all Masses next weekend!

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.



thank you

Tenebrae: Thank you to all who participated in the three days of prayer. Special thank you to Mike Janssen for taking leadership, and for the choir, lectors, and leaders for using their talents to enrich the prayer service. Thank you all so much!

Holy Week: Thanks to all who worked hard to prepare our church and grounds for this special week: the team of Decorators, the Altar Flower Ministry, the Altar Linen Ministry, and the Buildings & Grounds team. Thank you to those who assisted at the Masses: Ambassadors, Lectors, Altar Servers, Deacon Jeff, and Jackie Henderson, Rebecca Whited, and the Choirs. And to all who volunteered who are not part of the above groups—**Thank You!**

Divine Mercy Novena: Thank you for all who are participating in the Novena. Please join the Novena weekdays after the 8:00am Mass and on the weekend before the Mass, and concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12.

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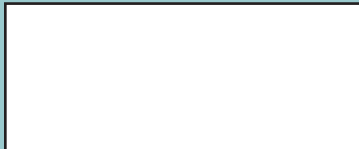
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