



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

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.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am,

11:00am (Contemporary Choir)

Nursery provided for both Sunday

Masses next door in the Fr. Treacy Room.

Confession

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" - Lk 18:7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, ©LPI)

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Office Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.3741

Faith Formation—Sunday Mornings

Youth 9:30-10:45am at Parish Hall

Adult Classes gather after 8:00am Mass for coffee at Parish Hall (Evelyn Jaap) or Visitation Hall (Mike Janssen) before classes begin.

RCIA 9:15-10:45am at Fr. Treacy Room

Sacraments

Matrimony | Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism | The class is by appointment and is required if not previously attended.

Anointing of the Sick | The Church recommends this Sacrament to all who are previously ill or in danger of death.

Mass Intentions 10/15-10/23

Sat 5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

Sun 8:00am | † Ruth Azar

Sun 11:00am | For the Parish

Mon No Mass

Tue 8:00am | † Bernard McGuire

Wed 8:00am | † Harold Haney

Thu 8:00am | † Leslie Boyd Petty

Fri 8:00am | † Elizabeth Rascoll

Family

Sat 5:30pm | For the Parish

Sun 8:00am | † George Geist

Sun 11:00am | † Albert Schrenk

PRAYER, WORSHIP, MINISTRY

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Weekly Readings and Observances

Readings for the week of October 16, 2022

Sun: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8 **Sts. Hedwig and Margaret Mary Alacoque**

Mon: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 12:13-21 **St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Tue: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 **St. Luke**

Wed: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48 **Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues**

Thu: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53 **St. Paul of the Cross**

Fri: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9 **St. John Paul II**

World Mission Sunday

The 40th day of Exhalation of the Cross, we celebrate **World Mission Sunday on October 23**. Be aware of our missionary responsibilities as Disciples of Christ.



Faith Formation

Pray with us!

This week, the 6th grade class asks you to join them in praying for help for the homeless and for those still in purgatory.



Nursery

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



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are in celebration of

Emily Joy Goyer and

Tyler Kelly Carter

married October 15, 2022.



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.



Sept. Oct. 16-Oct. 23

For the intentions of:

Sun Mr.&Mrs. David Howse
Mon Ms. Nancy Hunt
Tue Mr.&Mrs. Jason Hyatt
Wed Mr.&Mrs. John Jaap
Thu Ms. Bailey Janssen
Fri Mr.&Mrs. Mike Janssen
Sat Mr. Dylan Jedlovec
Sun Mr. Daniel Jett

Prayer Requests

Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Jeff Skupien, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Anna Fowler, Bill McCormack, Layne Gerbig, Jim Wall

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



Knights of Columbus Breakfast TODAY

Expanded menu to include: Breakfast Dessert Muffins, Fruit, Instant Oatmeal Varieties, Hot Tea Assortment, Milk as well as the traditional favorites Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee, Juice.

Adults: \$10.00, 16 yrs. & under: \$4.00, 5 yrs. & under: Free

Choir Members Wanted!

We are growing our music ministry at Visitation and would like you to consider joining us! **No experience necessary!** The 11:00am Choir practices every other Wednesday evening. The 5:30pm and 8:00am groups have one monthly practice and run through music 30 minutes before Mass. For more info contact Jackie Henderson, 251-602-6963.

Broken Rosary?

Get your rosary fixed for free during the KofC Breakfast today. Parishioner, Miria Finckenor will be on hand to fix broken rosaries.

Need a ride to the Diocesan Family Festival on October 22?

We are pulling together a carpool team to assist those who need transportation. Anticipated departure time from SMV is 8:00am with return time based on individual carpools. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule or sign-up at the table outside church by the tent after Mass.

The cut-off date for the carpool sign-up is Monday, 17 October, 2022.

Questions? Call the office or Mike Janssen (256-603-0634, mjj032753@gmail.com).

All Souls Day: Holy Mass at Maple Hill Cemetery 12:00 Noon

On November 2, Wednesday, 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 the information and invite your friends and families.

The Church grants a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory if a Catholic in a state of grace visits a cemetery between November 1 and 8.

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery.

Since a plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment for sin, which is the reason why souls are in Purgatory in the first place, applying a plenary indulgence to one of the Holy Souls in Purgatory means that the Holy Soul is released from Purgatory and enters Heaven. **Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation.**

You know the Church is threefold: the Church Triumphant (in heaven), Church Suffering (in purgatory), and Church Militant (on earth). Cemeteries remind us that the "Church" is not limited to the visible or to those of us, here and now rather that the "Church Community of Visitation" in this city is merely at one stage in its own journey as the Church Militant towards the Church Suffering and/or Triumphant. That is why visiting a cemetery and praying is important.

The Catechism teaches: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God, ... The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. ... "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." (1032).

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.

This Week

Sunday, October 16

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution-
Kitchen Door-North Parking Lot

Monday, October 17

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

7:00pm | Faith Formation-High
School (JTR)

Tuesday, October 18

6:00pm | Buildings & Grounds (JTR)

Wednesday, October 19

6:00pm | RC Helicopter Flying (PH)

Thursday, October 20

6:00pm | Food Pantry (JTR)

Friday, October 21

8:30am | Coffee after Mass (VH)

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (JTR) Fr. Treacy Room, (SJ) St. Joseph-Francis Hall

Food Pantry Donation

Update requested donations: Canned Chicken, Tuna, Fruit; Spam; Vienna Sausages; Soup; Pasta; Macaroni & Cheese; Cereal (small boxes or variety pack); Marinara/Alfredo Sauce; Instant Mashed Potatoes; Instant Rice; Oatmeal packets; Chef Boyardee meals-tab top cans **THANK YOU!**

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 the buffet at narthex. Or if you have an address change, please update it with our office.

**Second Collection
Next Sunday, October 23
World Mission Sunday/
Propagation of the Faith**

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$12,610

October 8/9, 2022 income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$12,933

Holy Family School.....\$ 95

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