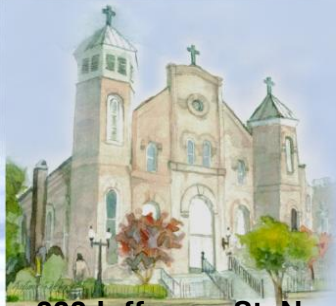


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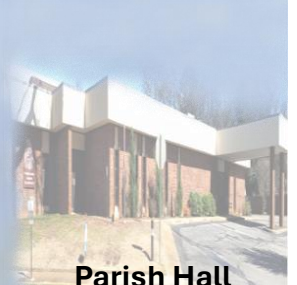


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Parish Hall
220 Lincoln St.

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

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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

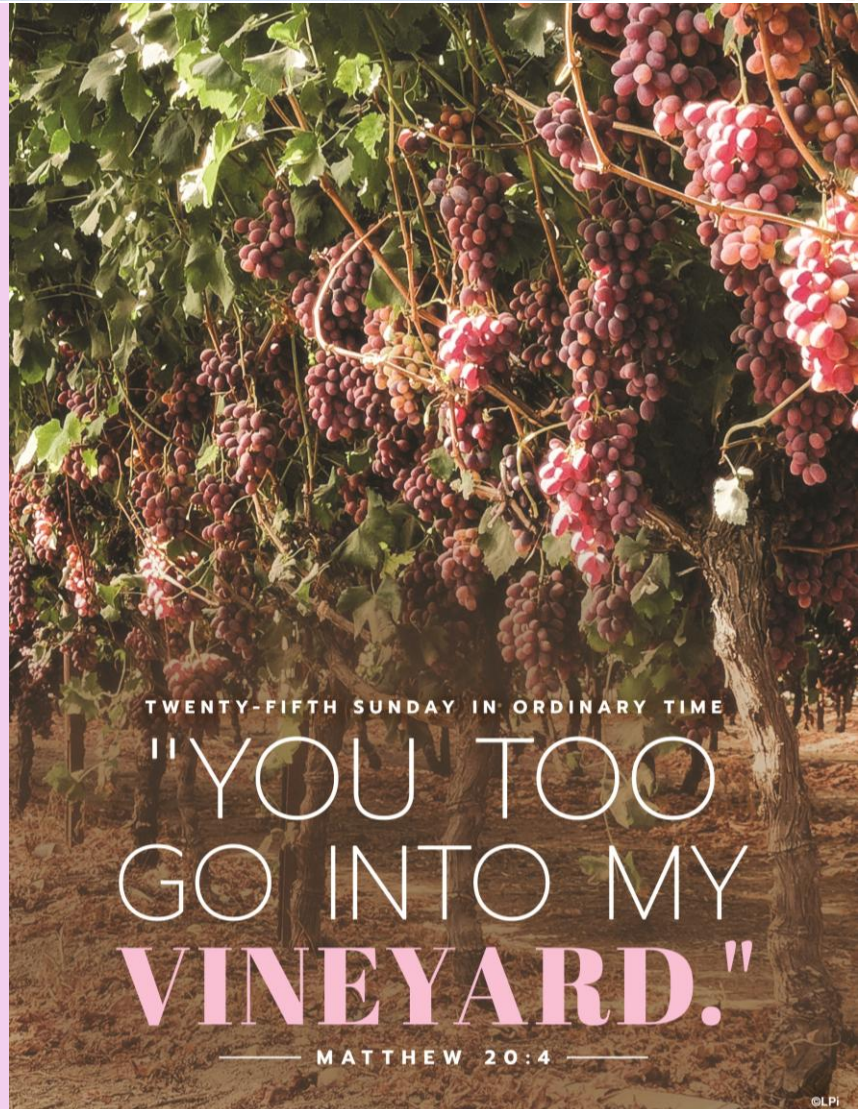
After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

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Save the Date

Sep 25–27: “Who is the Man of the Shroud” Exhibit in the Parish Hall

Oct 4: Blessing of Pets after the 12:30pm Mass.

Oct 7: Rosary for World Rosary Day at 7pm in the church

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

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

September 5/6 & 12/13

Weekly Church Support.....\$44,415
Holy Family School.....\$1028
JPII High School.....\$178
Building Fund.....\$3553

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16a, Jesus gives us the parable of the workers in the vineyard. At first, the workers who labored all day felt that they deserved more than those who came only at the last hour. Yet the landowner reminds them that he has not been unjust; he has simply been generous.

This parable reminds us that God's generosity is not measured by our human calculations. God does not love us according to how much we think we deserve. His mercy and grace are gifts. Rather than comparing ourselves with others, we are called to rejoice in God's goodness and to be grateful for the blessings He gives to each of us.

This Monday, September 21, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Matthew was a tax collector when Jesus called him to follow Him. His response teaches us that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy and that every person can be called to a new life in Christ.

I warmly encourage everyone to visit our Parish Center on September 26 and 27 for the special exhibit, "Who Is the Man of the Shroud?" Please take time for a prayerful visit. May this exhibit help us meditate more deeply on the suffering, sacrifice, and love of Christ.

On October 4, by special permission of our Bishop, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi in place of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Therefore, the special readings for the feast will be used. After the 12:30 p.m. Mass, we will have the Blessing of Pets. Please bring your beloved pets and join us in celebrating St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and creation.

Finally, Family Tip #17: "Visit Your Grandparents." Make time to visit, listen to their stories, and show them your love. Such simple moments can become precious memories and beautiful expressions of the Fourth Commandment.

God bless you 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 during office hours and say a prayer.



Sep 20-Sep 27 For the intentions of:
 Sun: Mrs. Meredith Brohaugh
 Mon: Mr. & Mrs. James Broman
 Tues: Ms. Mary Frances Brosemer
 Wed: Mr. Addison Brown
 Thurs: Mr. Andrew Brown
 Fri: Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Brown
 Sat: Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Brown
 Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Brown

Readings for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Observances for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday; **Monday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; National Migration Week; **Wednesday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; **Saturday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Faith Formation - Pray with us! This week, the 1st Grade class asks you to join them in praying for the St. Mary's Food Pantry, that they will be able to provide the resources needed to help the less fortunate.

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.

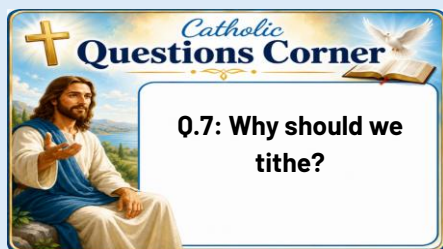
Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Contact the office for more information.

Nazareth House - Calling all 9-12 grade High Schoolers interested in teaching adaptive religion classes. Come to the Nazareth House teacher workshop on Saturday, September 26th, from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM in St. Mary of the Visitation's Holy Family Room in the Admin Building at 222 Jefferson Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. Call/text Judith McGraw-Gregory 256-652-8412.

The Nazareth House weekly religion classes start on Sunday September 27 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM in St. Mary of the Visitation's Holy Family Room in the Admin Building at 222 Jefferson Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. Bring a copy of your special needs student's Baptismal Certificate to register. Call/text Judith McGraw-Gregory 256-652-8412.

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, Timothy Payne, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, Garrett Lindquist, and George Bury.





♥ A Little Love Goes a Long Way ♥

Our Saturday, September 26 annual picnic at the Brosemer Family Flower Farm has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 10.

Women's Ministry invites all ladies of the parish to join us for an evening of love, kindness, and fellowship on **Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 pm** in the Fr. Treacy Hall.

Together, we will write heartfelt "Thinking of You" cards for our homebound parishioners and those on our church prayer list. These simple cards are a beautiful way to remind someone that they are remembered, loved, and held close in prayer.

Come share your time, your kindness, and a little joy with others. No special talent is needed—just a caring heart!

Cards are provided. ♥♥

We hope you'll join us for this special evening of fellowship and spreading a little love throughout our parish family.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697.

Who is the Man of the Shroud?

an Othonia exhibit hosted by our Faith Formation and the Catholic Daughters in the Parish Center Main Hall

September 25-27

Open to visitors during the following times: Friday 3pm-6pm; Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 11am-2pm

Special Talk & Q&A Saturday at 2pm

In Memoriam

Billy Ray Wilson
Aug 30, 1960-Sep 3, 2026
Husband of Sherry Wilson



Newly Baptized

Connor Matthew Pate
September 13, 2026

Prolife Ministry - Please join the Prolife Ministry on **Tuesday, Sept 22, at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall for a special evening welcoming guest speaker Leisa Nelson** from the Kids to Love Foundation in Madison County.

Kids to Love is a wonderful non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the immediate and lasting needs of foster children right here in our community.

Ms. Nelson will share about their inspiring mission and the vital services they provide, including Adoption services, Homes for teen girls and young adult women, technical job training and so much more.

Come learn how you can make a meaningful difference in the lives of local foster children. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact is Mary Fitter, 808-489-5344 or mary_fitter@yahoo.com

The **Food Pantry** requests the following items: pasta; canned fruit; peanut butter, jelly; cereal (any size); mashed potatoes; and gravy (mixes or jar). Thank you again for your continued support and donations. **Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List. Or type: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>**



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19

5:30pm † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, September 20

8:00am For the Parish

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)

11:00am † Angela Stramiello

12:30pm † Sister Terence CMC

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

Monday, September 21

6:00pm St. Veronica Blanket Ministry (TH)

Tuesday, September 22

8:00am † Greg Pfister

6:30pm Pro-Life Ministry (TH)

Wednesday, September 23

8:00am † Mary Jane Pfister

5:30pm OCIA dinner; 6pm Class (TH)

Thursday, September 24

8:00am † Mary & Jerome Nerger

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

6:00pm Women's Ministry (TH)

Friday, September 25

8:00am † Myrtle Delany

8:30am Coffee Social (VH)

3pm-6pm Shroud Exhibit (PH)

Saturday, September 26

5:30pm For the Parish

10am-5pm Shroud Exhibit (Q&A at 2pm) (PH)

Sunday, September 27

8:00am Our St. Hunna Altar Linen Ministry

9:00-10:30am KofC Family Breakfast

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)

11am-2pm Shroud Exhibit (PH)

11:30am Nazareth House (HFR)

11:00am † Bernard McGuire

12:30pm † Forrest Smith

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

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

Marriage Anniversaries

Parishioners celebrating their Silver (25th) and Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversaries and couples who have celebrated more than 50 years of marriage are invited to scan the QR code below to submit their wedding anniversary information, or contact the office at 256-536-6349, smvparish@smvparish.org.



Adult Formation starts TODAY at

9:30am in Visitation Hall - Please

consider attending and being part of our Adult Formation Class. This year's sessions begin with a video series from Franciscan University - Evolution and the Catholic Faith.

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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