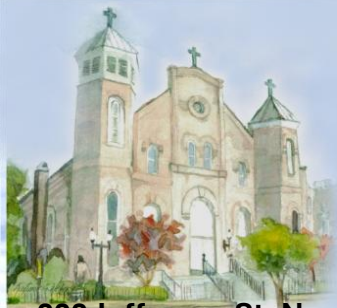


SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

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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
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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
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Spirit, to love God, and follow Jesus Christ through
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Office Hours

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

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.8758

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FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins
against me, how often must
I forgive? As many as seven
times?” Jesus answered, “I say
to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

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Save the Date

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

Oct 4: Blessing of the front
stained-glass windows after the
8am Mass and Blessing of Pets
after the 12:30pm Mass.

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

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

**Due to an early bulletin submission,
contributions for Sep 5/6 will be in
the Sep 20 bulletin.**

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

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online, see page 2.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35) invites us to reflect deeply on the gift of forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?" Jesus responds not with a limited number, but with a call to forgive generously and without counting. Through the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus reminds us that we have received abundant mercy from God, and therefore we are called to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiveness does not mean that the hurt we have experienced was insignificant. Rather, it means choosing not to allow resentment and anger to control our hearts. As we have been forgiven by God, may we learn to forgive one another, especially within our families and parish community. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to take the first step toward reconciliation.

On September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Cross is at the very heart of our Christian faith. What appeared to be an instrument of suffering became, through Christ, the sign of our salvation. May we never look at the Cross merely as a symbol, but as a reminder of Christ's sacrificial love for each of us.

The following day, September 15, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross and shared in the suffering of her Son. May her example teach us to remain faithful to Christ even in moments of pain and difficulty.

From September 25-27, our parish will host the exhibit "Who Is the Man of the Shroud?" This special exhibit is initiated by our Religious Education Department and supported by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The Shroud of Turin has been venerated for centuries as the possible burial cloth of Jesus and is one of the most widely studied objects in the world. Please see the bulletin for the complete schedule, and I encourage you to make a prayerful visit to this meaningful exhibit.

Finally, Family Tip #16: As October 31 approaches, prepare for a Family Saint Costume Night. Encourage children and adults to dress as their favorite saint, learn something about that saint's life, and celebrate holiness together as a family.

May the Cross of Christ teach us love, Mary teach us faithfulness, and the Gospel teach us the joy of forgiveness.

God bless you and your families!

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 13-Sep 20 For the intentions of:
Sun: Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Boyle
Mon: Mr. Matt Boyle
Tues: Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Bradford
Wed: Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Bragdon
Thurs: Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Brantley
Fri: Mr. & Mrs. Jason Brantley
Sat: Mr. & Mrs. Greg Brierly
Sun: Mrs. Meredith Brohaugh

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Observances for the week of September 13, 2026

Sun: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day; **Mon:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; **Tues:** Our Lady of Sorrows; **Wed:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs; **Thurs:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; **Sat:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

SMV Faith Formation & Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Roses for St. Mary Court will host

Who is the Man of the Shroud?

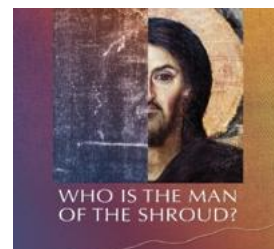
an Othonia exhibit on the Shroud of Turin in the Parish Center main hall

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

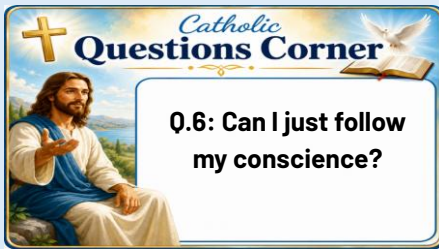


Congratulations to newlyweds Caroline Williams and Braden Blevins! Married on September 12th. Thank you to the couple for donating their flowers for the altar.

Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses.

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.





Come, enjoy a beautiful day of faith, friendship, food, and flowers!

Ladies of the parish are invited to our **Women's Ministry Annual Picnic** at the Brosemer Flower Farm! Look for the blue balloons marking the entrance to the Flower Farm.

Saturday, September 26

10:00 AM

Brosemer Flower Farm
3008 Winchester Rd NW
Huntsville, AL 35810

Bring your lawn chair, rosary, and a side dish or dessert to share, and come ready for a wonderful morning together. Sandwich trays are provided.

Our parishioner, Mary Frances Brosemer, will show us the art of creating a beautiful flower arrangement to take home.

Come gather with other ladies of the parish, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, pray the Rosary together under the big oak tree, and make memories that will last!

We can't wait to see you there. Contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com if you have questions.



The **Food Pantry** needs the following items: pasta sauce; ramen noodles; cereal (any size will help); Chef Boyardee; and jelly. Thank you so much for your continued donations. **Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List. Or type: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>**



Adult Formation - Please consider attending and being part of our Adult Formation Class - a program focused on exploring current issues through the lens of the Catholic Church and its teachings.

The class meets on Sunday mornings in Visitation Hall (in the admin building next to the church) at 9:30 am. Discussion topics vary and may be based on current events within our society or specific topics that help form us into more knowledgeable, well-informed Catholics for today's world. The group or any individual can suggest a topic to explore, and individuals can facilitate a class if they have a particular interest to share. This year's sessions begin on September 20 with a video series from Franciscan University - Evolution and the Catholic Faith.

We ask our children to learn and be aware of their Catholic heritage and beliefs. As adults, we too have the responsibility to grow in our faith and be prepared to defend our beliefs in all areas of our lives and our communities. Seriously consider dedicating time in your Sunday morning schedule to becoming a better Catholic.

Hope to see you on Sunday, Sep 20!

Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12

5:30pm † Robert James Bartlett

Sunday, September 13

8:00am † Mike Imhoff

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

11:00am † Mary Jane Pfister

12:30pm For the Parish

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

Tuesday, September 15

8:00am † Sister Terence CMC

6:00pm Life in Faith (VH)

Wednesday, September 16

8:00am Margaret Smallwood (I)

10:00am Pray & Play call Katie LeBlanc
334.470.7854 for location

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

6:00pm Parish Pastoral Council (VH)

6:30pm St. Michael Ministry (VH)

Thursday, September 17

8:00am † Billy Wilson

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

Friday, September 18

8:00am Pilar Delany (I)

8:30am Coffee Social (VH)

5:00pm Fifty-Five Plus (PH)

Saturday, September 19

7:00am Into the Breach (PH)

5:30pm † Bea & Charles Albright

Sunday, September 20

8:00am For the Parish

9:00-10:30am KofC Family Breakfast

9:30am Youth Faith Formation (PH)

9:30am OCIA (TH)

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (VH)

11:00am † Angela Stramiello

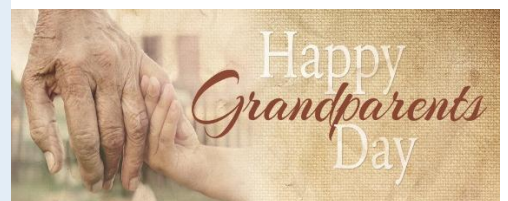
12:30pm † Sister Terence CMC

Noon-1:00pm Food Distribution

(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.



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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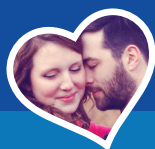
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