

APRIL 16, 2023 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

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. Trecy Room.

Confession

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm

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Faith Formation—Sunday Mornings

1. Sunday School 9:30-10:45am at Parish Hall

2. High School Apologetics 12:30-1:30pm class in Fr. Trecy Room.

3. RCIA 9:15-10:45am in Fr. Trecy Room

4. Adult Class gather after 8:00am Mass at Parish Hall with Evelyn Jaap.

5. Adult Class 9:15am in the Visitation Hall with Mike Janssen.

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 | The Church recommends this Sacrament to all who are grievously ill or in danger of death.

Office Hours

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

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.3741



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1990, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

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.

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Mass Intentions 4/15-4/23

Sat 5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sun 8:00am | For the Parish

Sun 11:00am | Shelby Musgrove (I)

Mon No Mass

Tue 8:00am | † Billy R. Smith

Wed 8:00am | † Claudia E. Jersey

Thu 8:00am | † Bob Sanders

Fri 8:00am | † Gene Fowler

Sat 5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

Sun 8:00am | † Theodore Blair

Sun 11:00am | For the Parish

PRAYER, WORSHIP, MINISTRY

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Weekly Readings and Observances

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sun: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tues: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 **St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 **Earth Day**

Faith Formation

Mark your calendars!

Our Summer Tri-Parish VBS will be **June 5-9**

for children **age 4 through 5th grade**

Youth & Adult volunteers will be needed

If you'd like to help, email Jennifer Kilroy

at Jennifer.Kilroy@gmail.com.

More details to come



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



Altar Flowers

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



Nursery Worker Paid Position Opening

The nursery worker cares for preschool children during Sunday Masses. If interested, please call the church office or email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.com

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. Treacy Room.

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.

Apr. 16—Apr. 23

For the intentions of:

Sun Ms. Regina Tuten

Mon Mr. Andy Valerio

Tue Mr. & Mrs. James Vandiver

Wed Mr. & Mrs. Steve Venckus

Thu Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Wagner

Fri Ms. Morgan Wall

Sat Ms. Beverly Watts-Townsend

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Todd White



Prayer Requests

Pat Tumminello, Liam Cook, Manfred Segewitz, Miria Finckenor, Dewey Schleeper, Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Anna Fowler, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert.

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



Women's Ministry

All women of the parish are invited to this year's first Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Treacy room. This year we will have guest speakers, craft nights, bunco nights, community service projects, and more. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. With the love and guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary, we will create a community of faith-filled women who come together in friendship and service. For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

The Red Flag Is Up and Away We Go!

Come Join the Fun at The Nite at the Races!

This parish fundraiser is filled with excitement and thrills as you watch video horse racing while cheering for your favorite selected horse to win!

You Can be a Horse Owner and Win Too!

For a \$20 donation, you can own a horse – if your horse wins – you win a prize! Horse ownership tickets go on sale April 9th after each Mass and the next two weekends or until sold out – first come, first served.

Saturday – April 29th – Parish Center – 220 Lincoln Street

Food Serving Begins at 6:30PM – Racing Starts at 7:00PM

No Entry Fee to Attend – Food Will be Available for Purchase

This is an adult-only fundraising event.

Please do not bring food or beverage to this event.

We'll See You at the Races!!!

Save the Date!

- Apr 29th:** Night at the Races
- May 14th:** Mother's Day Brunch
- May 21st:** Parish Picnic
- June 3rd:** Church Dance (Theme: Beach!)
- June 18th:** Father's Day Brunch

FREE KoC Parish Appreciation Breakfast this weekend (April 16th) after the 8am Mass at the Parish Center!

CRS Rice Bowls

For those who collected money in their Rice Bowls this Lent, it is time to turn them in! You can either bring them by the office or put them in the designated basket in the narthex.

Youth Group Dates

Apr 16 @ St. Joe's | 5:30pm-7:30pm
Apr 30 @ St. Mary's | 5:30pm-7:30pm

SMV 2023 Parish Education Award (\$500)

Entry forms are in the narthex(back of the church) or in the office

Requirements:

1. Graduating high school senior or enrolled in a university, community college or technical school
 2. Registered parish member of SMV
 3. Brief (less than 1 page) autobiography highlighting church service, community service, extracurricular activities, academic honors, employment, etc.)
 4. Letter of recommendation (from a teacher, supervisor, mentor, etc. but not family)
 5. Written essay:
 - Cover page with name and contact information
 - No more than 400 words
 - Format: Times New Roman 12-point font, 1" margins, single spaced paragraphs with double space between paragraphs
- 2023 Essay Topic:** How has your Catholic faith helped you navigate through difficult times?

Submit entry form, brief autobiography, essay and letter of recommendation to the St. Mary's Parish Office.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 28, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT: Weekend of May 20, 2023 in Mass

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, April 16

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, April 17

6:00pm | Liturgy Council (JTR)

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, April 18

6:00pm | B&G (JTR)

Wednesday, April 19

6:00pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

6:00pm | St. Michael's Ministry (JTR)

Thursday, April 20

6:00pm | Food Pantry (JTR)

Friday, April 21

8:30am | Coffee after Mass (VH)

(O) Office, (JTR) Fr. Jeremiah Treacy Room, (VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church, (PH) Parish Hall

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following: **Canned chicken, meat, & tuna; Vienna sausage; Chef Boyardee, pull tab top; pasta; pasta sauce; soups; canned fruit, vegetables; peanut butter and jelly, small jars; cereal, regular size box or variety pack**

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.

Palm Sunday Weekend:

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$14,470

April 1st & 2nd, 2023 income:

Weekly Church Support...\$ 16,654
Holy Family School.....\$ 100
JPII High School.....\$ 50

Roof Restoration

Jan-March 2023.....\$ 49,100

Easter Weekend:

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$14,470

April 8th & 9th, 2023 income:

Weekly Church Support...\$ 21,140
Holy Family School.....\$ 105
JPII High School.....\$ 0

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

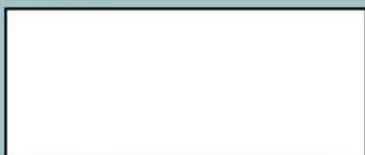
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