

MARCH 30, 2025

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

**He himself bore our sins
in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin,
we might live for
righteousness.
By his wounds
you have been healed.**

1 Peter 2:24



LENT

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm: +Victor Pesqueira

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:15am: +Paula Whithaus
11:15am: For the Parish
+Viviana Uribe Torres

MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am: +Anna Cavrak

TUESDAY, APRIL 01

7:00am: +Mr. & Mrs. Tim Jernigan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02

7:00am: +Mihyun Wissel

THURSDAY, APRIL 03

7:00am: +Angel Araiza Carrillo
9:00am*: Mass of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, APRIL 04

7:00am: +Donald Bosley

SATURDAY, APRIL 05

8:00am: +Gerald Pohl
5:00pm: +Dan Kelly

SUNDAY, APRIL 06

8:15am: Joe Westover
11:15am: For the Parish
+Butch Damson

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



We have been truly blessed with many who are interested in joining the Catholic Church and, in particular, our parish. This is both a blessing and an opportunity. We have three catechumens who will enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. They will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time.

This is the final step in their full initiation into the Catholic faith. This period is called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment and usually coincides with Lent. It began with "The Rite of Election" held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on the first Saturday of Lent. In the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) the following is stated: "Both in the liturgy and in the liturgical catechesis, through remembrance of Baptism or preparation for it, and by penitence, Lent renews the community of the faithful together with the elect and disposes them to recall the Paschal Mystery, which the Sacraments of Initiation apply to individuals. In this period, the elect together with the local community give themselves to spiritual recollection, so that they may prepare themselves for the Paschal Feasts and for Initiation by the Sacraments. To this end the Scrutinies, the Rites of Handing On (the First Scrutiny, the Creed, and the Third Scrutiny, the Our Father), and the Rite of Immediate Preparation are provided for them.

The document continues: "The time of purification and enlightenment is given a more intense preparation of spirit and heart, which has the character of recollection rather than of catechesis and is intended to purify hearts and minds by examination of conscience and penitence. This is intended as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior. The Scrutinies and Rites of Handing On take place during the Lent that precedes the Sacraments of Initiation.

The "Scrutinies", which are celebrated solemnly on Sundays, have the double purpose mentioned earlier, namely, to relieve what is weak, sick and sinful in the hearts of the elect so that it can be healed; and what is honorable, strong and holy, so that it can be strengthened.

In order to awaken a desire for purification in redemption by Christ, three Scrutinies take place, both to teach the elect gradually about the mystery of sin from which the whole world and every person longs to be rescued in order to be saved from its present and future consequences, and to fill their spirit with the sense of Christ the Redeemer, who is living water (the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman), Light (the Gospel of the Man Born Blind), resurrection and life (the Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus). From the first to the final Scrutiny, they must grow in the awareness of sin and in the desire for salvation."

We celebrate the Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent at the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Please keep our three catechumens (Sung, Amber and Paige) in your prayers as they prepare to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.

We also have several candidates who have already been baptized and will enter the church during the Easter Season.

I hope you are finding this Lenten Season a time of reflection, prayer and growth. You are in my prayers each day. May God bless you with the best.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Matthew M., Selena M., Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Judy Blanche, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, Bruce Jansen, Mary Jean & Ron Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr., Ezra Morris, Mark Manning, Larry Barnett, Susan Sheehy.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list. Thank you, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b John 4:43-54	Friday	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16	Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 John 7:40-53
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30	Sunday	Isaiah 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 John 5:31-47	5th Sunday of Lent	

ST. JOSEPH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025
TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday April 17	No Mass at 7:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Adoration following the Mass until 10:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall
Good Friday April 18	No Mass at 7:00 a.m. Live Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday April 19	No Mass at 8:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Foods at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Confessions 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday April 20	Easter Sunrise Mass at Monte Sano at 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in the church Easter Reception in St. Francis Hall after the 8:15 a.m. Mass Easter Celebration in the Messmer Center after the 11:15 a.m. Mass

2025 ST. JOSEPH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Adoration & Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during Lent
11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Church

Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 2
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Church

Fish Fry

Friday, March 14/March 28/April 11
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center
\$15 adults, \$6 ages 5-12

Enchiladas/Beans/Rice

Friday, March 7/March 21/April 4
3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center
\$10 per plate

Parish Seder Meal

Palm Sunday, April 13
5:00-7:00 p.m.* Fr. Messmer Center
***please note new time**

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL LENTEN DINNER – APRIL 4 Menu includes crispy Tacos (potatoes/lettuce/radishes/onions/salsa) plus one vegetarian Tamale, rice, beans and soda for \$ 10.00 a plate. Don't miss the great food and fellowship.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 10,396.66
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,588.44

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

APRIL 05-APRIL 06, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: John Johanneman, Clark Harmon
8:15am: David Pohl, Henry Franzo
11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Travis Aragon

LECTORS

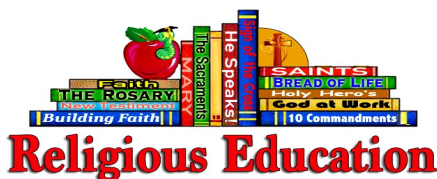
5:00pm: Randy Buckner, Susan Carr
8:15am: Ellen Styles, Robert Styles
11:15am: Booker Terry, Beatrice Terry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: McKinley Curtis*, Webb Tadesse, Patty Ayala,
Karen Thompson, Maureen Chemsak
8:15am: Paula Bertrand*, Muriel Weston, Josette Dant,
Gina Bain, Ashley Medina
11:15am: Kristy Hayne*, Jerolyn Golightly, Nelene Odutola,
Michelle Jansen, Jim Powell

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

March 30 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building

April 6 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building

THE GOLD CHALLENGE We are looking for scrap gold and silver items to be sold for cash. Proceeds will go to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign.

Acceptable items include:

- ◆ Crimped or broken chains and bracelets
- ◆ Single earrings
- ◆ Rings with missing stones
- ◆ Cuff links and tie tacks

They must be of 10K gold or better, or solid sterling silver—no plated items.

To submit, place your donations in a plain envelope to go in the offertory at Mass, or deliver to the parish office. For more information, please call 256-534-1480.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on April 5/6. Please drop off food items at the collection point in front of the church before Mass. We especially need paper towels and canned fruit. Please no bulk items or glass jars.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Mark at morgidam@gmail.com or 256-658-8981.

CRUCIFIX EASTER BLESSING The Environment Committee invites you to bring a Crucifix from home to display in the environment area during this year's Good Friday service. Please place them on the burlap path before the service and take them home afterwards. Fr. Joe will bless them during the service.

HUNTSVILLE AREA 2025 LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Joseph	April 2 @ 5:00 p.m. *
St. Paul/Athens	April 2 @ 6:30 p.m. **
St. Mary of the Visitation	April 5 @ 10:00 a.m. **
St. John/Madison	April 7 @ 5:00 p.m. *
Mercy Parish/Madison	April 10 @ 6:30 p.m. **
Holy Spirit	April 15 @ 6:30 p.m. **
St. John/Madison	April 17 & 18 @ 9:15 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. *

* = Confessions

** = Penance Service

Please verify date and time with the individual parish

JUST TWO WEEKS before Grammy-nominated singer Sarah Hart brings her music to St. Joseph. She was invited to sing for Pope Francis in 2013 and has written music recorded by Amy Grant, Matt Maher, Celtic Women and Newsboys. She is a two-time Audie Awards nominee and an Association of Catholic Publishers multi-award winner. And she has made time to visit St. Joseph and help us raise funds for the Holy Family Capital Campaign.

Come and hear her on April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at this weekend's Masses and in the parish office.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, APRIL 01

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02

5:00pm: Lenten Communal Reconciliation (SJC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 03

6:00pm: Adult Formation (LMR)

FRIDAY, APRIL 04

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)
12:00pm: Stations of the Cross (SJC)
3:30pm: Lenten Taco Night (FMC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 05

Hospitality after the 5:00 pm Mass

10:00am: Lay Salvatorians (SFH)
10:00am: Zieman Baptism (SJC)
5:00pm: Stegall Baptism (SJC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 06

Hospitality after the 8:15 am Mass

9:30am: RE/OCIA (HFS/SFH/LMR/LIB)
12:30pm: KPCLA Junior Daughters (LMR/LIB)

Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym
SJC = St. Joseph Church
SFH = St. Francis Hall
LMR/LIB = RE Center
STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
BRZWY = Breezeway
VBC = Von Braun Center