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SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment with the pastor.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed during lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to bulletin@saintjosephcc.com no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.



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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Maritza Holland at the parish office. For sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there must be at least one year of formation immediately prior to the preparation for the sacraments.

BAPTISM. Parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation session before scheduling a baptism.

MARRIAGE. If you intend to be married at St. Joseph Church, you must be registered in the parish and be active by donating your time, talent or treasure in support of parish projects. Regular Mass attendance on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation is also required. Couples planning marriage should contact the parish before setting a wedding date.

OCIA. Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Joseph Lubrano at the parish office to schedule an anointing.

FUNERALS

We have a number of people to help plan funeral liturgies. Please call the parish office before contacting the funeral home to avoid scheduling conflicts.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish and wish to register, please call the parish office for the appropriate forms.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 05

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Jim Gudaitis

SUNDAY, JULY 06

8:15am: +Jon David Brost
11:15am: For the Parish, Dale Johnson

MONDAY, JULY 07

7:00am: +Claude Davis

TUESDAY, JULY 08

7:00am: +Sara Nava Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, JULY 09

7:00am: +Paul Borgatti

THURSDAY, JULY 10

7:00am: Ruth Carrillo

FRIDAY, JULY 11

7:00am: +George & Elizabeth Manush

SATURDAY, JULY 12

8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm: +Jacqueline Hallowes

SUNDAY, JULY 13

8:15am: For the Parish, +Fr. Gary New, S.D.S.
11:15am: +Heidi Brown

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today, I want to share another meditation with you from *The Word Among Us: Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations* for Tuesday, June 17. The readings for that day were: **2 Corinthians 8:1-9/Psalm 146:2, 5-9/Matthew 5:43-48.**



Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

How would you describe a good teacher? Perhaps someone who makes learning fun or someone who gives you a free pass when you forgot to do your homework? Most certainly a good teacher is able not only to impart knowledge but also to show you how to apply what you have learned.

At first glance, it may be hard to see Jesus as this kind of teacher. After all he teaches the impossible! "Be perfect," he tells us (**Matthew 5:48**). Who among us could ever do that? We all know we're imperfect human beings.

Part of our challenge is with the word "perfect." We tend to think it means being flawless in everything we say and do. But the Greek word in this passage actually means mature or attaining the purpose for which something was created. So according to Jesus, we are perfect when we fulfill God's purpose in creating us. Or to draw from today's passage, we are perfect when we love our enemies and pray for our persecutors (**Matthew 5:44**). Going back a little further, we are perfect when we turn the other cheek and when we are generous towards someone who asks for our help (**Matthew 5:39, 41**).

Of course, even this can seem impossible at times. But like a good teacher, Jesus didn't just issue his "impossible" commands from heaven and then step back to watch us fail. No, he entered into creation, took on our human weakness and frailty, and showed us what perfection looks like. All through his life, he loved his enemies, prayed for his persecutors, and turn the other cheek. In fact, he loved all of us "to the end" (**John 13:1**) - he offered his life on the cross to save us from the sin that kept holding us back. Then he gave us his Spirit, who fills us with his love and empowers us to live and to love as he does.

What "impossible" thing has been weighing on you? Is there someone you are struggling to love or forgive? Don't keep trying to do it by yourself! Ask Jesus, the "perfect" teacher, to soften your heart. Ask him to help you become perfect in the same way that he is - perfect in love.

"Jesus, teach me how to fulfill your call to live in love."

I hope you have a blessed day. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



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

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**



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL 2025 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July

July 8-18

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Monday-Thursday, closed Friday

July 21

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Regular office hours resume

Monday-Friday

August

Classes resume August 4



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Genesis 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab Matthew 9:18-26	Friday	Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Matthew 10:16-23
Tuesday	Genesis 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15 Matthew 9:32-38	Saturday	Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 Matthew 10:24-33
Wednesday	Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Matthew 10:1-7	Sunday	Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37
Thursday	Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21 Matthew 10:7-15		

ST. JOSEPH PARISH is implementing a new collection counting software program which requires laptop computers for our counters. We need at least one additional laptop.

If you have one that you are not using and would like to donate, please call the parish office for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on July 5/6. Please drop off your food items at the collection point in front of the church before Mass.

We especially need pancake mix, soup, snacks, spaghetti and sauce, canned meat, jelly and crackers. Please no bulk items or glass jars.

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

SAVE YOUR PENNIES for the Holy Family School Capital Campaign.

The U.S. Mint will discontinue production of pennies in 2026, so we are launching a drive to collect loose pennies, rolls of pennies and jars of pennies at the weekend Masses on July 19/20 and July 26/27.

Give us your pennies, and we will put them to good use.

TAMALE SALE Sunday, July 13, 2025 to support the Holy Family School 8th grade students for their 2026 class trip to Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

Homemade chicken or pork tamales will be available in the church breezeway after the Sunday Masses on July 13 for \$3.00 each.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UAH needs a few items to complete its Student Center for the upcoming semester. If you would like to help by purchasing an item on their wish list, it is available at www.UAHCCM.org. Students and staff thank you for your support.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements or request a special commemoration, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,954.46
Mission Cooperative	\$ 1,836.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 843.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JULY 12-JULY 13, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Larry Bayer, Grady Harmon
8:15am: Dawson Amos, Josephat Lopez
11:15am: Kaylen Nyochembeng, Zoey Emmett

LECTORS

5:00pm: Patty Ayala, Laura Hall
8:15am: Donna Howell, Connie Abbott
11:15am: Jake Petraszewsky, Ryan Petraszewsky

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Ben Sunday*, Karen Sunday, Webb Tadesse, Maureen Chemsak, McKinley Curtis
8:15am: Alicia Owens*, Michelle Nash, Kevin Nash, Jamie Stewart, Ellen Styles
11:15am: Jim Powell*, Maggie Taylor, Gerald Wocken, Bea Terry, Donnis Aragon

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

RE REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 has begun and classes resume on Sunday, August 17. Registration forms are available in the church breezeway. If you have not already done so, please register your child or children this weekend so that we can order the necessary materials. If you have questions, please call Maritza Holland, Director of Religious Education, at the parish office.

FORMATION CALENDAR

July 13 OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building

July 27 OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you attend Mass regularly at St. Joseph, you should be registered here. Single adults who no longer share an address with their parents should have their own separate registration. If you are planning to be married or are newly married, you are invited to join the parish. As a general rule, registration with a particular parish is important for any sacrament, such as baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, marriage and becoming a godparent. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We offer the class at the beginning of each quarter, or four times a year. Please call the parish office to register. If you are a godparent from another parish, you must provide a letter of good standing from your pastor.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation classes are required if you plan to be married at St. Joseph. The preparation time is six months. You must be registered in the parish, complete the marriage preparation classes, attend an Engaged Encounter day or weekend and supply all the necessary documentation.

FUNERAL: Please call the parish office before making arrangements with a funeral home to ensure that the church and pastor are available. Schedule an appointment with the pastor to plan the service.

REMINDER: When there is a holiday (religious or federal) and the parish office is closed, there will be no meetings in the RE Center, St. Francis Hall or the church. Any scheduled or standing meetings that fall on such a holiday must be moved to a different day. Please call the parish office with questions or to reschedule.

PARISHIONER UPDATE

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend St. Joseph on a regular basis and have not registered or if you have had an address or telephone number change, please complete the following information and drop in the offertory basket or bring it to the parish office. If you are not catholic but are interested in learning more about the faith, please check "O.C.I.A."

Name _____	_____ <i>New Parishioner</i>
Address _____	_____ <i>O.C.I.A.</i>
_____	_____ <i>Leaving Parish</i>
E-mail _____	_____ <i>Address Change</i>
Home phone _____ Cell phone _____	_____ <i>Telephone Change</i>

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, JULY 08

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Spiritual Life Committee (LMR)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 09

6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)
6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, JULY 10

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

FRIDAY, JULY 11

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)

SUNDAY, JULY 13

9:30am: OCIA (LMR/LIB)
12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (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