

JULY 13, 2025

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.



Holy Family School—Huntsville

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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 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: +Deacon Marcene Emmett

MONDAY, JULY 14

7:00am: +Burton Edward Lynch

TUESDAY, JULY 15

7:00am: Achile Egbunu

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:00am: +Robert Salinas

THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:00am: +Mary Bell

FRIDAY, JULY 18

7:00am: Ezra Morris

SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:00am: +Fr. Michael Klauck
5:00pm: +Heidi Brown

SUNDAY, JULY 20

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie
11:15am: For the Parish, +Eucharist Onyiahialam

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 Friday, July 4. It was written by John Borelli. Mr. Borelli is a historian of religions and a theologian, serving as a special assistant for Catholic identity and dialogue to the president of Georgetown University. The readings for that day were: *Isaiah 57:15-19/Psalm 85:10, 11-12, 13-14/Philippians 4:6-9/John 14:6-9*.



Give Peace, O Lord

It is fascinating how the readings for today, The Fourth of July, challenge us to think about peace. In the letter to his wife, dated July 3, 1776, the day before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams admitted that he was inclined to believe, as bleak as the times were, that "posterity will triumph" and suggested how succeeding generations would celebrate the Fourth of July festively. In more than 600 words, Adams did not once mention "peace."

By the time fighting ceased on July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg, both sides had suffered terrible casualties. In his stirring address of fewer than 300 words the following November, Abraham Lincoln did not identify "peace" in the task before us, or as a feature of the new birth of freedom he asked us to envision. Certainly, both Adams and Lincoln and all of us hope for peace, but we are well aware that democracy, for all its benefits, does not provide lasting peace.

Scripture reminds us today that lasting peace only comes from God. The prophet instructs those Jews struggling to re-create a civilization in the land around Jerusalem that peace is a goal that God provides. St. Paul encourages us through the Christians of Philippi that God sends a powerful peace mysteriously into our hearts and minds to protect us from anxiety and to enlighten us to live as Christ lived. Lastly, we're living the scene in John's Gospel of Jesus imparting his peace, which he says is not the peace that the world gives. We ponder his words so that we may continue to believe.

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

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

A Prayer For America By The First U.S. Bishop, John Carroll

Archbishop Carroll wrote the following prayer for our newly formed government on November 10, 1791, to be recited in parishes throughout his diocese. The text of the prayer below is taken from EWTN's *National Catholic Register*, a prayer to put the United States of America in God's Hands.

It is an excellent prayer, especially for the times we live in now, over 200 years later, to remind us of the crucial role faith and prayer has always played in our nation since its beginning. Also, each year on July 4th, Independence Day, we can especially pray for our government as we are commanded to do in Sacred Scripture:

I desire therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men: For kings, and for all that are in high station: that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life in all piety and chastity. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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**



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Maddie Clearly, John Rourke, 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 Sundry, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Exodus 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-8 Matthew 10:34-11:1	Friday	Exodus 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18 Matthew 12:1-8
Tuesday	Exodus 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Matthew 11:20-24	Saturday	Exodus 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 Matthew 12:14-21
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Matthew 11:25-27	Sunday	Genesis 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-5 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42
Thursday	Exodus 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Matthew 11:28-30		

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.

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 for \$3.00 each in the church breezeway after the Sunday Masses.

FUN DAY 2025 Join us on Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for the annual Fun Day hosted by Holy Family School and St. Joseph parish. Carnival-type games and food will be available. Raffle tickets were mailed to all registered families. Stubs and payment can be dropped in the collection basket or turned in at the church office. Raffle tickets will also be sold at Fun Day. Be sure to check out Sr. Joan's Dessert area.

Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins.

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.

Heavenly Father, In this time of sorrow and devastation, we lift up to You the people of Texas. We pray for the souls of those who have perished. Embrace them in Your eternal peace.

Comfort the grieving families, Lord. Wrap them in Your love and grant them strength in the days ahead. Be with the missing and those who search for them—guide their efforts and bring hope where there is despair.

We ask for protection over the rescue workers, volunteers, and all who are offering aid. May Your grace sustain them in their mission.

Lord, calm the storms, still the waters, and bring healing to the land and its people. May we, as a community of faith, be instruments of Your mercy and compassion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Courtesy of the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary



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	\$ 11,585.42
Other Designated Funds	\$ 12,917.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JULY 19-JULY 20, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm:	Chris Reid, Silas Schwerer
8:15am:	Lucy Fried, Peyton Howell
11:15am:	Michael Terry, Lena Taylor

LECTORS

5:00pm:	Randy Buckner, Diane Hollingshead
8:15am:	Jillian Fried, Claire Fried
11:15am:	Jeffrey Taylor, Tom Uss

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm:	George Holland*, Maritza Holland, Patty Ayala, Philip Graham, Geri Donnelly
8:15am:	Gina Bain*, Bill Billingsley, Linda Billingsley, Muriel Weston, Paula Bertrand
11:15am:	Tammy Hoskins*, Jane Dodds, Kristy Hayne, Jerolyn Golightly, Michelle Jansen

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 as soon as possible 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 Catechist & Volunteer Meeting 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall
Aug. 3	Catechist-in-Service 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall

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 _____	_____ New Parishioner
Address _____	_____ O.C.I.A.
_____	_____ Leaving Parish
E-mail _____	_____ Address Change
Home phone _____ Cell phone _____	_____ Telephone Change

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, JULY 15

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

4:00pm: Parish Finance Council (LMR)
6:30pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)
6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, JULY 17

10:30am: Ladies Bunco Group (SFH)

FRIDAY, JULY 18

9:00am: Diocesan Catholic
Education Retreat (SFH)

SATURDAY, JULY 19

10:00am: Lay Salvatorians (SFH)

SUNDAY, JULY 20

12:30pm: African Catholic Association (LMR/LIB)
3:30pm: Vietnamese Mass (SJC)

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