

JULY 27, 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.



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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.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 26

8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm: +Michael Beckman

SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:15am: For the Parish, +Fr. Glen Sayers, S.D.S.
11:15am: +Lorenzo Carrillo

MONDAY, JULY 28

7:00am: +Mary Bell

TUESDAY, JULY 29

7:00am: +Viviana Uribe Torres

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7:00am: +Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JULY 31

7:00am: +Garrett Lyssy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 01

7:00am: Clarissa Cruse

SATURDAY, AUGUST 02

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Donald Bell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 03

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie
11:15am: For the Parish, Ouedraogo Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On July 16, I read the following meditation from *Give Us This Day: Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic*. The readings included: **Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/ Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Matthew 11:25-27**.



The meditation was written by Christina Leano, a retreat and spiritual director and staff member of the Laudato Si Movement. Her interest lies in the intersection of contemplative spirituality and social and ecological justice. I hope you enjoy the reflection.

Leaning into Curiosity

In the Gospel, we hear that God's truths are revealed to the childlike, not the learned. It seems that relying solely on our heads gets in the way of understanding the Kingdom of God. Perhaps a quality that we consider being childlike is curiosity.

Being curious is an invitation to approach what one hears with a sense of openness. Instead of our usual knee-jerk reaction being "I can't believe that person said that!" When we're curious, we're not as concerned with an immediate answer. Instead, we lean in, with an open heart, to learn more.

Perhaps this is what God wants us to do - to lean into our relationship with him. In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus shares how only the Father knows the Son and vice versa. Upon first reading, I found these statements a bit confusing, until I remembered that understanding God's truths with mental logic isn't the point. We are called to be in relationship with the Father and the Son. Truth is revealed in the communion of love.

Are we willing to sit with the unknown with an open heart? What would it look like to be curious with Jesus today? To simply ask, "God, how do you want me to be with you right now?" and rest knowing that the answer is secondary. Posing the question and knowing that God is leaning back toward us, eager to wrap us in love, is enough.

I hope that you have a blessed day filled with many wonderful graces. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

SORRY TO SAY

Robert Black has gone on to pursue other interests, so there will be no more coffee after the Sunday morning Masses. Robert and his expert coffee making were a gift to the parish, and we wish him the best.

Fr. Joe

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

I am happy to announce that the St. Joseph parish/Holy Family School campus, in partnership with Alabama Lawn Masters, has won the City of Huntsville Beautification Award for 2025. We have a sign displayed at the Beasley Avenue entrance to the property.

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 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, 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**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Matthew 13:31-35	Friday	Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab Matthew 13:54-58
Tuesday	Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 John 11:19-27	Saturday	Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Matthew 14:1-12
Wednesday	Exodus 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Matthew 13:44-46	Sunday	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21
Thursday	Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11 Matthew 13:47-53		

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 by August 10 so that we can order the necessary materials. If you have questions, contact Maritza Holland, Director of Religious Education, at the parish office.

FUN DAY 2025 Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., hosted by Holy Family School and St. Joseph parish.

Additional raffle tickets are available after all weekend Masses through August 17. Raffle drawing will be at about 1:45 p.m. on Fun Day. Need not be present to win. Preferred Bingo prize donations are gift cards, which can be placed in the collection basket. Donations of sodas and prizes can be dropped off **in the church breezeway, not the vestibule.** All donations accepted until August 17.

Sr. Joan's Dessert area will be operated by the Joyful Bakers and all donations to this **MUST** be coordinated with Donnis Aragon (mtsuaragon@gmail.com).

We hope you make plans to attend.

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.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND APPEAL August 2/3, 2025. It directly supports 21 seminarians being formed to become priests serving our Diocese. This year, a generous benefactor has pledged to match every gift to the Fund up to \$1 million throughout 2025, doubling the impact of each donation. Thank you for your support!

THIRD ANNUAL LABOR DAY PORK BUTT SALE sponsored by the St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus. Full-size smoked pork butts are available for \$50 each, \$52 if paying by credit card. Council members will sell tickets after all the weekend Masses from August 2 to August 17.

Order pick-ups will be on Saturday, August 30, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church back parking lot. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and you must have them in hand to pick up your order. Thanks 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	\$ 11,885.35
Texas Flood Relief	\$ 4,345.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,025.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 02-AUGUST 03, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: John jOhanneman
8:15am: Gabe Stewart
11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Aaron Goudeau

LECTORS

5:00pm: Mary Graham, Sabine Wlodarski
8:15am: Bart Lynch, Laura Hall
11:15am: Shyntia Diallo, Florence Okafor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Patty Ayala*, Maureen Chemsak, Philip Graham, Geri Donnelly, Karen Thompson
8:15am: Ashley Medina*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash, Teri Lynch, Alicia Owens
11:15am: Jerolyn Golightly*, Kristy Hayne, Michelle Jansen, Christopher Prchal, Bea Terry

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

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FORMATION CALENDAR

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
Aug. 5	Baptism Prep for Parents & Godparents 6:00 p.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 _____	_____ 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

MONDAY, JULY 28

5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

TUESDAY, JULY 29

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

HFS Teacher Workday

6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

HFS Teacher Workday

9:00am: HFS Teachers Mass (SJC)

5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 01

5:00pm: HFS Eagle Night (FMC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 02

Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 03

Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass

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