

AUGUST 24, 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

Jim Bell, Principal
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256.430.1760



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, AUGUST 23

8:00am: +Paul Borgatti
5:00pm: +Sonny Mitchell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Carol Pope

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00am: +Joshua St. Germain

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00am: +Dolores Aquila

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00am: +Lorenzo Carrillo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00am: Karlle Batchelder
9:00am*: Ezra Morris

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00am: +Viviana Uribe Torres

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00am: +Sr. Anette Seymour
5:00pm: +Janet Emery

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:15am: Mary Jean Travis
11:15am: For the Parish

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



Today, I would like to share a meditation with you from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. It is from Tuesday, August 12. The readings for that day were: **Deuteronomy 31:1-8/Psalm Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 7-9, 12/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.**

Unless you turn and become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)

Imagine being one of the disciples that day. You have just asked Jesus who among your group would be the greatest in his Kingdom, and he tells you this. You look at the child he has just placed in front of him, you look at your fellow disciples, and you look at the expression on Jesus' face. Then you realize, he's serious. He isn't saying, "You need to work on this a little." He is saying, "You can't even enter unless you get this right."

What caused Jesus to correct them so forcefully? He could tell that his disciples were trying to take the concept of greatness evident in the kingdoms around them and apply it to the Kingdom he had been proclaiming. In the kingdoms that the disciples were familiar with, people competed with one another for the chance to be recognized and honored. If you performed a heroic act in battle or if you brought in more taxes for the king, you would be rewarded with prestige, land and power.

But instead of pointing to a mighty warrior or a powerful courtier, Jesus held up a child, someone with no wealth, no power and no influence. "Whoever becomes humble like this child," he told them, "is the greatest." (**Matthew 18:4**).

Humility. Like a child. That's the foundation of greatness in Jesus' kingdom. Just as children looked to their parents for guidance, Jesus asked us to look to our heavenly Father. Just as children instinctively know their parents love them. Jesus wants us to know that we don't have to earn our Father's love. Just as a little child feels free to express himself openly to his parents, Jesus invites us to be as open as we can with our Father. We can be confident that no matter what we reveal to him about the desires of our hearts, he will treat us with love and mercy.

Maybe this reading brings up an uncomfortable realization. Is there a part of your life that is still shaped by the world's definition of greatness?

"Jesus, help me to see my life through your eyes."

I hope you have a blessed day and are having a good start to the new school year. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

DID YOU KNOW?

Sometimes, we can get too comfortable at Mass. There are two times during the Sacrifice of the Mass when we should keep our minds, bodies and souls focused. The Liturgy of the Word (especially the readings and homily) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the Consecration). Unless there is a real emergency, these are the times that we should not get up to go to the bathroom or answer a cell phone call. These are the two most sacred times and they should have our full attention.

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, 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	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Matthew 23:13-22	Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12 Matthew 6:17-29
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 Matthew 23:23-26	Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Matthew 25:14-30
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-10, 11-12ab Matthew 23:27-32	Sunday	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 Matthew 24:42-51		

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The Fifth Gospel


BY FR. LESLIE HOPPE

Fr. Leslie J. Hoppe, O.F.M., Ph.D., Emeritus, is the Carroll Stuhlmueller Distinguished Professor of Old Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is the author of several books and many articles on Old Testament, including Isaiah. Fr. Hoppe is a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and is a Roman Catholic priest.

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10 AM TO 11:30 AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10
FACILITATOR: TOM USS

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THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11 at Red Lobster, 1818 University Drive NW, in Huntsville.

Please call or text John at 256-603-6512 by September 9 for information, reservations or cancellations. We are an informal group that gathers monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. Newcomers are always welcome. Come join us!

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FALCON DAY Thursday, September 18, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the JP II campus. We invite all current 8th-grade students and their parents/guardians to our JP II FUTURE FALCON DAY. Observe classes, tour our school and meet students, faculty and staff. Learn about our admissions process, curriculum, scholarships/financial aid deadlines and extracurriculars.

Online registration at: <https://forms.gle/YpowyCj5N3wWEkov8>.

JP II Admissions: email admissions@jp2falcons.org or call 256-430-1760.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SMOKED PORK BUTT order pickup Saturday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church back parking lot. Order receipt required for pickup.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,350.17
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,802.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 30-AUGUST 31, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Geri Reddy
8:15am: Jacob Spradlin, James Spradlin
11:15am: Kaylen Nyochembeng, Lena Taylor

LECTORS

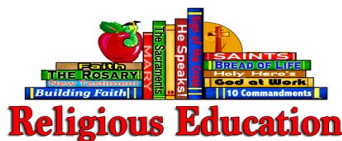
5:00pm: Ben Sunde, Karen Sunde
8:15am: Don Gregory, Gina Bain
11:15am: Debbye Joseph, Cathy Tichow

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Karen Thompson*, McKinley Curtis II, Patty Ayala, Maureen Chemsak, Geri Donnelly
8:15am: Kevin Nash*, Michelle Nash, Muriel Weston, Jamie Stewart, Rita Cusack
11:15am: Maggie Taylor*, Jim Powell, Norma Whitehead, Donnis Aragon, Gerald Wocken

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- Aug. 24 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- Aug. 31 **NO RE/OCIA—LABOR DAY**
- Sept. 7 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Confirmation I Parent Meeting
9:45 a.m. English St. Francis Hall
10:20 a.m. Spanish 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

SAURDAY, AUGUST 30

Knights of Columbus Pork Butt Pickup

10:00am: Kipybida Interment

(St. Joseph Columbarium)

12:00pm: Josh Jenkins/Shelby Massamore
Convalidation (SJC)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

NO RE/OCIA—LABOR DAY

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