

SEPTEMBER 14, 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).

ANOIDING 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, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00am: +Mark Corona
5:00pm: +Lola Light

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie
11:15am: For the Parish, +Carol Pope

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am: +Sir Augustine Akhidenso

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am: +Gerald Herrin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am: Judy Day

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00am: Ezra Morris
9:00am*: +Mary Claire Hartman

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00am: +Dolores Aquila

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00am: Ezra Morris
5:00pm: +Joseph Matis

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:15am: For the Parish, +Angel Araiza Carrillo
11:15am: Marcos Vargas

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today, I would like to share a meditation from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics* from Thursday, September 4. The readings for that day were: **Colossians 1:9-14/Psalm 98:2-6/Luke 5:1-11.**

... growing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:10)

The process of growth is mysterious. Think of the way children develop. On the one hand, it's easy to observe growth spurts, like when a preschooler skips several clothing sizes or when, seemingly overnight, an adolescent towers over both parents. But there are other times when the change is hearted to perceive - that is, until someone else points it out.

It's the same thing with spiritual growth. Sometimes you can't see the way Jesus is shaping you, so you just have to hold fast to him and trust that he is at work. That's what happened with St. Paul. He saw how much the Colossians had grown "In the knowledge of God," and he urged them to persevere in cooperating with the Holy Spirit (**Colossians 1:10**). He was confident that if they did, they would only keep growing!

In your own life, you can probably point to a dramatic moment or two when you "grew up" in a hurry. Perhaps it was when you went away to college or after you experienced an unexpected tragedy. The situation made you grapple with what kind of relationship you would have with God, and the Holy Spirit gave you the grace to say a deeper "yes" to the Lord. And that changed everything!

But far more of your growth happens in such tiny steps that it can be hard to see. So, what does this type of growth look like? It still comes from the Holy Spirit's work in you, And as you pay attention, you will start to see it. Maybe one day you notice that you've become more patient with a coworker who used to annoy you. Or maybe you realize that the memory of a past hurt no longer troubles you as much. Or when you have your heart set on something and your plans fall through, you're able to accept it - at least a little more peacefully.

With practice, you will become better at noticing the ways the Spirit is moving in your life. When you see God at work, whether in big or small ways, your hope grows, and so does your faith. So, rejoice that God is so committed to you!

And while you're at it, imitate St. Paul by pointing out how the Spirit is working in your friends or family. You just might help open their eyes to the Spirit's ways!

"Holy Spirit, thank you for all the ways you have helped me grow closer to you!"

I hope you have a blessed day. 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, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, 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 Sundey, 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 Timothy 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 John 19:25-27	Friday	1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-20 Luke 8:1-3
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Luke 7:11-17	Saturday	1 Timothy 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3-5 Luke 8:4-15
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Luke 7:31-35	Sunday	Amos 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Thursday	1 Timothy 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Luke 7:36-50		

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HISTORICAL BRICK PRE-SALE September 20/21 and September 27/28 after all the Masses. As we say farewell to the old Holy Family School building, we invite you to take home a special piece of its history.

Each historical brick is priced at \$50, will be beautifully presented in a gold gift box and will include:

- a certificate of authenticity
- a gold plaque
- a thank you note from a Holy Family School student

These bricks make meaningful keepsakes, treasured gifts for children or parents and lasting reminders of the faith and legacy that shaped generations.

Together, we are building the future — brick by brick, prayer by prayer, gift by gift. Thank you for being part of this journey of faith and education.

With gratitude,

The Holy Family School Capital Campaign Committee

TAMALES SUNDAY September 28, 2025. This is a fundraiser for the Holy Family School 2026 8th grade class trip.

Menu: pork tamales with red sauce and chicken tamales with green sauce. We sold out the last time we offered tamales, so if you would like to pre-order please contact Lucia at 951-232-6315.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND EASTERN EUROPE There are a few seats left if you are interested in joining Fr. Joe on this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage in September 2026.

Applications are available in the parish office or email kjsunday@comcast.net for a travel package. We will submit applications and deposits to our travel agency on September 19.

Please contact Ben and Karen Sunday 757-504-8376 if you have any questions.

HOLY LAND GIFTS AT ST. JOSEPH OCTOBER 11/12 The struggles of Christians in Gaza and the Holy Land continue. The city of Bethlehem is surrounded with checkpoints, gates, and concrete barriers that limit travel, work and tourism.

Proceeds from the sales of our handcrafted artworks generate much-needed employment opportunities and funds for 600 Catholic families in Bethlehem.

Please consider these gifts for your family, friends and yourself and be as generous as God is to you.

We accept credit cards, cash and Apple Pay.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 13,095.53
Other Designated Funds	\$ 8,196.00

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED Have you ever felt a desire to become closer to Christ? The EMHC may be the ministry God is calling you to join. Training sessions are available throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Josette Dant at josette@hutchenscompany.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 20-SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: John Johanneman
8:15am: Maddie Lynch, Peyton Howell
11:15am: Travis Aragon, Victor Orozco

LECTORS

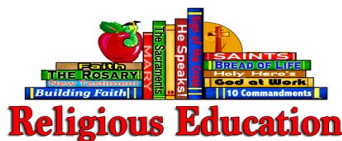
5:00pm: Grady Harmon, Susan Carr
8:15am: Christina Pohl, Bart Lynch
11:15am: Beatrice Terry, Booker Terry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: George Holland*, Maritza Holland, Tammy Hoskins, Maureen Chemsak, Marian Kilgore
8:15am: Michelle Nash*, Kevin Nash, Ashley Medina, Alicia Owens, Teri Lynch
11:15am: Helen Taylor*, Bruce Taylor, Maggie Taylor, Norma Whitehead, Gerald Wocken

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- Sept. 14 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
First Communion Parent Meeting
9:45 a.m. English St. Francis Hall
10:20 a.m. Spanish St. Francis Hall
- Sept. 21 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Rite of Enrollment/1st Reconciliation
Catechetical Sunday

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 _____
Address _____
E-mail _____
Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

_____ O.C.I.A.
_____ Leaving Parish
_____ Address Change
_____ Telephone Change

If you are new to St. Joseph, please fill out a parish registration form.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
6:00pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)
6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00am: Ladies Bunco Group (LMR)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00am: Ladies Luncheon (LMR)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00am: Ladies Luncheon (LMR)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00am: Ladies Luncheon (LMR)
10:00am: Joyful Bakers Bake Sale
9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
12:30pm: African Catholic Association (LMR/LIB)
3:30pm: Vietnamese Mass & Reception (SJC/SFH)

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