

OCTOBER 05, 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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Jim Bell, Principal
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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, OCTOBER 04

8:00am: +Angel Araiza Carrillo
5:00pm: +Sherri McCarley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 05

8:15am: For the Parish, +Patrick Lynch
11:15am: +Carol Stimac

MONDAY, OCTOBER 06

7:00am: +Bonnie Overas

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 07

7:00am: +Dolores Aquila

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 08

7:00am: +Ron Travis

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 09

7:00am: +Robert Salinas

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00am: +Mr. & Mrs. James King

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: Chris Johnson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:15am: +Robert Gourieux
11:15am: For the Parish
Geraldyn & Damien Donnelly

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



As we begin another new month, I'm amazed at how fast time goes. Today I want to share a meditation with you from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics* from Saturday, September 27, the Feast of St. John Vianny. The readings for that day were: **Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15/(Psalm) Jeremiah 31:10-1/Luke 9:43-45.**

Pay attention. (Luke 9:44)

Most of us look at the night sky and see a lot of stars and maybe a constellation or two, but an astronomer sees much more. It's not because he has sharper eyes, but because he has learned how to pay attention to the position of the stars and the smallest of details that we tend to overlook.

In the Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to pay attention as well while he explains what is going to happen to him: he will be arrested and crucified.

Even today, Jesus is still asking us to pay attention to him. But how?

Be quiet. There is something about quiet places that can help us slow down and focus. This may mean getting up a few minutes before everyone else so you can be with the Lord. It may mean taking a walk outside and enjoying the quiet. Surrounded by the beauty of creation, you can ask the Lord what is on his heart.

Be still. Quiet physical spaces are important, but it's not always possible to find one. Even so, we can practice stilling our thoughts and turning to the Lord. For example, try pausing for a moment every time you get a drink of water, and see if you can sense God's presence. He may fill you with peace or bring a Scripture verse to mind. Don't be discouraged if you don't always hear something. It's about practicing and learning to be still, not about getting it right every time.

Be simple. Part of paying attention may mean simplifying your life a bit or putting the other aspects of your life in proper perspective. Simplicity and focus are the keys to developing the sharp eyes of an astronomer. They can help us see in the "bunch of stars" in our lives the patterns that reveal the beautiful constellations of grace that Jesus is offering us.

Quiet. Stillness. Simplicity. Try putting these into practice. Jesus wants to teach you how to hear his voice and discern his will. The more you practice paying attention, the more you will discover his hand guiding you closer to him.

"Lord, help me to focus on you today."

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

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

SPECIAL REMINDER

During the four weekends of October, the Diocese wants each parish to count all those attending Sunday Masses. We will do this during the collection time before we take up the gifts, so please be patient as we complete this task. At the end of the four weeks in October 2024 we had a total of 3,111 people attending Mass, averaging 260 persons at each of the 12 Masses.

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 Rourke, 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 Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Mary Platt, 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	Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11 Ps Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Luke 10:25-37	Friday	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9 Luke 11:15-26
Tuesday	Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Luke 10:38-42	Saturday	Joel 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Luke 11:27-28
Wednesday	Jonah 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Luke 11:1-4	Sunday	2 Kings 5:14-17 Ps 98:1,2-4 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Malachi 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Luke 11:5-13		

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HISTORICAL BRICK PRE-SALE 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION OCTOBER 4/5. Please drop off food items at the collection point in front of the church before Mass. We especially need canned meat, soup, canned fruit, jelly and snacks/cookies. Please no bulk items or glass. Thank you for your contributions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the St. Joseph Sunday nursery and Liturgy of the Word with Children at 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass. Contact Elaine Rowell at 256-694-8065 for more information.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE will set up the Rosary in the environment area for the month of October. We would like to include intentions of the faithful on the Rosary beads. Please email your prayer intentions to pjbertrand1130@gmail.com or put your intention in the basket at the foot of the Rosary during the month of October.

LIZ HURLEY RIBBON RUN Saturday, October 18 in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary invite you to participate by joining our St. Joseph Team to run or walk.

For more information, contact Ingrid Allwood, Bernita Briggs or Lou Thompson.

Proceeds from this event help fund critical equipment upgrades at the Huntsville Hospital Breast Center, improving breast cancer detection and survivor support.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Are you interested in being an altar server, a lector or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion? The next schedule will be developed in mid-October and will begin with the start of Advent, November 29/30, 2025, through the end of March 2026.

You will be trained before you are placed on the schedule by one of the following: Fr. Joe (altar servers), Tom Uss (lectors) or Josette Dant (EMHC).

Please contact the parish office with your choice of ministry. We look forward to your service at the Lord's Supper.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 18,536.13
Gaza Catholics	\$ 3,532.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,035.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 11-OCTOBER 12, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Kara Harmon
8:15am: Caed Lynch, Henry Franzo
11:15am: Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

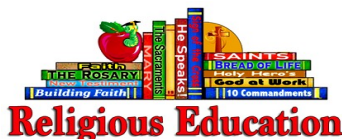
5:00pm: George Holland, Maritza Lopez-Holland
8:15am: Mary Ann Shatzer, Patricia Maloney
11:15am: Cathy Tichow, Jerolyn Golightly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Marian Kilgore*, Ben Sundeay, Sherri Lynn Rose, Webb Tadesse, Patty Ayala
8:15am: Bill Billingsley*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash, Ashley Medina, Alicia Owens
11:15am: Bea Terry*, Norma Whitehead, Bruce Taylor, Helen Taylor, Maggie Taylor

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Oct. 5	NO RE/OCIA—Fall Break
Oct. 12	NO RE/OCIA—Fall Break
Oct. 19	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Oct. 26	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/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 _____
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

HFS Fall Break Oct. 6-10, 2025

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 07

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 08

10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)
6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 09

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00am: Lay Salvatorians (SFH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

NO RE/OCIA—Fall Break
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
BRZWHY = Breezeway
VBC = Von Braun Center