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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.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00am: For the Unborn

5:00pm: Chris Johnson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:15am: +Robert Gourieux

11:15am: For the Parish, GERALYN & Damien Donnelly
+Fulgencio Almodóvar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00am: +William "Bill" Johnson

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00am: Ezra Morris

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00am: +Barbara Edwards

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00am: Mark & Patty Gerry

9:00am* +Tim McGraw

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00am: +Joan Lundebjerg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter

5:00pm: Fr. Mike MacMahon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:15am: For the Parish, Elaine Sayre

11:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



For those of you who had a Fall Break, I hope it was a great time full of fun and family. This past weekend, we had the gift of Robert Black brewing his famous coffees. Also this weekend, we had the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies of Auxiliary sponsor hospitality after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. They join the 5:00 pm hospitality team of Ben and Karen Sundey and Sabine Wlodarski, and the 8:15 a.m. hospitality sponsored by the Knights of Colombus. Everyone who came had a wonderful time sharing food and fellowship. I appreciate each group's outreach.

A common compliment from people who come to visit us for Mass on the weekends is that this parish is very welcoming and friendly. That is the gift of St. Joseph parish community.

Several years ago, I read a book entitled *The Prayer of Jabez*. I believe that the parish St. Joseph parish family has incorporated the ideal of being a place where all are welcome. This week is Part 1 or a 2 Part reflection. I hope you read and enjoy.

The Prayer of Jabez: A Cry for God's Blessing

The **Prayer of Jabez** is a short but powerful passage found in the Old Testament, tucked within a genealogy list that many readers might be tempted to skip. Yet, this small prayer stands out as a shining example of faith, boldness, and trust in God's ability to bless beyond measure.

1 Chronicles 4:10 — "Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!' So, God granted him what he requested."

Who was Jabez?

Jabez was a man mentioned briefly in the genealogies of Judah. His mother named him *Jabez*, which means "pain" or "sorrow," because she bore him in suffering. Despite the negative meaning attached to his name, Jabez rose above it. Instead of allowing his identity to be shaped by pain, he turned to God in prayer. His name became a testimony — not of pain, but of God's power to transform a life through faith and prayer.

The Four Parts of Jabez's Prayer

The prayer of Jabez is made up of four heartfelt requests. Each one teaches something timeless about how we can pray today.

Part of Prayer	Meaning	Application for Today
"Bless me indeed"	Jabez asked for God's favor and abundance.	We can boldly ask for spiritual and practical blessings, trusting God knows best
"Enlarge my territory"	Not just land, but influence, opportunity and responsibility	Pray for God to expand your ability to serve, help and reach others.
"That Your hand would be with me"	Jabez desired God's guidance and protection.	Invite God to guide every decision and keep His presence close.
"Keep me from evil"	He wanted to live free from sin and harm.	Pray for strength to resist temptation and walk in holiness.

You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. May God continue to bless us with grace, peace and love. Next weekend look for the second part of the reflection.

Always in the Savior, 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, 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 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	Romans 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Luke 11:29-32	Friday	Romans 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Luke 12:1-7
Tuesday	Romans 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Luke 11:37-41	Saturday	2 Timothy 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Luke 10:1-9
Wednesday	Romans 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Luke 11:42-46	Sunday	Exodus 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2 Luke 18:1-8
Thursday	Romans 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Luke 11:47-54		

SAVE THE DATE: Brick Party Celebration, October 26, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., Holy Family School Fr. Messmer Center

Theme: From Bricks to Blessings – 70 Years of Faith and Learning

Join us as we celebrate our school's history and bright future with a great program!

- ◆ Blessing of the bricks & brick pick-Up
- ◆ Young voices in song
- ◆ Alumni Roll Call (50's–2000's) & Reflections
- ◆ Time capsule & lighting ceremony
- ◆ Celebration Activities: memory booth, photo station, children's art corner, memory wall signing

Bring a note for the Time Capsule to share with future generations.

With gratitude,

The Holy Family School Capital Campaign

KOC FOOTBALL BASH The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will host a special live stream viewing of the Alabama vs. LSU football game on November 8, 2025 in the Fr. Messmer Center/Holy Family School Gym. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults (\$35 at the door), and \$12 for ages 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses on October 18/19, October 25/26 and November 1/2. Proceeds go to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign.

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 put your intention in the basket provided during the month of October.

KAIROS is a weekend experience for the incarcerated. On October 16-19, 2025, Kairos will go into Limestone Correctional Facility to bring the love of God to the men incarcerated there. This is an opportunity to "visit the incarcerated" without going behind prison walls. Most of those in prison have been abandoned by society, family and friends, but not by God.

If you would like to help, there are a number of options. For details, ask the Kairos Volunteers, who will be in the church breezeway on October 11/12 after all the Masses. GOD BLESS.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY October 19, 2025 This year's theme is *Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples*. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that the Pontifical Mission Societies are the "primary means for awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized and for supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young."

This second collection supports the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's official means of assisting Catholic communities in the world's poorest and most remote regions. Your contribution provides essential resources for the Church's mission for formation, education, healthcare and spiritual growth. You can make a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,975.64
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,861.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 18-OCTOBER 19, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Clark Harmon
8:15am: Lucy Fried, Peyton Howell
11:15am: Christian Ejimah

LECTORS

5:00pm: Patty Ayala, Sabine Wlodarski
8:15am: Robert Styles, Don Gregory
11:15am: Debbye Joseph, Joe Pohuski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Karen Sunde*, Karen Thompson, Maureen Chemsak, McKinley Curtis, III, Geri Donnelly
8:15am: Ellen Styles*, Jamie Stewart, Muriel Weston, Gina Bain, Paula Bertrand
11:15am: Gerald Wocken*, Donnis Aragon, Bernita Briggs, Brenda Brown, Jane Dodds

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

CONFIRMATION 2025 SCHEDULE

November 1: Confirmation Retreat
November 3: Rehearsal
November 5: Confirmation

Please note that all Confirmation candidates must go to Reconciliation before the Retreat on November 1.

FORMATION CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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, OCTOBER 16

10:00am: Ladies Bunco Group (LMR)
4:00pm: Parish Finance Council (LMR)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
12:30pm: African Catholic Association (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