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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).

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.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00am: +Lilia Jones

5:00pm: +Mike & Anne Chemsak

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:15am: Emma Robert

11:15am: For the Parish, +Viviana Uribe Torres

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00am: +Lorenzo Carrillo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00am: +Cisci Volpe

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00am: +Rita Costagliola

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00am: +Arturo Rios

9:00am* 2025 Confirmation Class

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00am: +Joshua St. Germain

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 01

All Saints

8:00am: For the Unborn

5:00pm: +Ron Travis

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 02

All Souls

8:15am: For the Parish, +Joel & Loretta Gilliam

11:15am: +Dolores Aquila

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



Monday, October 20, was the feast of St. Paul of the Cross. The readings for that day were: **St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:20-25/(Psalm) Luke 1: 69-75/The Gospel According to Saint Luke 12:13-21**. The reflection for the day came from the *Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass from Liturgical Press*.

Delving into family ancestry is quite common today. Whole companies and television series have been dedicated to helping people discover their roots and gain better understanding of their heritage. The longing to maintain strong connections with our ancestors is what Paul is writing about in this excerpt from his letter to the Romans.

He reminds us that we are descendants of Abraham, our father in faith, and Abraham's legacy of belief in God. God's promise is one on which we continue to rely even to this day. With such a faith legacy behind us, we might also consider how the legacy will continue through and after us.

We have inherited many good things - a creed that has withstood heresy and schism, a worshipping community, a papal line of succession and at church to call home. How often do we consider our own participation in this inheritance?

Ask yourself: How am I contributing to the belief system, the community, the institutional church? Do I consider my contribution sufficient as long as I put my envelope in the collection basket each week, or might I choose to make my legacy one of bold profession of faith, deep investment in my church community and active engagement with the teachings of the church? Are these our treasures that we pass on to the next generation? If not, what is the legacy we are handing on?

Let's take time to reflect on these questions. We are today's disciples and apostles who are entrusted with sharing the faith. But in order to share the faith, we need to be immersed in the faith. The first step is to attend and participate in Sunday Mass every week and Holy Days of Obligation. There are two very important and special times during the celebration of Mass. The Mass is divided into two major parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The first part includes the Scripture readings, especially the Gospel, and the second part is the Consecration/Communion. During those times we need to be focused on what is happening. It is not a time to get up and get a drink of water or go to the rest room. It is time to be filled with awe and gratitude for all that God has done for us.

I hope that you have a blessed week. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

SPECIAL REMINDER

This is the final weekend for the diocesan parishioner count of all those attending our 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 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	Romans 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 Luke 13:10-17	Friday	Romans 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Luke 14:1-6
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Luke 6:12-16	Saturday <i>All Saints</i>	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a
Wednesday	Romans 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-6 Luke 13:22-30	Sunday <i>All Souls</i>	Wisdom 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Romans 6:3-9 John 6:37-40
Thursday	Romans 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Luke 13:31-35		

SPECIAL PARISH-WIDE ROSARY PRAYER October 26, 2025 at 9:45 a.m. in St. Joseph Garden, across from the Columbarium. We will pray in different languages to celebrate the rosary across all cultures. Bring your favorite rosary. We hope you will join us and look forward to praying with you.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE would like to display pictures of your deceased loved ones in November for All Souls and All Saints.

Please put your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo and bring them to the parish office by October 31. You can pick them up after Masses on the weekend of November 22/23.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST collection will be held on November 1/2. This month, we will be assisted by the Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters as part of their service project. Please drop off food items at the collection point in front of the church before Mass.

We especially need: spaghetti sauce, oatmeal, mashed potatoes, crackers, syrup, cornbread mixes, paper towels and toilet paper. Please no bulk items or glass.

Thank you for your continued support to assist those in need in our community. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kevin Nash at kmn444@hotmail.com.

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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL *Trunk or Treat*, October 31, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church back parking lot.

No tricks, just trunks, treats and tons of spooky fun. See you there!

REMINDER Holy Family School brick sale celebration, "From Bricks to Blessings," Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fr. Messmer Center/Holy Family School Gym. We hope you'll join us.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 7,114.27
World Mission Sunday	\$ 2,082.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 15,802.22

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**NOVEMBER 01-NOVEMBER 02, 2025****ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm: Chris Reid
8:15am: Dawson Amos
11:15am: Emma Taylor

LECTORS

5:00pm: Diane Hollingshead, Lydia Tadesse
8:15am: Patricia Maloney, Christina Pohl
11:15am: Florence Okafor, Tom Uss

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Webb Tadesse*, Sherri Lynn Ross, Karen Thompson, Patty Ayala, Maureen Chemsak
8:15am: Laura Hall*, Josette Dant, Paula Bertrand, Ashley Medina, Alicia Owens
11:15am: Jim Powell*, Bruce Taylor, Helen Taylor, Maggie Taylor, Bea Terry

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. 26 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Nov. 1 Confirmation Retreat 8:30 a.m.
St. Francis Hall
Nov. 3 Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Church
Nov. 5 Confirmation & Reception 6:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Church/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 _____
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 27

5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

4:00pm: HFS Trunk or Treat
(Church back parking lot)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 01

Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
9:00am: Confirmation Retreat (SFH)
6:00pm: All Souls Commemoration (Columbarium)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 02

Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
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