

NOVEMBER 23, 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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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, NOVEMBER 22

8:00am: +Dolores Aquila

5:00pm: McKinley & Petrina Curtis

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:15am: +Christina Thome Bitner

11:15am: For the Parish, +Clarence Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00am: + Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wilson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00am: +Lissette Garcia

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00am: +Roland Alpha

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Day

9:00am: Nancy Zevolis

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00am: +Daniel Conte

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00am: +Dolores Aquila

5:00pm: +Mary Susan McGraw

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

1st Sunday of Advent

8:15am: For the Parish, Gus & Sue Marino

11:15am: +Viviana Uribe Torres

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



The story of the ten lepers is a scripture that was used on Wednesday, November 12, celebrating St. Josephat. He was born in Ukraine and was a convert from the Orthodox Church to the Roman Catholic Church. He was ordained a priest and became a bishop who really worked hard to bring people and faiths together. He was a real ecumenist who was martyred. The readings of the day were: **Wisdom 6:1-11/Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7** and **Luke 17:11-19**. I hope you enjoy the reflection from *The WORD Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*.

Your faith has saved you. (Luke 17:19) The familiar Gospel story of Jesus healing ten people with leprosy reveals a pattern in the way he relates to anyone seeking healing for him from him. It's a back-and-forth pattern that has persisted for ages and is just as relevant to us today. Let's take a look.

They called; Jesus heard (Luke 17:12-13). All ten who cried out to Jesus were very much aware that they were in need. As they saw Jesus, surely they recalled stories of him healing other people. Desperate for relief from their suffering, they called out to the One who they believed could heal them. Immediately, Jesus stopped and turned his attention to them. He heard the cry of their hearts.

They obeyed; Jesus healed (Luke 17:14). Though they could not yet see signs of their physical healing, they did what Jesus said and set out to show themselves to the priests. This was confusing - they were still ritually unclean. What would the priests say? Yet as they moved out with trust, they're healing unfolded. They were willing to obey Jesus, and that opened them to his healing power.

One returned; Jesus poured out a greater gift (Luke 17:15-19). Imagine this man's astonishment as he realized he was clean. His heart must have overflowed with gratitude. Nothing was more important at that moment than finding Jesus - not even going to see the priest. Quickly he turned around, and his steps, once so anguished, we're now full of joy, and he came up praising God in a loud voice. As he fell at Jesus' feet in thanksgiving, Jesus gave him an even greater gift than physical healing. He gave him the gift of salvation. "Your faith has saved you" (**Luke 17:19**).

What need is weighing on your heart; where do you need healing? Call out to Jesus! He hears you. If you think he's guiding you in a certain direction, do your best to obey him. Know that he is working in your life as you trust him. And when you perceive him beginning to heal you, turned to him with gratitude. Don't let anything get in the way. Simply open your heart in Thanksgiving and receive the gifts he wants to give you.

"Jesus, thank you for hearing me, healing me, and saving me!"

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I wish each of you the very best, I appreciate you and am grateful for all you do. Have a blessed day. You are daily in my thoughts and prayers.

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 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 Sundey, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Mary Platt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, 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	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 Ps Daniel 3:52-56 Luke 21:1-4	Friday	Daniel 7:2-14 Ps Daniel 3:75-81 Luke 21:29-33
Tuesday	Daniel 2:31-45 Ps Daniel 3:57-61 Luke 21:5-11	Saturday	Daniel 7:15-27 Ps Daniel 3:82-87 Luke 21:34-36
Wednesday	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Ps Daniel 3:62-67 Luke 21:12-19	Sunday	Isaiah 2:1-5
Thursday	Sirach 50:22-24	1st Sunday	Ps 122:1-9
Thanksgiving Day	Ps 113:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Luke 17:11-19	of Advent	Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

COLUMBARIUM MEMORIAL WALL SALE November 1-30, 2025

Purchase a spot on our beautiful black granite memorial wall to honor a loved one or family member. Price is reduced to \$750.00 from \$1,000.00 just for the month of November. If you've been thinking about it, now is the time to buy.

DESIGNER HANDBAG AUCTION during the Holiday Bake Sale, November 22/23. Bidding will begin after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 22 and will continue after each Sunday Mass on November 23, ending at 1:00 p.m. Reserve prices are set for each of the four bags at which all bids begin. All proceeds go to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign.

THE THIRD ANNUAL LOLA LIGHT HOLIDAY BAKE SALE November 22/23 in St. Francis Hall. A wide variety of holiday sweets, savory breads and breakfast items will be offered.

If you would like to bake, please sign up on the sheets in the breezeway or email Donnis Aragon at mtsuaragon@gmail.com.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA sponsored by Holy Family School. Saturday, December 6, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Fr. Messmer Center/gym. Breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage and bacon, photo with Santa (please bring your own camera).

Prices are \$5.00 per person, children under three are free. RSVP with payment to the Holy Family School office.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE by the Catholic Center of Concern. Bring your donations to the Center, 1010 Church Street in Huntsville. Specific needs for adults and children are:

- Coats (all adult and children's sizes)
- Sweaters and sweatshirts
- Gloves/mittens/winter hats

These items go directly, at no cost, to individuals and families in our community who are struggling to stay warm.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Are you interested in being an altar server, a lector or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion? The next ministry schedule 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	\$ 8,574.38
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,762.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**NOVEMBER 29-NOVEMBER 30, 2025**ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Larry Bayer
8:15am: Caed Lynch, Josephat Lopez
11:15am: Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

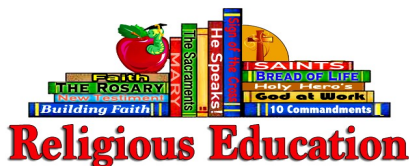
5:00pm: McKinley Curtis III, Lydia Tadesse
8:15am: Claire Fried, Jillian Fried
11:15am: Bruce Taylor, Helen Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Webb Tadesse*, Marian Kilgore, Karen Thompson, Gus Smith, Patty Ayala
8:15am: Ashley Medina*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash, Alicia Owens, Ellen Styles
11:15am: Kristy Hayne*, Norma Whitehead, Donnis Aragon, Gerald Wocken, Bernita Briggs

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Nov. 30	NO RE/OCIA—Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 7	1st Reconciliation Retreat 9:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Dec. 13	1st Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church
Dec. 14	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building



CHRISTMAS BOXES 2025



It's Christmas Box time at St. Joseph! Please pick up a food item list in the church vestibule. All donations must be returned to the church by December 6. You can also purchase Scrip for the boxes, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Box Donation," and place in the offertory basket. We will have two collections designated for the Christmas Boxes—the Thanksgiving Day collection and a second collection on November 29/30. Proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store gift cards. The gift cards will allow recipients to buy perishable items, such as meats and fresh produce, that we do not provide. Please help us on the following important dates.

Nov. 29/30	Second collection at all Masses
Dec. 6	Last day to bring donated food
Dec. 6	Count and sort donated items—9:00 a.m.
Dec. 12	Build packing boxes—5:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Pack the boxes—9:00 a.m.
Dec. 14	Boxes available for pick-up

This is a big annual undertaking for our parish that could not be done without the efforts of all who contribute to this outreach ministry. Please give generously of your time, talent and spirit to make this another successful year. For more information, call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING! Help our students "play Santa" for their loved ones while supporting the school. Consider donating new or never used items to stock our Santa Store, where students can shop for \$1 to \$5 items. Donations can be toys, books, household items, tools or anything kids would choose for their loved ones. Gift wrapping supplies and volunteers are also needed. Donations accepted at the school office until Sunday, November 30. All proceeds go to the school.

For more information, to arrange alternative drop-off, or to volunteer, email Santa@HFSCatholic.com, call or text 304-389-9924.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a part-time Interventionist to support students in achieving academic success through targeted instruction and intervention strategies.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Education, Special Education, or a related field (Master's preferred); valid teaching license with certification in intervention, special education, or related field; experience working in intervention, special education, or differentiated instruction at the high school level.

If interested, e-mail cover letter, resume/CV, and supporting employment information to Diane Olszewski, dolszewski@jp2falcons.org.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

HFS Closed Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Parish Office Closed-Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Parish Office Closed-Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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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