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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.



Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal
256.539.5221

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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, JANUARY 31

8:00am: Joe Westover
5:00pm: +Damien Donnelly

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 01

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Linda Alt

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 02

7:00am: Ezra Morris

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03

7:00am: +Ernestine Cothran

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04

7:00am: +Maddalena Volpe

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 05

7:00am: +Bobby & Nancy Leslie
9:00am*: +Arturo Rios Quiroz

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 06

7:00am: +Margaret Mary Olson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 07

8:00am: +Sarah Marie Tepool
5:00pm: +Damien Donnelly

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08

8:15am: +Irene Matis
11:15am: For the Parish, +Don Bryant

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



I hope and pray you are all doing well. In the latest issue of *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations* for January 1 – February 17, 2026 there was a wonderful reflection for Sunday, January 25. It was the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The readings for that day were: **Isaiah 8:23–9:3/ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17/Matthew 4:12-23**. Perhaps you can take a little time today to read and reflect.

Is Christ divided? (1 Corinthians 1:13)

This past Sunday was the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For the week, Believers from virtually every Christian tradition have been praying for an end to all division among Christians: an end to the division between the Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic churches; an end to divisions between Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic believers, and an end to divisions within churches and parishes.

What a perfect reading, then, to close out the week! In it we get a glimpse of St. Paul's inspired insights into causes of division. When he learns that factions are threatening the church at Corinth, he goes right to the heart of the problem. "Is Christ divided?" he asks, almost sarcastically (**1 Corinthians 1:13**). In other words, how can you take sides like this when you were all baptized into the one Lord, Jesus Christ?

Paul understood that divisions happen when we focus too much on our own opinions and selfish desires and not enough on Jesus. We might favor one church leader over another (**1 Corinthians 1:12**). We might prefer our wealthy brothers and sisters over those who are struggling (**1 Corinthians 11:18-22**). Or we might be more impressed with those who seem spiritually gifted and less so with those who seem "ordinary" (**1 Corinthians 12:13**).

Cardinal Ranier Cantalamessa, former preacher to the papal household, once said, "If we will turn to Christ and go forward together toward him, we Christians will draw closer to each other." (*Sermon, March 18, 2026*). The closer we get to Jesus, the more he heals our wounds and leads us to repentance. And the more we are healed and forgiven, the easier it becomes to love and reconcile with each other.

No, Christ is not divided. So, let's all draw closer to him and ask him to make us one!

"Jesus, heal every division! Lord, bring us together!"

You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. Take care and be safe.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

Laws for Fast and Abstinence during Lent

The law of abstinence obliges those **14 years of age and older not to eat meat**. The law of fast obliges all those from **ages 18 through 59** to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the day.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

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 Flatt, 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, Larry Barnett, Susan Sheehy, 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 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Malachi 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	Friday	Sirach 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51 Mark 6:14-29
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mark 5:21-43	Saturday	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22 Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mark 6:1-6	Sunday	Isaiah 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Ps 1 Chronicles 29:10-11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mark 6:7-13		

LITURGICAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Are you interested in being an altar server, a lector or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion? The current ministry schedule runs 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), Ann Gunderman (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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Join us for our upcoming Open House celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

Discover the difference a faith-based education can make. Meet our dedicated teachers, tour the classrooms and learn more about our academic programs, extracurricular activities and spiritual growth opportunities.

Date: Sunday, February 1, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Family School, 2301 Beasley Avenue NW, Huntsville, AL 35816

For more information, contact the school office at (256) 539-5221 or visit holyfamilyschoolhsv.org.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please do not take the missals provided in the pews out of the church. We don't have extra quantities to replenish our supply for this year. If you would like your own personal copy, there are a handful left for purchase at \$10.00 each in the parish office. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on February 7/8. Please drop your food items off at the collection point in front of the church before Mass.

We especially need: cereal, canned fruit, canned meat, jelly, soup and snacks/cookies. Please no bulk items or glass.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Kevin Nash at kmn444@hotmail.com or 315-664-0755.

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, for lunch at Tom Brown's Restaurant, Hays Farm, 9070 Memorial Parkway SW in Huntsville.

For information, reservations or cancellations please call or text John at 256-603-6512, no later than February 10. Newcomers are always welcome.

THE MAGNIFICAT LUNCHEON will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall in Birmingham on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Lauren Franklin, is an inspirational creator of Catholic content on social media and a creator of sacred art. Come be inspired by Lauren who has been set on fire with God's love!

Tickets are \$20 each, \$15 student rate (youth to age 22) and includes a catered breakfast. They are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org, by contacting Jan Smith at (205) 381-8481, and from Alpha Church Supply or Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts.

No tickets sold at the door or after February 15.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 07, 2026 – FEBRUARY 08, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Clark Harmon, Mike Rose

8:15am: Lucy Fried, Peyton Howell

11:15am: Emma Taylor, Zoey Emmett

LECTORS

5:00pm: Karen Sunday, Ben Sunday

8:15am: Don Gregory, Laura Hall

11:15am: Jake Petraszewsky, Ryan Petraszewsky

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: McKinley Curtis III*, Tammy Hoskins, Gus Smith, Sherri Lynn Ross, Marian Kilgore

8:15am: Ellen Styles*, Jamie Stewart, Alicia Owens, Paula Bertrand, Muriel Weston

11:15am: Bea Terry*, Norma Whitehead, Bob Varga, Gerald Wocken, Donniss Aragon

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

BAPTISM PREPARATION for parents and godparents on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish office building. This class is mandatory for baptism at St. Joseph.

Please call the parish office at 256-534-8459 to register if you plan to attend.

FORMATION CALENDAR

Feb. 1	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Feb. 7/8	Rite of Enrollment for First Communion at Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses
Feb. 8	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Feb. 15	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, 1st 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 four times a year, at the beginning of each quarter. 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.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Baptism Prep (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04

6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 07

Scout Sunday
Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08

Scout Sunday
Hospitality after both Masses
9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
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
BRZWY = Breezeway
VBC = Von Braun Center