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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.

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Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 09

7:00am: +Dorothy Joyce Boschert

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00am: Achile Egbunu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00am: +Julie Loppnow

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00am: +Domingo Quiroz Ruiz
9:00am*: All Sick & Hospitalized Parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00am: +Jacqueline Hallows

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00am: +Dave Royer
5:00pm: Michael & Maureen Chemsak

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:15am: For the Parish, +Jim Watt Maloney
11:15am: +Jerry Damson

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On Tuesday, January 27, I read the following meditation from *Give Us This Day: Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic*. The readings for that day were: ***The Second Book of Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19/Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12/Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mark 3:31-35.***



The meditation was written by Deacon Greg Kandra, a Roman Catholic deacon serving the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. Author of *The Busy Person's Guide to Prayer*, he is an award-winning broadcast journalist and maintains The Deacon Bench blog. I hope you enjoy the reflection.

Making Room

When people told Jesus that his family had come to see him, he looked at those around him and declared boldly: "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." His definition of family is broader, wider and deeper than his audience probably expected. But he comes with a challenge. Jesus added this qualifier: His family is "whoever does the will of God. . ." With that, we find ourselves facing a question that has haunted believers for centuries: How do I do God's will? What does that look like?

The most famous prayer on earth offers an answer, with this humble petition: "Thy will be done." Mary's words at the Annunciation offer the same ascent, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Our faith reminds us that doing the will of God is fundamentally about surrender; it's an act of quiet obedience, a choice to trust, to admit that we all need (as Alcoholics Anonymous puts it) to "let go and let God"

My favorite verse of this idea comes from Fr. Mychal Judge, who phrased it memorably in his own prayer to the Almighty. "Take me where you want me to go," he said, "and please keep me out of the way."

It's worth asking ourselves: How am I getting in God's way? What can I do to make room and let God's will be done?

I hope that you have a blessed day filled with many wonderful graces. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

LAST YEAR'S PALMS

If you have palms from last year, you can bring them to church next weekend, February 14 and 15 only. I will use them to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you, 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 Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, George deVuyst, Milly Kuszynski, Brent Weisbecker, 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	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mark 6:53-56	Friday	1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15 Mark 7:31-37
Tuesday	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10, 11 Mark 7:1-13	Saturday	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22 Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday	1 Kings 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mark 7:14-23	Sunday	Sirach 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37
Thursday	1 Kings 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4,35-37, 40 Mark 7:24-30		

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.

MARRIAGE VOW RENEWAL CEREMONY All St. Joseph parish couples celebrating 25 years of marriage or more are invited to attend a Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 14.

There will be a reception in St. Francis Hall at 6:15 p.m. following the Mass. Please bring a large, stand-alone photo of your wedding day to the reception. This event is open to all parishioners.

SAVE THE DATE: NITE AT THE RACES
Saturday, March 7, 2026, Fr. Messmer Center Gym

Food service begins at 6:30 p.m., racing starts at 7:00 p.m. No entry fee to attend, food and drinks available for purchase.

You can be a horse owner, a jockey or a participant in the hat contest. Horse owner tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses beginning February 7/8.

This is an adult-only event, with proceeds going to the Holy Family Capital Campaign.

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.

BUNCO Friday, February 13. Play begins at 6:30 p.m., arrival between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the north portico entrance to St. Francis Hall. Bring \$5 to play and food or drink to share. After three rounds of play, cash payouts for Most Buncos, Most Wins, Most Mini-Buncos and Fewest Wins. 50/50 Raffle will be available. All proceeds and donations go to the Holy Family Capital Campaign. Next Bunco is April 10.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JAN. 25 & FEB. 1, 2026

Regular Collection	\$ 20,199.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 9,110.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 14, 2026 – FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Please see the full schedule for ministry assignments for Ash Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm:	Chris Reid
8:15am:	Jacob Spradlin, James Spradlin
11:15am:	Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

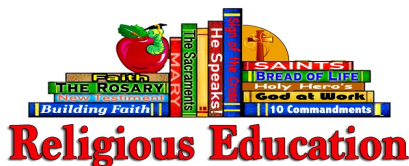
5:00pm:	Terry Thompson, Laura Hall
8:15am:	Jillian Fried, Claire Fried
11:15am:	Tyrell Hongo, Shyntia Diallo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm:	Webb Tadesse*, Ben Sundeay, Karen Sundeay, Patty Ayala, Maureen Chemsak
8:15am:	David Brost*, Bill Billingsley, Linda Billingsley, Cecilia Bruton, Gina Bain
11:15am:	Jane Dodds*, Brenda Brown, Bernita Briggs, Josette Dant, Jerolyn Golightly

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- 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
Rite of Welcoming and Sending - OCIA
11:15 a.m. Mass

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 10

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:30am: Adult Formation (LMR)
6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)
6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:15pm: Marriage Vow Renewal
Reception (SFH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

OCIA Rite of Welcoming @ 11:15 a.m. Mass

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