

Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Michael Henry, Principal
256.430.1760



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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00am: +Gerald Pohl
5:00pm: David & Nancy Larch

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:15am: +Karen Pohl
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 20

7:00am: +Steve McLaurin

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:00am: McCollum Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00am: +Sr. Jean Marie Hauck, S.D.S.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:00am: Fr. Bill Kelly, S.D.S.
9:00am*: +Joseph Ranatza

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:00pm: Ezra Morris

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00am: +William Carter Wall, Jr.
5:00pm: +Joseph & Margaret McGinn

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:15am: For the Parish, +Dave Royer
11:15am: +Tom Uss

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



Today I would like to share a meditation with you from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. It has some thought-provoking questions that might be good to focus on as we follow Jesus. It is from Tuesday, April 14 and the readings for that day were: **Acts 4:32-37/Psalm 93:1-2, 5/John 3:7-15.**

How will you believe? (John 3:12)

In the Gospel today, Nicodemus is having a midnight conversation with Jesus - and he's puzzled. Jesus has told him he must be "born from above" to see and understand his kingdom (**John 3:3**). Nicodemus knows that only someone who comes from God could speak the words Jesus is saying and perform the works that he is doing (**John 3:2**). But Nicodemus, "the teacher of Israel," is confused (**John 3:10**). He still doesn't understand who Jesus is.

As the conversation continues, Jesus offers Nicodemus a way out of his confusion: "If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?" (**John 3:12**). Believe. That's the key. Like the crowds who saw Jesus' mighty deeds and "began to believe in his name," Nicodemus needed to take a step and believe (**John 2:23**). He needed to surrender to the work of the Spirit and stop trying to figure everything out all at once. He needed to accept what he could, and trust Jesus with the rest.

With two thousand years of history and Church teaching, we know far more than Nicodemus did. We know that Jesus is the Son of Man, who came down from heaven. We know that he became man to teach us about the Father and to give us eternal life. But it doesn't always make sense to us. Sometimes, in fact, our own situations don't make sense. "Why am I suffering like this?" we might ask. In both cases, Jesus asks of us the same thing that he asked of Nicodemus: to believe him and trust him. It's almost as if Jesus is saying, "I know what I'm doing. I know what I'm talking about. I am God. I love you. You can trust me."

Whether we feel as if you know God well or just a little, you can make this fundamental act of faith and proclaim: Jesus, I believe in you. It's not an abstract statement. It's a declaration and an act of surrender to a real Person whom you trust, Jesus Christ.

Faith isn't always easy, but it's always within our grasp. We always have the opportunity to trust Jesus. If we consciously choose to believe Jesus' own testimony about himself, no earthly thing can shake our faith, no matter how we feel.

"You are trustworthy, Lord. Jesus, I believe in you."

I hope you have a blessed day. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

PLEASE NOTE

We often get the question "Do you have a 'lost-and-found' area for personal items that are left in the church?" The short answer is that we don't have enough storage space for a designated area. The long answer is that I go through the church after Mass and pick up anything left behind. I keep the items for a short time and, if they are not spoken for, I give them to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. So, please remember to take your belongings with you when you leave the church, because they may not be here if you wait too long to come back for them.

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 Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, 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	Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 John 6:22-29	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 John 6:52-59
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 John 6:30-35	Saturday	1 Peter 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mark 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a John 6:35-40	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 John 6:44-51		

22ND ANNUAL GOLF FORE LIFE FUNDRAISER Friday, May 15, 2026
Highland Park Golf Course, Birmingham, Alabama
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, Box Lunch Following, Registration Deadline
Friday, May 8

This tournament raises money for Her Choice, a pro-life pregnancy resource center that helps women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to support them in that decision.

For registration information, contact Jim Pinto at 205-447-8796 or Golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

Pay online or mail check to: Her Choice Birmingham, 2120 7th Ave. South, Birmingham 35233

PARISH PRAYER GROUP Several years ago, the Lay Salvatorians started a church email Prayer Group to inform our parishioners of prayer requests for illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths in our parish families.

If you would like to be a part of this Prayer Group, please send your name and email address to dianeroch914@gmail.com.

2026 MERCY PARISH BLESS FEST May 2/3, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 10509 Segers Road in Madison. Come enjoy craft vendor booths, carnival/field games, demonstrations and more. Breakfast (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.) or lunch (11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) available. Admission: \$5 per person/\$10 per family.

For details, call the Mercy parish office at 256-325-0695.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *Rainforest Falls-Exploring the Nature of God*, June 15-19, 2026 at the Fr. Messmer Center and St. Francis Hall on the St. Joseph Church campus. Ages Pre-K through 5th grade—\$30 per child, \$90 for a family of three or more. Registration is open through May 25. We need volunteers, so if you would like to help there are sign-up sheets in the church. Sponsored by St. Joseph and St. Mary of the Visitation parishes.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL April 25/26, 2026 to support dioceses in the United States and its territories that need financial help for core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve.

In the Diocese of Birmingham, Catholic Home Mission grant applications have been submitted for three catholic schools, three Chancery Office ministries and three catholic parish missions.

To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St. Francis Hall.

For more information, contact Maritza Holland at 256-534-8459, ext. 7 or mholland@saintjosephcc.com.

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
Regular Collection	\$ 9,177.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 7,263.22

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

APRIL 25, 2026-APRIL 26, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00pm: Geri Reddy
- 8:15am: Gabe Stewart
- 11:15am: Samuel Newport

LECTORS

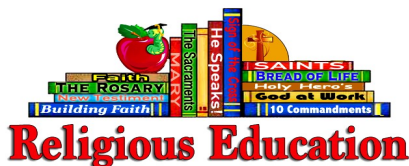
- 5:00pm: McKinley Curtis III, Sabine Wlodarski
- 8:15am: Lucia Medina, Pat Maloney
- 11:15am: Jeffrey Taylor, Maggie Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00pm: Geri Donnelly*, Ben Sundry, Karen Sundry, Maureen Chemsak, Webb Tadesse
- 8:15am: Paula Bertrand*, Bill Billingsley, Linda Billingsley, David Brost, Jamie Stewart
- 11:15am: Michelle Jansen*, Nelene Odutola, Bea Terry, Jim Powell, Jerolyn Golightly

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- April 12 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- April 19 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- April 25 First Communion Retreat 8:30 a.m.—noon
St. Francis Hall
- May 2 First Communion & Reception 10:00 a.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, 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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED Have you ever felt a desire to become closer to Christ? The EMHC may be the ministry God is calling you to join. Training sessions are available throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, contact Josette Dant at josette@hutchenscompany.com.



Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, APRIL 20

5:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:30am: 1st Communion Retreat (SFH)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

9:30am: RE/RCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)

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