

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

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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 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

MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:00am: +Fr. Larry Shinnick

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

7:00am: +Brian Joseph McGinn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

7:00am: All Dominicans

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

7:00am: +Viviana Uribe-Torres, +Sara Nava
9:00am*: +Jude Belcher

FRIDAY, MAY 01

7:00pm: +Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Dasaro

SATURDAY, MAY 02

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Damien Donnelly

SUNDAY, MAY 03

8:15am: +Jon David Brost
11:15am: For the Parish, +Kenton Hughes

**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*. As I have mentioned before, if we take a little time and dig a little deeper, we will find so much more in the Sacred Scriptures than if we simply stay on the surface. The meditation is from April 15, in the second week of Easter. The readings for that day were: **Acts 5:17-26/Psalm 34:2-9/John 3:16-21.**

God so loved the world . . . (John 3:16)

Did you know that the verse is not just talking about how much God loves the world? It's also talking about the way God loves the world. The Greek word for "so" used in this sentence means "in this manner" just as much as it means "to this extent." So, another reading of this verse could be "This is the way God loves the world."

He gave: God loves without reservation. Love is not something God hoards to himself. It doesn't stake in find in his own perfection. It naturally bursts forth, out of himself, to us. Because God's love is generous.

His only Son: God does not love begrudgingly. He doesn't give us just any old thing. He gave us his only begotten Son, one in being with him, the One most precious in his heart. Because God's love holds nothing back.

So that everyone who believes: God loves without restriction. He has opened the door of his heart to anyone who believes, no conditions. He makes no exceptions. He pours his love out on every person who comes to him in faith. Because God's love flows freely.

Might not perish: God does not brood over injury. He does not withhold his love from us because we have sinned against him. He does not give us "what we deserve." No, he forgives us, removes our guilt, and restores us. Because God's love is merciful.

But might have eternal life: God wants us to be united with him. It wasn't enough to take away our sin. In his abundant love, God wants us to be with him eternally. He has opened heavens gates and welcomes us in! Because God's love is everlasting.

God wants to show you how he loves you today. As you take some time to pray with one - or several - of these ideas, let his free, generous, and overflowing love wash over you. Let that love sink in! Then, let your heart respond with praise and thanks to the Lord who loved not only the whole world, but you!

"Praise to you, Lord, for the way you love each and every person you have made! Help me to receive all the love you have for me."

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

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT EVENING

A special thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the Holy Family School Disco Soriee a wonderful success, especially to all the many hands that helped: Shandy Scheurich, Jim Bell, Robin Lockwood, faculty, parents and so many more. The food was great, the music was fabulous and the array of Auction items was superb.

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 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3;43:3, 4 John 10:11-18	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-9, 10-11ab John 14:1-6
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-7 John 10:22-30	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 14:7-14
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 John 12:44-50	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 John 13:16-20		

FR. JEREMIAH TREACY *A Man for All Nations* Presentation by Fr. Robert Miller May 14, 2026, 6:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Valley Civil War Roundtable. The Roundtable meets at the Elks Lodge, 725 Frankline Street SE in Huntsville. There is no cost to attend.

Fr. Treacy was born in Ireland and ordained a priest in Dubuque, Iowa in 1851. He served in the Diocese of Mobile in Alabama and laid the cornerstone for the first catholic church in Huntsville in 1861.

For more information about Fr. Robert Miller and his work, visit <https://www.faithofthefathers.net/about/>. Requests for speaking appearances should be addressed to Alan.Ruzicka1960@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on May 2/3. We especially need: cereal, canned fruit, canned meat, jelly, soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, mashed potatoes, pancake mix and snacks/cookies. Please no bulk items or glass. Please drop off food items at the collection point in front of the church before Masses on May 2/3 and do not leave any items unattended or exposed to the elements.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kevin Nash at kmn444@hotmail.com or (315) 664-0755.

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.

ST. JOSEPH ROSARY MAKERS will have a variety of Blessed Rosaries available for a donation to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign Fund this weekend, April 25/26, in the breezeway after all the Masses.

What a better gift to Our Lady than a beautiful Rosary for Mother's Day, Father's Day, First Communion, Graduation. Confirmation, birthdays or anniversaries. May is the month of the Rosary and now, more than ever, we need prayer!

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	
Regular Collection	\$ 9,360.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,327.22

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

MAY 02, 2026-MAY 03, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00pm: Chris Reid
- 8:15am: Dawson Amos
- 11:15am: Aaron Goudeau

LECTORS

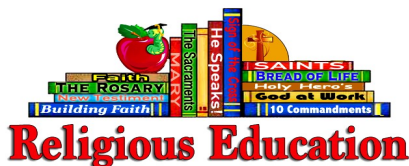
- 5:00pm: Mary Graham, Diane Hollingshead
- 8:15am: Bart Lynch, Gina Bain
- 11:15am Jake Petraszewsky, Ryan Petraszewsky

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00pm: Patty Ayala*, Philip Graham, Maureen Chemsak, Webb Tadesse, Rita Cusack
- 8:15am: Teri Lynch*, Laura Cardenas, Ashley Medina, Anne Heatherly, Laura Hall
- 11:15am: Maggie Taylor*, Jeffrey Taylor, Monique Kitts, Jerolyn Golightly, Gerald Wocken

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- April 26 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- May 2 First Communion & Reception 10:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Church/St. Francis Hall
- May 3 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (**Final RE class**)
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 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 27

11:00am: Regina Shelton Funeral (SJC)
5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:30pm: Conner Rowan/Emily Knowd
Wedding Rehearsal (SJC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

4:00pm: Conner Rowan/Emily Knowd
Wedding (SJC)
6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

FRIDAY, MAY 01

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)
2:00pm: Lilian Ellis Funeral (SJC)

SATURDAY, MAY 02

Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
10:00am: 1st Communion & Reception
(SJC/SFH)

SUNDAY, MAY 03

Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
9:30am: RE/RCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
12:30pm: KPC 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