

# 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](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephcc.com) no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.



### Holy Family School—Huntsville

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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.

# Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, MAY 04

7:00am: +Eva Nave

TUESDAY, MAY 05

7:00am: +Macky Whalen

WEDNESDAY, MAY 06

7:00am: Ezra Morris

THURSDAY, MAY 07

7:00am: Cindy Gerry  
9:00am\*: +Regina Shelton

FRIDAY, MAY 08

7:00pm: +Steve McLaurin

SATURDAY, MAY 09

8:00am: +Jerry Pierce, Jr.  
5:00pm: +Janie Ball

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Greg Hess

*\*HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



This has been a full week with two funerals, Regina Shelton and Lilian Ellis; the Conner Rowan/Emily Knowd wedding; one baptism and, finally, a class of 28 young people received their First Holy Communion, in addition to all the regular parish meetings and activities.

I recently came across two reflections that address the changes and challenges we face as Christians, dating back to the early disciples of Jesus. The first one is by Fr. Don Talafous, OSB from the April issue of *Give Us This Day: Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic*. The readings for that day were: **Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26/Psalm 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/John 10:22-30.**

### Change Abounds

The early Jewish disciples of Christ had to accept some startling changes. Just to accept that the Messiah had come for the Gentiles as well as the Jews, and that one didn't have to be a Jew first before becoming a Christian was very tough for many of them. And, in following this Jesus, they eventually had to believe that he was more than a mere human being, that he was somehow God like [YHWH], which was another bitter pill for them to swallow. After it became clear that their fellow Jews were not going to accept this Jesus, they had to split from the synagogue, another traumatic decision. Following Jesus meant a split with their families for many of them. Talk about change! One after another! Perhaps all of this is a good reminder to us fairly comfortable Christians that to be a faithful follower of Jesus today asks changes in our mentality and, in our values, probably more than we first realize. As new immigrants, for example, enter our parish and community, changes are required of all of us. Much of our development in Christian life consists in a willingness to change (a word for repent), to look at the world in a different way, and to adjust our customs to new circumstances.

The second reflection comes from the *Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass*. In today's reading from Acts, we hear about the early days of the church, after the scattering of the disciples due to extreme persecution. Many of the disciples settled in the bustling city of Antioch, which became a pivotal place in the life of the early Christian community. It was there that the disciples of Jesus were first called "Christians." This term, which we associate today with the chosen and beloved identity, was originally used by outsiders. It was meant to clearly distinguish between Jewish and the surrounding Pagan cultures and the culture of these radical people. The term "Christian" was translated from the Greek *Christianos*, or "follower of Christ." It wasn't a label the early Christians chose for themselves, but it became one of the most recognized titles in history. This title reflected how these early believers were known for their actions - sharing everything in common, baptizing with the Spirit, caring for the sick and proclaiming the Gospel as Christ commanded. In our own lives today, we are called to be Christians not just in name but in action as well. Like those early followers, we are invited to take on the title of "Christian" and live up to what it signifies: "follower of Christ." The early Christians were devoted to prayer, the breaking of the bread and the teachings of the apostles - practices we continue to uphold in our own communities. By modeling our lives after them, we can be known as true Christians, recognize not just by our words but by our own radical love and deeds.

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

*Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe*

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### CONGRATULATIONS

I want to congratulate all the young people who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. I also want to thank Maritza Holland, Shannon Friedlein, Muriel Weston, Patricia Partida, Carmen Amato, Paula Bertrand, Lupita Loreda, parents and the many volunteers who helped with the First Communion Retreat. A special thank you to Wayne Bruno and the 8:15 a.m. choir for the wonderful music, to Helen Taylor and all who made the reception such a wonderful celebration. Thank you for your gift of time and care.

*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, Jeff Jansen, Gary Wilson.

**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 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 John 14:21-26	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12 John 15:12-17
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 John 14:27-31a	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 John 15:18-21
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 John 15:1-8	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 John 15:9-11		

**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.

**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.

**MAY FLOWERS AND BABY SHOWERS** To honor our Blessed Mother on Mother's Day, the Lay Salvatorians will collect diapers, wipes, new onesies, new sleepers and new baby blankets for the Catholic Center of Concern. Items will only be collected before and after Mass on May 9/10. Thank you for your contribution.

**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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** for parents and godparents Tuesday, May 5, 2026. This class is mandatory for baptisms at St. Joseph parish.

Please call the parish office at 256-534-8459 if you plan to attend. For questions about baptism and baptism scheduling, contact Maritza Holland in the parish office.

**THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** group will meet for lunch on May 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at West End Grill, 6610 Old Madison Pike in Huntsville. Please call or text Michael at 256-289-3841 by May 11 for information, reservations or cancellations.

We are an informal group that gathers monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. Newcomers are always welcome, so come join us!

<b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 7,948.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 2,825.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 9,907.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**MAY 09, 2026-MAY 10, 2026**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm: Clark Harmon  
8:15am: Maddie Lynch, Paige Howell  
11:15am: Kaylen Nyochembeng

**LECTORS**

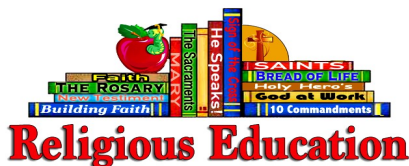
5:00pm: Grady Harmon, Geri Donnelly  
8:15am: Claire Fried, Jillian Fried  
11:15am: Cathy Tichow, Jerolyn Golightly

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00pm: McKinley Curtis III\*, Ben Sunday, Karen Sunday, Marion Kilgore, Michelle Sanner  
8:15am: Kevin Nash\*, Michelle Nash, David Brost, Alicia Owens, Muriel Weston  
11:15am: Kristy Hayne\*, Donnis Aragon, Jennifer Luna, Bernita Briggs, Josette Dant

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis



### FORMATION CALENDAR

- May 3 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (**Final RE class**)  
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- May 5 Baptism Preparation 6:00 p.m.  
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](mailto:josette@hutchenscompany.com).



## Here Is What's Happening This Week

### TUESDAY, MAY 05

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 06

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 09

9:00am: KPC Initiation (LMR/LIB)

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

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