

MAY 10, 2026

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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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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 09

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10

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

MONDAY, MAY 11

7:00am: +Bob Hennessee

TUESDAY, MAY 12

7:00am: Achile Egbunu

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

7:00am: +Margaret Moquin

THURSDAY, MAY 14

7:00am: +Fr. Larry Shinnick
9:00am*: +Jude Belcher

FRIDAY, MAY 15

7:00pm: +Alberto Costagliola

SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:00am: +James Michael Pavlik
5:00pm: +Lola Light

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:15am: +Eva Nave
11:15am: For the Parish, Ezra Morris

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you have had a great week filled with God's joys and blessings. I came across two reflections for Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter. The first is from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. The readings for that day were: **Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28/Psalm 145:10-13, 21/John 14:27-31.**



Peace, I leave with you . . . Not As the world gives do I give it to you. (John 14:27)

Peace. It's something we all long for. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers to give us peace. But he tells us that it's a peace that is completely different from the kind of peace that the world holds out to us.

We're all familiar with the peace that comes from the world. It has a lot to do with what's going on around us. We will finally be at peace when we have enough money, popularity or pleasure. It will come with the right diet, the right exercise routine or the right political situation. It will come when we bring all the variables of our lives under control. It is something that, given the right circumstances, we can accomplish.

But the peace Jesus offers is something that only he can give. It's the biblical promise of Shalom: a state of wholeness, completeness, well-being, and harmony that comes as we are in right relationship with God. We know peace when we know that Jesus has saved and restored us. He has made us children of God, and that is the foundation that brings us true, lasting peace.

Isn't this good news? Since the world isn't the source of our peace, the world doesn't have the power to take it away - even if we feel some agitation from time to time! Peace is not political, so political unrest doesn't have to overwhelm us. It's not economic, so we can find Jesus' peace even in the face of inflation or job loss. His piece is not tied to our ability to control any of our circumstances, so as we trust the Lord, we will find a piece that, as Saint Paul says, "surpasses all understanding" (**Philippians 4:7**).

Let that truth sink in, the peace that will bring true rest to our heart is something you cannot accomplish with your own efforts. It comes from God, and he wants To give it to you! Just look at the first thing Jesus says to his disciples after the resurrection: "Peace be with you" (**John 20:19**).

You can always trust in Jesus, whether or not you feel in control of your life, whether or not you have amassed enough material treasure - no matter what challenges come your way. Because lasting peace comes directly from Jesus.

"Jesus, help me open my heart to the peace that only you can give me!"

The second reflection comes from the Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass on Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter.

How do you define peace? In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he's giving them peace, but it's not peace as the world understands it. For us to understand Jesus, we need to understand the world in which he lived. Historians use a Latin phrase, Pax Romana, to define the period of relative peace and prosperity at the height of the Roman Empire, which included the time in which Jesus lived. But that peace and prosperity came with a heavy toll. The Gospel stories tell us of tax-collecting collaborators and peasants required to carry Roman soldiers' goods. We hear of rebellions crushed and resisters crucified. Crucifixion was a common method of execution in the Roman Empire. Thousands of enslaved peoples, rebels and non-citizens were killed on crosses to "keep the peace." When Jesus talks about the peace of this world, he means the Pax Romana, enforced by domination. He means order inflicted by military might. What is the alternative peace Jesus promises his disciples? Justice and righteousness are strong, linked, recurrent themes running through the Hebrew Scriptures. In Pax Christi (Christ's peace), people are invited into equitable relationships rather than coerced into damaging interactions. Everyone benefits from wise laws that are grounded in equity and love and are justly enforced. This is not the false peace that the world gives, but the genuine peace that God requires of us despite the world's ways. Pax Christi comes from God, and it cannot be taken away.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, 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 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-4, 5-6a, 9b John 15:26-16:4a	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 John 16:20-23
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 John 16:5-11	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 John 16:23b-28
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:9-11 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Luke 11:27-28	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 Ascension of the Lord Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 John 15:9-17		

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.

BLESSING OF THE MOTORCYCLES May 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist will hold its annual Blessing of the Motorcycles in the lower parking lot.

Fr. Bryan Lowe will preside over the event, with a short fellowship to follow in the parish basement.

Please RSVP with your name and contact information no later than May 11 to Damian Bianca at dpbianca79@gmail.com or via text to 256-426-9051. You may invite others, but please request that they RSVP, as well. This will allow an accurate purchase of refreshments and effective communication of any changes to the event.

Enter the parish from the north entrance on Hughes Road and align your bikes along the sidewalk, facing or backing in, near the basement entrance.

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.



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.

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!

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Regular Collection	\$ 9,059.19
Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,931.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

MAY 16, 2026-MAY 17, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00pm: Mike Rose
- 8:15am: Jacob Spradlin, James Spradlin
- 11:15am: William Taylor, Michael Terry

LECTORS

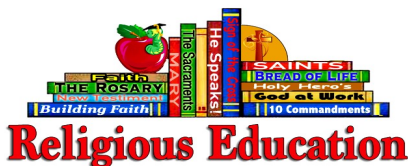
- 5:00pm: Patty Ayala, Terry Thompson
- 8:15am: Lucia Medina, Don Gregory
- 11:15am: Lee Cuffe, Tyrell Hongo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00pm: Karen Thompson*, Gus Smith, Tammy Hoskins, Maureen Chemsak, Monique Kitts
- 8:15am: Jamie Stewart*, Bill Billingsley, Linda Billingsley, Gina Bain, Paula Bertrand
- 11:15am: Jane Dodds*, Monique Kitts, Jerolyn Golightly, Michelle Jansen, Josette Dant

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- May 10 **NO OCIA— Happy Mother’s Day**
- May 17 OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building
- May 24 **NO OCIA— Memorial Day**
- May 31 OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.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.



Here Is What’s Happening This Week

TUESDAY, MAY 12

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Spiritual Life Commission (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:00am: Lay Salvatorians (LMR)

SUNDAY, MAY 17

12:30pm: African Catholic Association (LMR/LIB)
2:00pm: HFS 8th Grade Graduation
& Reception (SJC/SFH)
5:00pm: Vietnamese Mass (SJC)

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