

MAY 24, 2026

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00am: Matthew & Georgiana Wall
5:00pm: +Regina Shelton

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Pentecost

8:15am: For the Parish, +Kathryn McCormack
11:15am: +Sr. Jean Marie Hauck, S.D.S.

MONDAY, MAY 25

7:00am: All Deceased

TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:00am: +Eva Nave

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

7:00am: Everett Truett

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:00am: +Richard & Anne Boehme

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:00am: +Daniel Conte

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:00am: +Viviana Uribe-Torres, +Sara Nava
5:00pm: +Audrey Gibbs

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:15am: +Jonathan Sisk
11:15am: For the Parish, +Tom Uss

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



The following reflections came from two sources on Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter. The first one, **Mother Knows**, was written by Carolyn Woo, who served as CEO/president of Catholic Relief Services and dean of the Medoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. The second reflection is from the Loose-Leaf Lectionary. The readings are as follows: **Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1/Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/John 16: 12-15.**

Mother Knows

One hundred and nine years ago the Blessed Mother appeared for the first time to the shepherd children Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia at Fatima, Portugal. There would be a total of six such encounters, with the last one attended by approximately 70,000 people who witnessed the Miracle of the Sun.

Centered on the Trinity and the Eucharist, Mary imparted messages calling for prayer, repentance, and conversion as a way to world peace and personal salvation. In particular, she repeated from her first appearance the importance of the rosary and its daily recitation. Highlighting the significance, Mary was depicted with a rosary and revealed her name to be Lady of the Rosary.

Today, recitation of the rosary has receded to an occasional act with an ailing grandparent or at a funeral. Many Catholics dismiss the practice as outdated piety, irrelevant to forming a personal relationship with Jesus. Indeed, the repetition of the Hail Mary seems to be mindless and time consuming.

Against this tide are the invitation and catechesis over past centuries to approach the rosary as meditative and sanctifying while we visit the Lord with his mother, through his joys, sorrows, triumphs and saving light. In these mysteries, we step into our own joys, sorrows and triumphs to radiate God’s light.

While we may not understand how the rosary leads to peace and salvation, isn’t it enough that the Blessed Mother does, and requests our cooperation in her appearance to the modern world?

Loose-Leaf Lectionary

One aspect of this veneration is a call to conversion of heart. We tend to think of conversion as a one-time event when we first come to believe. Yet it is much deeper and broader than that. As Jesus clearly states in the gospel passage, he had a lot more to say to his disciples at the Last Supper, but they couldn’t “bear it.” They couldn’t take in anything else. It wasn’t just that their stomachs were full from their meal. Their heads and hearts were full from all he had been teaching them that night. Fortunately, Jesus had a plan. He would send the Holy Spirit to continue teaching them after he was gone. This would enable the disciples to continue to learn and grow in their faith. They would experience an ongoing conversion of life, day by day. This conversion would take other forms, too. When St. Paul preaches to the Athenians, he invites them to a conversion of thinking, a change in the way they think about the shrine of the “Unknown God.” He gives them a new perspective on this mystery that had already drawn them to worship. He invites them to recognize the God of Christ as that previously unknown Creator and Redeemer. What was veiled for them is now revealed. Take a moment to think back over your life. When has the Spirit, or Mary, or another follower of Christ, led you to a deeper conversion in your faith?

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

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

A SPECIAL EVENT: On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Christi), June 6 and 7 – we will have a Eucharistic Procession after all the Masses (weather permitting) in the church parking lot and a 30-minute adoration after the Saturday, June 6 Mass at 5:00 p.m. and after the Sunday, June 7 Mass at 11:15 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, June 13, there will be no Confessions before the 5:00 p.m. Mass. I have a wedding in Florence, Alabama but will be back for Mass at 5:00 p.m. I apologize for any inconvenience.

PRAYER REQUESTS
We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Elaine Sayre, 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, Ben Sundey, 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	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 John 19:25-34	Friday	1 Peter 4:7-13 Ps 96:10-13 Mark 11:11-26
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mark 10:28-31	Saturday	Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mark 11:27-33
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mark 10:32-45	Sunday	Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 Most Holy Trinity Ps Daniel 3:52-55 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18
Thursday	1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2-5 Mark 10:46-52		

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on June 6/7. We especially need: cereal, canned fruit, canned meat, soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, mashed potatoes, pancake mix, jelly and snacks/cookies. Please no bulk items or glass containers.

We ask that you drop off your food items at the collection point in front of the church before the weekend Masses on June 6 or 7. Please do not leave 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, contact Kevin Nash at kmn444@hotmail.com or (315) 664-0755.

IF YOU PLAN TO MOVE: Please give the church office your new address so that we can correct our mailing lists, or take you off if you are leaving the area. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER: When there is a holiday (religious or federal) and the parish office is closed, there will be no meetings in the RE Center, St. Francis Hall or the church, unless specifically scheduled. Any other standing meetings that fall on such a holiday must be moved to a different day. Please call the church office with questions or to reschedule.

Also, when the parish office is closed and there is no staff on the premises, the church will be locked after the 7:00 a.m. daily Mass.

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. Sponsored by St. Joseph and St. Mary of the Visitation parishes.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements or request a special commemoration, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 6,746.53
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,004.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

MAY 30, 2026-MAY 31, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00pm: Larry Bayer
- 8:15am: Dawson Amos
- 11:15am: Emma Taylor, Zoey Emmett

LECTORS

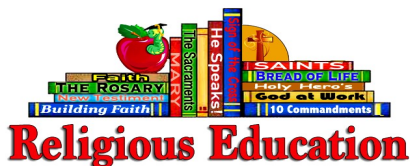
- 5:00pm: Ben Sunday, Karen Sunday
- 8:15am: Gina Bain, Ann Kvach
- 11:15am: Helen Taylor, Bruce Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00pm: Tammy Hoskins*, Marian Kilgore, Gus Smith, Michelle Sanner, Webb Tadesse
- 8:15am: Anne Heatherly*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash, Alicia Owens, Jamie Stewart
- 11:15am: Gerald Wocken*, Kristy Hayne, Bernita Briggs, Donniss Aragon, Josette Dant

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- May 24 **NO OCIA—Memorial Day**
Catechist Yearend Meeting 9:30 a.m.
St. Francis Hall
- May 31 OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building
- June 14 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

MONDAY, MAY 25

Parish Office Closed-Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 26

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

FRIDAY, MAY 29

1:00pm: Brian King Funeral (SJC)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

11:00am: Elisabeth Loehrlein Funeral (SJC)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Most Holy Trinity

9:30am: OCIA (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