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



## Holy Family School—Huntsville

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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).

## ANOIDING 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, JULY 04

8:00am: +Nonda Sloan, +Higinia Roque-Menendez  
5:00pm: +Peter Donnelly

SUNDAY, JULY 05

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: Bruce & Helen Taylor

MONDAY, JULY 06

7:00am: Plinio Lopez

TUESDAY, JULY 07

7:00am: Deacon Jim & Ruth Bodine

WEDNESDAY, JULY 08

7:00am: Marisol Lopez

THURSDAY, JULY 09

7:00am: Roberto Lopez

FRIDAY, JULY 10

7:00am: +Fr. Larry Shinnick

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8:00am: +Tommy Chvala  
5:00pm: +Dawson Dockery

SUNDAY, JULY 12

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



I hope you had a great week as we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Fourth of July this weekend. It is a time to be grateful for our nation and to pray for our country and our political leaders.

The following reflection came from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. The readings for Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time were: **Amos 3: 1-8; 4:11-12/Psalm 5: 4-8/Matthew 8:23-27.**

**Lord, save us! (Matthew 8:25)**

If you've ever had trouble sleeping, you might envy Jesus in this scene and in the Gospel. Wouldn't it be nice to be as calm as he was during that storm? If only you had the same kind of trust that he had, you wouldn't have so many fears and anxieties keeping you awake!

But to think that faith can automatically banish every fear might be unrealistic. Note that while Jesus did point out the disciples' weak faith, he didn't tell them, "You're overreacting." On one level, their reactions made sense: this was a "violent" and sudden storm, so extreme that the boat was getting "swamped by waves" (**Matthew 8:24**). It's a rare person who wouldn't experience fear in such a setting!

So, what should we make of this story?

First, it confirms that God won't always shield us from the things that strike fear in our hearts. Whether it's danger, tragedy, or an unexpected and immediate threat, terrible things happen that trigger our fight-or-flight reaction. Situations like these can do more and just test our faith; they can draw us closer to the Lord and help forge our character. No one becomes courageous, after all, without having to face and deal with their fears!

Second, it will sometimes seem that Jesus is distant, and even asleep, as we face challenges. But that doesn't mean he has left us. He is always "in the boat" with us, no matter what. He will provide us with the kind of help he knows we truly need - and at the time he knows we truly need it.

Third, just because Jesus seems distant doesn't mean we shouldn't keep praying. The disciples cried out, "Lord, save us!" even when it seemed that he might not (**Matthew 8:25**). They might have been men "of little faith," but they exercised the faith that they did have, and Jesus saved them (Matthew 8:26). Even when we feel unworthy, Jesus still loves us. He still cares for us. And he still wants to save us – again, according to his wisdom and his timing.

So don't let fear overwhelm you. Find your voice again. And find the courage and faith you need to cry out to the Lord.

**"Jesus, I know my faith is weak, but so do you. Lord, I still trust that you will save me!"**

I hope you have a blessed day. 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, 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, 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	Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Matthew 9:18-26	Friday	Hosea 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 Matthew 10:16-23
Tuesday	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Matthew 9:32-38	Saturday	Isaiah 6:1-8 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Matthew 10:24-33
Wednesday	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Matthew 10:1-7	Sunday	Isaiah 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Thursday	Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16 Matthew 10:7-15		

**26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OF BIRMINGHAM** will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 24-25, 2026 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4600 Preserve Parkway in Hoover, Alabama.

The conference theme is *Psalm 111: A Personal Walk with Jesus, Daily Union with God in Difficult Times* and will feature Fr. Frankline Fomukong, Fr. James Hedderman, Fr. Jacob Ebong Ntoko and Fr. Paul Asih. Registration fee is \$30 for individuals and \$85 for a family of three or more.

Contact Jeannie Wade at [Jwade3585@outlook.com](mailto:Jwade3585@outlook.com) or Beth Russo at [betrusso85@gmail.com](mailto:betrusso85@gmail.com) for more information.

To register, visit [www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org](http://www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org). Everyone is welcome!

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you plan to leave a vehicle in the church parking lot for more than a day, you must notify the parish office. Any vehicles that are unaccounted for will be treated as abandoned and removed from the property at the owner's expense. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** of Birmingham, Alabama, will meet at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 18.

We will have Mass in the chapel, followed by Exposition, Rosary, prayers to Padre Pio and Benediction. Fr. Paul Asih will lead us in prayer.

We meet at 9:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at [angkolar@att.net](mailto:angkolar@att.net).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2026/2027** has begun. Registration forms are available in the church breezeway or the parish office. Classes begin on Sunday, August 16, 2026. Please call Maritza Holland at 256-534-8459 if you have questions.

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?** Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming Ministry Fair.

**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	\$ 7,547.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 5,721.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**JULY 11, 2026-JULY 12, 2026**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

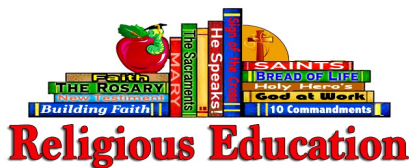
- 5:00pm: Mike Rose
- 8:15am: Gabe Stewart
- 11:15am: Emma Taylor, Lena Taylor
- LECTORS**
- 5:00pm: Diane Hollingshead, Terry Thompson
- 8:15am: Claire Fried, Jillian Fried
- 11:15am: Ryan Petraszewsky, Jake Petraszewsky

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00pm: Michelle Sanner \*, Ben Sundeay, Karen Sundeay, Marian Kilgore, Karen Thompson
- 8:15am: Anne Heatherly\*, Jim Bell, Terry Bell, Laura Hall, Ashley Medina
- 11:15am: Bea Terry\*, Jeffrey Taylor, Maggie Taylor, Jim Powell, Bob Varga

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis



### FORMATION CALENDAR

July 19 OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  
Parish Office Building

**RE REGISTRATION FOR 2026/2027** has begun. Registration forms are available in the church breezeway or the parish office. Classes begin on Sunday, August 16, 2026.

#### 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).

**MERCY SINGLES MINISTRY** invites anyone over 21 years of age to join. You must be single, divorced or widowed. Our purpose is to form a Christ-centered community where singles can grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships and serve the community.

Contact [singles@mercyparish.church](mailto:singles@mercyparish.church) for more information.

**THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** group will meet for lunch on July 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at The Cheese Factory, 300 The Bridge NW, Bridge Street Town Center in Huntsville. Please call or text Joe at 719-213-9459 by Tuesday, July 7 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!

**REMINDER:** Please do not leave donations of furniture, appliances or other large household items for St. Vincent de Paul on the church premises. If you wish to donate such items, you are asked to call the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 256-851-8881 to arrange pick-up from your home or other designated location.

Also, please try to bring your food pantry donations to the regular St. Vincent de Paul collection the first weekend of each month, so that we can promptly and properly sort and store the food.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 07**

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 08**

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

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

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

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 12**

12:30am: 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