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SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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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.



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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.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 08

8:00am: All Dominicans Living & Dead
5:00pm: +Sr. Jean Marie Hauck, S.D.S.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 09

8:15am: +Mike Chvala
11:15am: For the Parish, +Charles Spencer

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00am: +Craig Franzen

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00am: +Pat Hillman

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00am: Special Intention—Mass of Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00am: +Bud & Climene Lubrano
9:00am*: HFS Parents

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00am: +Justin Abraham Sarasupuram

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am: +Carole Eskridge
5:00pm: +Sonny Mitchell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Linda Alt

**HFS School Mass*

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 Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburn, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, 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, 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



On July 22, we celebrated the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, often referred to as the "Apostle to the Apostles" since she was the first to proclaim the good news of the Resurrection to the Twelve. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated her memorial to a feast day on the Roman calendar, giving her the same level of celebration as the male apostles. The readings for that day were: ***Song of Songs 3:1-4b/Psalm 6:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/John 20: 1-2, 11-18.***

I believe that there is so much more to the scriptures that we read at Mass or read on our own. Reading the Word of God is beautiful. And if we read the Word just on the surface, it is powerful indeed. However, if you also delve a little deeper, the reward is great. So, I invite you to read the Gospel for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene (***John 20:1-2, 11-18***), then read the following reflection and just see how much more there is to the Word of God. The reflection appeared in *Give Us This Day: Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic*. It was written by Sr. Melannie Svoboda, a Sister of Notre Dame in Chardon, Ohio, who facilitates retreats and writes. Her latest book is *Walking with Mary in Light and Darkness*.

It's All Love

"... while it was still dark." Mary didn't wait until dawn to go to the tomb. She went in the dark, risking a possible fall or even being assaulted. She demonstrates the urgency of love, which often means taking risks.

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb." Mary sees evidence clearly - the empty tomb. But she draws the wrong conclusion. Understandably so. She didn't expect a risen Jesus. Her hopes and dreams were too small, too timid. Are ours?

"She thought it was the gardener." Because Jesus was standing in the garden, Mary assumed he was the gardener. Logical, maybe, but wrong again. Do we restrict individuals to a certain place, or reduce them to their occupation? Or do we remember that anyone, anywhere might be Jesus?

"Tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Can you picture Mary carrying the dead body of Jesus on her back - or dragging him on the ground? Impossible! But Mary's words, once again, reveal the depth of her love for Jesus, a love that is ready to attempt even the seemingly impossible.

"Mary!" Instantly Mary knows it's Jesus. How? By his familiar voice tenderly speaking her name. Oh, that we all might hear our name spoken with such familiarity and tenderness by Jesus.

"I have seen the Lord." Hopefully, Mary's words can become our own words - when we can see Jesus in the people and circumstances of our daily lives - and (who knows?) maybe even in the mirror.

I hope and pray that you truly have a very happy and holy week as we begin a new school year. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

I have been asked about where Latin Masses are celebrated. The following is a list of the locations for the Latin Mass that are approved in the Diocese of Birmingham:

- Our Lady Help of Christians (Huntsville)
- Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Hanceville)
- Blessed Sacrament (Birmingham)
- Christ the King Monastery (Cullman)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 John 12:24-26	Friday	Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63, Ps Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Matthew 19:3-12
Tuesday	Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	Saturday	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Assumption Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 of the Blessed 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Virgin Mary Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday	Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Matthew 18:15-20	Sunday	Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	Ezekiel 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 Matthew 18:21-19:1		

IT'S HARVEST TIME AT ST. JOSEPH! Join us at the St. Joseph Ministry Fair, learn about our different ministries and organizations, meet fellow parishioners and find your special place to serve. Dates are August 22 and August 23 in the Fr. Messmer Center/Gym after all the Masses. Suggested attire: jeans and all things harvest time.

Share your gifts and grow closer to God through active service. We need both youth and adult volunteers to help our parish thrive. There is a place for every talent, time commitment and interest. All are welcome!

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Serving One Another

BUNCO on Friday, August 14 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in St. Francis Hall with arrival beginning at 6:00 p.m. We play three rounds. Parking will be in the north lot and entrance to the building at the portico.

Please bring \$5 to play and food or drink to share or for your personal consumption, plus extra money if you want to take part in the 50/50 Raffle. Cash prizes in four categories plus the Raffle.

PLEASE JOIN US for the groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 2 of Holy Family School on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. This is an exciting milestone for our school, our parish and the entire Huntsville community. Your support of Catholic education has been invaluable, and we would be honored to have you with us as we celebrate this historic occasion.

Holy Family School Capital Campaign

THE MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, August 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elias Maronite Church, Birmingham, in the Parish Hall. Our speakers, Mary Margaret Rohling and her son, Frank, will share an inspiring journey of an addiction survivor's recovery through faith in God and the fierce, unconditional love of a mother and her fervent prayers.

Tickets are \$20 each, or \$15 for students ages 13 to 22, and a catered breakfast is included.

Tickets are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org, by contacting Jan Smith at (205) 381-8481 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets will be sold at the door or after August 23.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish Sunday Mass nursery schedule for July through September has changed. Nursery services will be available every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. but only on the second and fourth Sundays at 11:15 a.m. There will be no nursery service at either Mass on September 6, Labor Day weekend.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 10,501.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 3,148.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 5,804.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 15, 2026*-AUGUST 16, 2026

****Feast of the Assumption, not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026***

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Chris Reid
8:15am: Dawson Amos
11:15am: William Taylor, Aaron Goudeau

LECTORS

5:00pm: Mary Graham, Laura Hall
8:15am: Lucia Medina, Jillian Fried
11:15am: Shyntia Diallo, Tyrell Hongo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: McKinley Curtis III *, Geri Donnelly, Rita Cusack,
Philip Graham, Maureen Chemsak
8:15am: Gina Bain*, Jim Bell, Terry Bell, Bill Billingsley,
Linda Billingsley
11:15am: Jane Dodds*, Barbara Brodeur, Robert Brodeur,
Jerolyn Golightly, Bernita Briggs

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

RE REGISTRATION 2026-2027 Classes begin on August 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All students and parents will meet in the gym on the first day of class.

Registration is closed for the following grades: 3&4, 5&6 and 7&8. If your child is in one of those grades, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459 before filling out the registration form. Our classrooms have a limited capacity, and for the safety of our students, we cannot exceed it.

FORMATION CALENDAR

Aug. 9	OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building
Aug. 16	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Aug. 23	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Aug. 30	RE Parents Meeting RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building



2026 FUN DAY September 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the St. Joseph Catholic Church campus. There will be games, prizes, food trucks and, of course, a raffle.

You can help make this a successful event by purchasing raffle tickets, donating new items for bingo prizes, cakes for the cakewalk or 2-litre sodas for the ring-a-pop game.

Signup sheets are in the church vestibule and breezeway. Bingo prizes and 2-litre sodas may be dropped off before each weekend Mass on August 29/30 and September 5/6. Cake-walk cakes may be dropped off on Friday, September 11 in the breezeway.

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet for lunch on August 13, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Luis's Mexican Bar and Grill, 7500 Memorial Parkway SW, (Main Street South) in Huntsville.

Please call or text Mary at 618-444-9920 by August 11 for information, reservations or cancellations.

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

NURSING AND THE CIVIL WAR presentation by Sister Betty Ann McNeil, author and Daughter of Charity, on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table, Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin Street SE, in Huntsville.

Chicken buffet and salad bar will be available at 5:00 p.m.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00pm: Ministry Fair Planning (SFH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Parish Advisory Board (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Joyful Bakers Bake Sale
1:30pm: Celeton Bassler/Irina Martin
Wedding (SJC)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Joyful Bakers Bake Sale
9:30am: RE/OCIA (HFS/SFH/LMR/LIB)
1:00pm: Pilgrimage Meeting (SFH)

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