

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.



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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, SEPTEMBER 05

8:00am: +Anna Van Meter

5:00pm: +Jay Bayer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06

8:15am: +Gary Mahon

11:15am: For the Parish, +Jayden Pitt

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 07

7:00am: +Deacon Jim Bodine

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08

7:00am: Achile Egbunu

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

7:00am: +Aubrey (Butch) Todd

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00am: +Deacon Jim Bodine

9:00am*: 2026 St. Joseph Pilgrims

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00am: +Missy Figueroa de La Cruz

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00am: +James Chvala

5:00pm: +Lola Light

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15am: For the Parish

11:15am: +Howard Fry

***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, Kevin Guettler, Janett Onisick.

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:

This has been the most extraordinary and historic week, filled with firsts. To put these events in perspective, we have to go back to the beginning of this parish and Holy Family School.



In 1952, Archbishop Thomas Joseph Toolen, Bishop of Mobile, Alabama, invited the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) to come to Huntsville and establish a parish specifically for African American Catholics. At that time, the entire state of Alabama was under the diocese of Mobile and there was also only one parish in Huntsville, St. Mary of the Visitation. So, the Provincial of the Salvatorians sent one priest, Fr. Hermenegild Messmer, and two brothers to Huntsville to find and purchase land for the new parish.

They found this property on Beasley Avenue with a big house called the Beasley Mansion on it. They bought the property and Beasley Mansion became the rectory and the first church, St. Joseph Mission. On September 14, 1952, the first public Mass was offered at Beasley Mansion with a small congregation of 36.

In 1956, a group of Salvatorian Sisters came to open the St. Joseph Mission School on September 4, 1956 at this location. So, September 4, 2026, is the 70th birthday of what is now Holy Family School.

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his *I Have a Dream* speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. At the same time, Alabama Governor George Wallace was blocking the entrance of the University of Alabama so that no person of color could enter.

And then an extraordinary thing happened. On September 3, 1963, seven white families came to the pastor of St. Joseph Mission church and asked if their children could attend St. Joseph Mission School. He agreed, and soon ten white students entered the all-black school, making this the first school in Alabama to be racially integrated before integration was a law.

Now, we can only imagine the courage of all those involved. In fact, just two weeks after this event a Baptist church in Birmingham not too far from what is now the Cathedral of St. Paul, was bombed and four little black girls were killed. What a terrible day for those children, their families and our country.

As the years went by, our parish and our school grew and more buildings were added to the grounds. They were simple but useful. In the 1970's St. Mary of the Visitation's school closed, and Our Lady Queen of the Universe's school closed. Their students were welcomed at St. Joseph Mission School. The merger of the three schools became Holy Family Regional School, serving the families of the three parishes as well as the Huntsville community.

Against this historical backdrop, we have been working for a long time to replace the old Holy Family School building with a new one. And, I am happy to report, we are on the verge of being able to finish the project. But we need your help. During the month of September, we're asking that at least 70 families donate \$1,000 each so that we can raise \$70,000 for the new school building. I'm an optimist, so I hope we will have many more than 70 families respond to the challenge.

This is our school. This is our heritage. This is our dream. All those who donate will have their name written on a scroll placed in a time capsule that will be buried as we build Phase 2A and Phase 2B. Then 70 years from now, the time capsule will be dug up and the names will be read.

You might wonder what Phase 2A and Phase 2B will include. Phase 2A includes administrative offices, a library, a cafeteria, a kitchen, outdoor space and storage. Phase 2B includes a science lab, a math lab, an art studio, a music studio and a counselor's office.

Bishop Raica and his Consultors at the Diocese of Birmingham are amazed and excited about what we're doing here and what the future holds. My philosophy has always been that if we can get along on this campus, then we can get along in the world. Our goal is to create students who are well-educated, physically strong and faith-filled and can make a difference in this world.

Thank you for making my ordination anniversary and birthday a wonderful celebration. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. May you have a blessed week.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7, 12 Luke 6:6-11	Friday	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 12 Luke 6:39-42
Tuesday	Micah 5:1-4a Ps 13:6ab, 6c Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23	Saturday	1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Luke 6:43-49
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Luke 6:20-26	Sunday	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday	1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 Luke 6:27-38		

PLEASE NOTE I will lead a Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe from September 14–25, 2026. During that time, there will be no 7:00 a.m. daily Masses from September 15 through September 25 and no 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass on September 19. The church will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On the weekend of September 19/20, Fr. Roy Runkle will be here on Saturday for Confessions at 3:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:00 p.m., and for Sunday Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

In addition, no meetings or activities are to be held on campus after 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from September 14-25 and no meetings or activities on the weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr. Joe

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE
Holy Family School's 70th Birthday Celebration
70 Years of Faith • Education • Integrity**

Our goal is to have 70 families donate \$1,000 each for a total of \$70,000 to support the Holy Family Capital Campaign in honor of Holy Family School's 70th birthday. Your family's name will be added to the Family Scroll, which will be placed in a time capsule and opened in **September 2096**. Imagine your children and grandchildren seeing your family's name **70 years from now!**

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

**October 3 & October 4 in St. Francis Hall after each Mass
Sign the Birthday Card—it will also go in the time capsule!**

*Help us make history today that will be remembered
for generations to come!*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on September 5/6. We especially need: canned meat, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes, pancake mix, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and snacks/cookies. Please no bulk items or glass containers.

Please drop off your food items at the collection point in front of the church only before this weekend's Masses, and do not leave items unattended or exposed to the elements.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Kevin Nash at kmn444@hotmail.com or (315) 664-0755.

ANNUAL RED MASS October 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 Third Avenue No., Birmingham, Alabama. The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal professionals and the public they serve to attend.

The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice.

The celebrant will be The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica. A reception for all in attendance will follow in the Family Life Center. For more information, contact Deacon Rick DiGiorgio at 205-422-8734 or rdigiorgio@corywatson.com.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 10,431.61
Other Designated Funds	\$ 5,020.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026-SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Geri Reddy
8:15am: Caed Lynch, Josephat Lopez
11:15am: Michael Terry, Victor Orozco

LECTORS

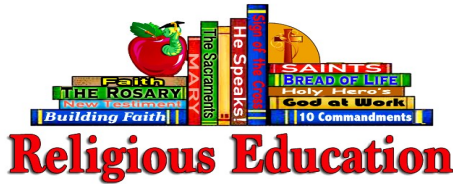
5:00pm: Mary Graham, Grady Harmon
8:15am: Jillian Fried, Gina Bain
11:15am: Jake Petraszewsky, Ryan Petraszewsky

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Geri Donnelly *, Philip Graham, Sherri Lynn Ross, Marian Kilgore, Michelle Sanner
8:15am: Bill Billingsley*, Linda Billingsley, Anne Heatherly, David Brost, Paula Bertrand
11:15am: Jerolyn Golightly*, Jane Dods, Monique Kitts, Michelle Jansen, Jennifer Luna

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Sept. 6	NO RE/OCIA—LABOR DAY
Sept. 13	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Sept. 20	NO RE/OCIA
Sept. 27	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 SPIRITUAL CARE OF THOSE GRIEVING SUICIDE LOSS" will be presented by the HAPC School of Applied Ministry on Tuesday, September 17, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive in Huntsville. Please enter at The Community Room, Entrance 7.

Supper and registration at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35.00 per person, except for sponsoring churches. CEU's are available for nurses and social workers. Zoom option is also available.

Contact malmcarl@hotmail.com or 256 883-6539 for more information or to register.

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.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 07

HFS & Parish Office Closed-Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)
10:00am: HFS Grandparents Day (SJC/SFH)
4:00pm: Holy Family Foundation (LIB)
6:30pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

HFS Closed-Professional Development

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Fun Day 10:00 am—2:00 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Catechetical Sunday

9:30am: RE/OCIA (HFS/SFH/LMR/LIB)
12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (LMR/LIB)

Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym