

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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.



Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal
256.539.5221

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256.430.1760



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, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00am: **No Mass**
5:00pm: +Jagoe Wade

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15am: +Joseph Matis
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00am: **No Mass**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00am: **No Mass**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00am: **No Mass**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00am: **No Mass**
9:00am*: HFS Teachers

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00am: **No Mass**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00am: +V.O. Abraham
5:00pm: +Eva Banks

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



As you read this letter, we will be in Poland heading for Budapest. On Friday, September 18, we visited Wadowice, the town where St. Pope John Paul II was born. We prayed especially for each of you. Each day you are being remembered in my daily Mass as we continue our pilgrimage.

Remember that we are getting close to Pledge Sunday for **The Way Forward – the 2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal**.

We all know that life can change in an instant. A lost job, an unexpected bill, a family crisis, a difficult diagnosis or a relationship in trouble can leave someone wondering where to turn.

Through the Diocesan Annual Appeal, we have the opportunity to help.

Our generosity helps a family put food on the table, keep the lights on or remain in their home. It helps a couple find their way through a difficult season and gives families the support they need to heal and grow closer. It offers compassion and care to women facing unexpected pregnancies and helps them see a path forward. It strengthens Catholic schools, faith formation, youth ministry and the many ways our church helps people encounter and follow Jesus.

We do not walk alone. We belong to one another, and we are called to carry one another's burdens and share one another's blessings.

Pledge Sunday is next weekend. Please begin praying about how you and your family might participate in the 2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Your generosity is more than a gift. It is an expression of faith, gratitude, and love. Learn more at catholiccharitiesbhm.org.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Bishop's pastoral ministries throughout the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, including:

Catholic Social Services: Provides direct assistance to people experiencing hardships, including food, rent, utilities, disaster relief, and other emergency needs through regional Centers of Concern.

Catholic Family Services: Provides professional counseling and family services, including marriage and family counseling and adoption related services, often at a reduced or no cost.

Black Catholic Ministry: Supports faith formation, leadership development, and ministry that recognizes and strengthens the gifts and cultural contributions of Black Catholics.

Hispanic Ministry: Serves the growing Hispanic Catholic community through advocacy, education, evangelization, and faith formation.

Catholic Schools: Supports pastors, principals, teachers, and families through formation, accreditation oversight, curricular guidance, marketing, recruitment, and other services.

Evangelization and Faith Formation: Provides resources and formation for parishes, catechists, youth, families, campus ministries, small groups, and other evangelization efforts.

The Appeal supports many other diocesan ministries that serve the spiritual and pastoral needs of Catholics throughout our diocese.

You are in daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless each of you with the best.

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 Rourke, 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, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, George DeVuyt, 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Matthew 9:9-13	Friday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Luke 9:18-22
Tuesday	Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Luke 8:19-21	Saturday	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Luke 9:43b-45
Wednesday	Proverbs 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Luke 9:1-6	Sunday	Ezekiel 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Matthew 21:28-32
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Luke 9:7-9		

PLEASE NOTE I am on a Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe through September 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

ST. JOSEPH LADIES BRUNCH BUNCO meets on the third Thursday of the month in the RE Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at about 1:00 p.m. The next Bunco is scheduled for October 15.

All parishioner ladies and guests are invited to join us for three rounds of Bunco, great food and fellowship. Cost is \$5 and bring a potluck brunch item to share.

Please call or text 256-520-7650 if you plan to attend or if you have questions.

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!*

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,451.03
Other Designated Funds	\$ 8,669.00

AN ADDITIONAL WEEKLY SUNDAY MASS at 5:00 p.m. will begin on October 4, 2026 at St. Joseph Church for an initial three-month trial period, after which we will evaluate. This is to accommodate the growth of our parish and alleviate some of the space pressure at our current Sunday Masses. It will be a simple Mass without music and volunteer lectors and ushers.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026-SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Kara Harmon
8:15am: Gabe Stewart
11:15am: Lena Taylor, Kaylen Nyochembeng

LECTORS

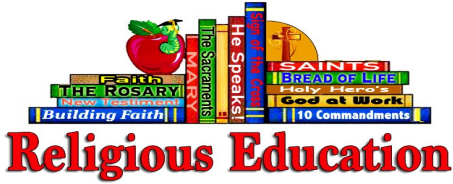
5:00pm: Ben Sunde, Karen Sunde
8:15am: Lucia Medina, Donna Howell
11:15am: Maggie Taylor, Jeffrey Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Philip Graham *, Geri Donnelly, Marian Kilgore,
Tammy Hoskins, Sherri Lynn Ross
8:15am: Ashley Medina*, Jim Bell, Terry Bell,
Alicia Owens, Muriel Weston
11:15am: Jennifer Luna*, Bob Varga, Bernita Briggs,
Donnis Aragon, Jane Dodds

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Sept. 27	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Oct. 4	<i>NO RE/OCIA—FALL BREAK</i>
Oct. 11	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Oct. 18	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Oct. 25	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building

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.

MINISTRY TRAINING for EMHC Ministers and Lectors. Have you marked your calendar for the October 10/11 Refresher Training following your weekend Mass? This will sharpen your skills and reinforce the reason behind what you do for your community at the Lord's Table.

If you are new to a ministry, please attend and plan to stay a little longer to practice your craft.

Refresher: approximately 30 minutes after Mass

New Ministers: an additional 15-20 minutes.

If your contact information is up to date, you will be put in the rotation beginning in December 2026.

SARAH HART CONCERT The St. Joseph 8:15 a.m. choir is sponsoring Sarah Hart's return to our parish for the ***You Are The Light*** concert on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$25.00 each (18 and under free). They will be available at all three weekend Masses and the parish office. Proceeds benefit the Holy Family Capital Campaign.

Join us for a night of reflection and relaxation with Sarah Hart's inspiring songs celebrating God's presence in our lives.

HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER FUND RAISING BANQUET Thursday, November 5, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at The Club,
1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Keynote: George Delgado, M.D.

Seating begins at 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. dinner and program.

Consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend, but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope.

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center, the only pregnancy help center in Birmingham, helps women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and supports them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services.

Reservations: HCBanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org,
205.447.8796/252.0706, www.herchoicebirmingham.org.

NAZARETH HOUSE WORKSHOP Calling all 9-12 grade High Schoolers interested in teaching adaptive religion classes. Come to the Nazareth House teacher workshop on Saturday, September 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in St. Mary of the Visitation's Holy Family Room in the Admin Building at 222 Jefferson Street, Huntsville 35801. Weekly classes start on September 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call/text Judith McGraw-Gregory at 256-652-8412 for details.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Ministry Commitment Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Ministry Commitment Weekend

9:30am: RE/OCIA (SFH/HFS/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

BRZ = Breezeway

VBC = Von Braun Center