

OCTOBER 11, 2026

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., 5:00 p.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.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00am: +Helen Pohl
5:00pm: +Jay Laue

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: Maria Conte
5:00pm: Salvatorian Community

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00am: +Deceased Wissel Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00am: +Rev. Dr. Charles Merrill

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00am: +Ellen Elizabeth Rodrigues

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00am: Parish Office Staff
9:00am*: Holy Family School

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00am: +Carmen DeJesus

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm: Sidney Cox

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:15am: +Jacqueline Hallowes
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: For the Homebound

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On Tuesday, September 29, we celebrated the feast of the archangels -St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael. The reflection for that day is from *The Word Among US: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. The readings for that day were: **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/Psalm 138:1-5/John 1:47-51**.



"You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." (John 1:51)

We honor the Archangels - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - for their role in God's plan of salvation. These heavenly beings serve as instruments of God's loving providence. They announce and execute God's will in powerful, often-hidden ways to glorify God and to serve his children.

Michael, whose name means "who is like God," is a warrior who battles the forces of evil (**Revelation 12:7-11**). The "great prince" and guardian of God's people, he fights on our behalf (**Daniel 12:1**). He helps us to overcome sin and temptation through the victory Jesus has won for us. And he reminds us of God's relentless desire to protect and deliver his people.

A well-known angelic messenger, Gabriel's name means "God is my strength." He appeared to Zachariah and Mary to foretell the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. He testified to God's coming in the flesh when he said, "The Lord is with you" and to the strength that God offers to his people when he said, "Do not be afraid" (**Luke 1:28, 13**). Gabriel reminds us that God is present and at work. He can help us lift our eyes to our God who is with us and who will build up strength within us (**Psalm 138:3**).

Raphael's name means "God is a healer." Raphael brought hope to blind Tobit when he proclaimed, "Take courage! God's healing is near!" (**Tobit 5:10**). He guided Tobit's son, Tobias, on his journey; delivered Tobias' wife, Sarah, from a demon, and restored Tobit's sight (**Tobit 6:4-9, 8; 2-9; 11:7-15**). Raphael shows us that God hears our prayers for healing and wholeness.

So, remember the archangels and their messages! Trust that through them, God fights for you, he strengthens you and he offers you healing. The angels will bring you grace from heaven today, where they are "ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (**John 1:51**).

"Thank you, Lord, for caring for me through your angels!"

St. Michael is the patron of security forces and of the sick.

St. Gabriel is the patron of telecommunications and the postal service.

St. Raphael is the patron of travelers and the blind.

I hope and pray that you have a happy and grace-filled week. 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, 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Ps 105:2-7 Luke 11:29-32	Friday	Ephesians 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Luke 12:1-7
Tuesday	Galatians 5:1-6 Ps 130 (129):3-4 Luke 11:37-41	Saturday	Ephesians 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7 Luke 12:8-12
Wednesday	Galatians 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Luke 11:42-46	Sunday	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21
Thursday	Ephesians 1:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Luke 11:47-54		

OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH The Environment Committee will set up the Rosary in the environment area of the church for the month of October.

We would like to include intentions of the faithful on the Rosary beads. Please email your prayer intentions to pjbertrand1130@gmail.com or put your intention in the basket at the foot of the Rosary during the month of October.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT November 6-8, 2026, St. Bernard Retreat Center, Cullman, Alabama. Sponsored by the Good Shepherd and Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus.

The Retreat is based on the video series from Fr. John Riccardo's *ACTs XXIX-Heart of the Gospel*. Bishop Emeritus Joseph Baker will speak on the year of St. Francis. Also included is prayer with the Monks, Mass, Adoration and Benediction. Reconciliation will be available.

Room cost is \$145 double-occupancy or \$220 single and includes meals, snacks and coffee.

For more information, contact: Pete Robert at peterowbear@gmail.com, 256-270-5652; Mike Schultz (Holy Spirit) at 2pet35@gmail.com, 256-797-1476; Tim Sullivan (Good Shepherd) at sullivantim696@gmail.com, 256-714-2423.

REMINDER: We have added an additional Sunday Mass at 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 4, 2026 for an initial three-month trial period. It will be a simple Mass without music and volunteer lectors and ushers.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026 This year's World Mission Sunday celebration marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. The theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal missionary identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us.

We must never forget that 5.5 of the 8.1 billion people alive today are not Christian. The second collection we take up on World Mission Sunday supports the Church's missionary work in places where the Gospel has never been heard before and where the Church is too young, too persecuted or too poor to sustain itself.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will renew in us the fire of the early Church, that we might truly be One in Christ, United in Mission, and that our faithful may grow in missionary awareness, solidarity and responsibility.

Devotedly yours in Christ's Mission,

+ Steven J. Raica

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,014.92
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,820.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 17, 2026-OCTOBER 18, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Volunteers
8:15am: David Pohl
11:15am: Lena Taylor, Zoey Emmett

LECTORS

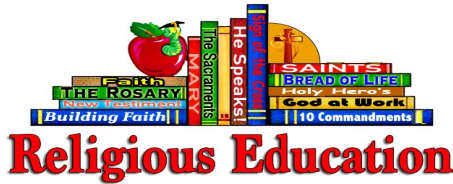
5:00pm: Grady Harmon, Sabine Wlodarski
8:15am: Don Gregory, Lucia Medina
11:15am: Florence Okafor, Debbye Joseph

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: George Holland *, Maritza Holland, Marian Kilgore, Tammy Hoskins, Rita Cusack
8:15am: Terry Bell*, Jim Bell, Alicia Owens, Muriel Weston, Gina Bain
11:15am: Norma Whitehead*, Bea Terry, Donnis Aragon, Bob Varga, Gerald Wocken

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

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 LIZ HURLEY RIBBON RUN October 17, 2026. Lace up your sneakers and get ready to move! Join Team St. Joseph to support the *23rd Annual Liz Hurley Ribbon Run* as we celebrate breast cancer survivors, honor loved ones and raise funds for a worthy cause.

Whether you walk, run or cheer from the sidelines, your presence makes a difference.

Where: Downtown Huntsville (699 Gallatin Street)

Survivors walk begins at 8:00 a.m.

5K walk or run starts at 8:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the Huntsville Hospital Foundation

For more information contact:

Bernita Briggs at bfrbriggs@gmail.com

Team Captain

Knights of Peter Claver

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.

KAIROS WEEKEND October 15-18, 2026 A multi-denominational group will enter Limestone Correctional Facility to bring the love of God to the men incarcerated there, most of whom have been abandoned by family, friends and society. You can support this effort with prayer, donations, homemade cookies or by volunteering. A Kairos representative will be available after the weekend Masses to answer questions and provide more information.

THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Birmingham, Alabama, will meet at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Mass is at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel, followed by Benediction, Rosary and prayers to Padre Pio. Fr. Joseph Mary, MFVA will lead us in prayer.

We meet monthly on the third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Contact Angela Kolar at angkolar@att.net for more information.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (JP2) 2027-2028 Admissions Season is open for Priority Admissions for current JP2 and partner school families. Applications open to the public on November 1.

To schedule a personalized tour of the school or a Shadow Day for your student, contact JP2 Admissions at 256-430-1760, ext. 2117, or admissions@jp2falcons.org. For detailed information, visit www.jp2falcons.org.

ALL CURRENT AND NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS This weekend, October 10/11, following the Mass that you attend, Refresher Training sessions will be held to remind you of all the basics of your ministry and to provide initial training for those who expressed an interest during the August Ministry Fair. Please plan to attend. If there is a conflict (such as Religious Education commitments), contact the parish office for other options.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00am: Ladies Bunco Group (LMR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00pm: Sara Hart Concert (SJC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Joyful Bakers Bake Sale
Liz Hurley Ribbon Run

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Joyful Bakers Bake Sale
9:30am: RE/OCIA (SFH/HFS/LMR/LIB)
12:30pm: African Catholic Association (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