

OCTOBER 18, 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., 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

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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.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00am: +David Wyatt

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00am: +Deceased Boren Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00am: +Daniel Grogan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00am: +Thomas Wissel
9:00am*: Fr. Tim Pfander

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00am: +Rev. Father Joy Alookaran

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00am: +Deceased Dugal Family
5:00pm: +Daniel Grogan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:15am: For the Parish, +Lilia Jones
11:15am: +Emma Robert
5:00pm: Pope Leo

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

During the month of October, we have celebrated many wonderful Saints. On October 1, it was St. Therese of the Child Jesus. On October 2, we celebrated the Holy Guardian Angels and on October 4 was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On October 5, blessed Francis Xavier Seelos and St. Faustina Kowalska. On October 6, we celebrated St. Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher. Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7; St. Denis and his companions and St. John Leonardi on October 9. October 14 was the feast of St. Callistus I, St. Teresa of Jesus on October 15, followed by St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on October 16 and St. Ignatius of Antioch on October 17. Clearly, we are blessed by many wonderful men and women who have lived extraordinary and exemplary lives.

The following comments are in the *Loose-Leaf Lectionary* from October 2, 2026. The readings for that day included: **Job 38:1, 12-21; 40: 3-5/Psalm 138:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/Matthew 18:1-5, 10.**

In the gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." This call to embrace humility and dependence on God speaks directly to the heart of Christian discipleship. Jesus presents a child not as someone who is weak or incapable but as someone who inherently embodies trust and openness, qualities that are essential for entering the Kingdom of God. In doing so, he calls his disciples to have a childlike faith, not a childish one. The secular world might confuse the term "childlike" with "childish." "Childish" means acting out of immaturity, selfishness or a lack of responsibility. It resists growth and often seeks attention or control. On the other hand, childlike behavior reflects purity of heart, wonder and dependency on God. Children trust easily, forgive quickly and are not weighed down by pride or the need to compete with others. This is the character of faith that Jesus asks of his followers on this journey. To a modern world where pride and selfishness are highly valued, Jesus offers an antidote: a spiritual childhood in which one recognizes their need for God. Being childlike does not mean quitting responsibility; it means embracing it with humility, joy, and faith.

The reflection from the *Loose-Leaf Lectionary* on October 7 includes the readings: **Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14/Psalm 117:1-2/Luke 11:1-4.** In the gospel reading, the church relates how Jesus teaches his disciples to pray with a simple yet foundational prayer in Christian spirituality. The Lord's Prayer is not just a personal petition; it is a radical call for justice, community and transformation. Addressing God as "Father" immediately places all people on equal ground, reminding all of the shared dignity of every human being as a child of God. This challenges systems of inequality and division, calling for a world rooted in solidarity and mutual respect. When Christians pray, "(Y)our Kingdom come," they long for a world where God's justice reigns. This is a vision that opposes exploitation, oppression, and calls all to work for a society where the poor are uplifted, the voiceless are heard and the marginalized are welcomed. The request for "daily bread" is not a solitary plea but a communal one. It reminds the world that everyone has the right to life's necessities and urges us to share resources and confront economic injustice. The prayer for forgiveness acknowledges human failure but also insists on mercy for everyone. It calls for reconciliation and the healing of relationships on both a personal and systemic level. Last, this prayer roots us in God's justice and compassion and commissions believers to live out its message in the world.

Let us take time this week to reflect on being "childlike" and on the words of the Lord's Prayer. May God bless each and every one of you today and every day.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

Prayer for Pope Leo

Almighty and eternal God, physician of our souls and bodies, we look to you in our need. Look with mercy upon your servant, our Holy Father. Grant him strength in body, clarity of mind and peace of spirit. Guide the hands, minds and hearts of the doctors and medical team attending to him. May he be restored to full health to shepherd your flock with wisdom and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 & Jaxon 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, Anthony Carter, Heather Caraballo.

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 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 Luke 12:13-21	Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 12:54-59
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:12-22 Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-14 Luke 12:35-38	Saturday	Ephesians 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Luke 13:1-9
Wednesday	Ephesians 3:2-12 Ps Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Luke 12:39-48	Sunday	Exodus 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40
Thursday	Ephesians 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Luke 12:49-53		

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.

ALL SOULS AND ALL SAINTS The Environment Committee would like to display pictures of your deceased loved ones in November for All Souls and All Saints.

Please put your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo and bring them to church or the parish office by October 26. You can pick your photos up after the weekend Masses on November 21/22.

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.

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.

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 for 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,



Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 24, 2026-OCTOBER 25, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Chris Reid
8:15am: Jacob Spradlin, James Spradlin
11:15am: Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

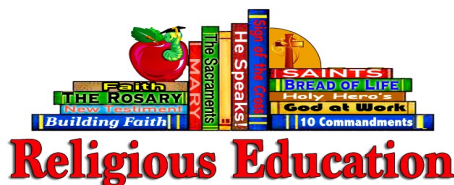
5:00pm: Laura Hall, Terry Thompson
8:15am: Donna Howell, Gina Bain
11:15am Joe Pohuski, Shyntia Diallo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Sherri Lynn Ross *, Ben Sunde, Karen Sunde,
Michelle Sanner, Karen Thompson
8:15am: Jamie Stewart*, Bill Billingsley, Linda Billingsley,
David Brost, Paula Bertrand
11:15am: Bernit Briggs*, Robert Brodeur, Barbara Brodeur,
Jane Dodds, Jerolyn Golightly

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

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
Nov. 1	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Nov. 7	Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. St. Francis Hall

THE MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST will be held on October 24, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Elias Maronite Church in Birmingham.

Our speaker, Lynn Pepe, will share events during her journey when she felt God was saying, "Be patient, I've got you."

Tickets are \$20 each, student rate of \$15 for ages 13-22, and includes a catered breakfast. They are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org, by contacting Jan Smith at (205) 381-8481, from Alpha Church Supply or Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts.

No tickets are sold at the door or after October 18.

12TH ANNUAL SIMBANG GABI December 11-19, 2026 at St. Stephen Catholic Chapel, Birmingham, Alabama.

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic Advent tradition of nine Masses celebrated in preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. It brings together parish communities, families and friends in prayer, fellowship and joyful anticipation of Christmas.

On the final day of the celebration, The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica, Bishop of Birmingham, will celebrate the Mass. The liturgy is followed by the blessing of the image of the Baby Jesus and a special blessing of the young people in attendance.

For more information and a Mass schedule, contact Gabriel Sapalaran at 205-612-5938.

KAIROIS 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.

Please remember the Kairos group and the prison population in your prayers this weekend.

THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Birmingham, Alabama, meets at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church on the third Saturday of each month.

Mass is at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel, followed by Benediction, Rosary and prayers to Padre Pio.

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.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)
5:00pm: HFS Advisory Council (LMR)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
6:30pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)
7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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
BRZWY = Breezeway
VBC = Von Braun Center