

OCTOBER 25, 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

Jim Bell, Principal
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

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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00am: +Dave Royer

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00am: +Cisci Volpe

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00am: +Rita Costagliola

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00am: +Viviana Uribe-Torres, +Sara Nava

9:00am*: All who are hospitalized

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00am: +David Lee Wyatt

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00am: +Jay Laue

5:00pm: +Michael & Anne Chemsak

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01

All Saints

8:15am: +Chuck Prunty

11:15am: For the Parish

5:00pm: +Matthew Sauer

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



On October 22, we celebrated the feast day of St. Pope John Paul II. Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland. He was ordained in 1946, became Bishop of Ombi in 1958, and became an Archbishop of Krakow in 1964. He was made a Cardinal by Pope Paul VI in 1967, and in 1978 became the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years. He was known as Pope John Paul II. He was a vocal advocate for human rights and used his influence to affect political change. He died at the age of 84 on April 2, 2005, at his Vatican City residence. The canonization of Pope John Paul II occurred on April 27, 2014, after two miracles were attributed to him.

The following comments are from the reflection in the *Loose-Leaf Lectionary* for October 22, 2026. The readings for that day were: **Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 3:14-21/Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Luke 12:49-53.**

In a world where everything seems to be shifting – morals, politics, even the sense of identity, people are asking: Where can one find something that lasts? St. Paul gives the people of God a powerful answer in his letter to the Ephesians. He prays that the church may be “rooted and grounded in love.” These are not poetic words. They are the blueprint for a stable, resilient faith.

St. Paul is speaking not about a love that is emotional or fleeting but about an unwavering and sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, a love that took Jesus to the cross and a love that never changes, regardless of what the world does. To be rooted means to be like a tree planted deep in rich soil. The deeper the roots, the stronger the tree. When a tree's roots go deep, the tree can withstand storms, droughts, and even time. So too, when one is rooted in Christ's love, one draws light from him. Consequently, one is not easily shaken by the winds of culture or crisis.

St. Paul's message is as relevant today as it was when he first wrote it. The church lives in a time marked by constant change, social anxiety and moral confusion. So many people are trying to anchor their lives in temporary things: social media validation, success, political ideologies, even relationships. And while these things might provide comfort for a moment, they cannot hold the weight of the restless soul. Only Christ's love can.

Let us take time this week to reflect on the life of St. Pope John Paul II and being rooted in Christ. May God bless each and every one of you, today and every day.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

PLEASE NOTE

We often get the question “Do you have a ‘lost-and-found’ area for personal items that are left in the church?” The short answer is that we don’t have enough storage space for a designated area. The long answer is that I go through the church after Mass and pick up anything left behind. I keep the items for a short time and, if they are not spoken for, I give them to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. So, please remember to take your belongings with you when you leave the church, because they may not be here if you wait too long to come back for them.

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 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 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 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Luke 13:10-17	Friday	Philippians 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-6 Luke 14:1-6
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Luke 13:18-21	Saturday	Philippians 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef Luke 14:1, 7-11
Wednesday	Ephesians 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Luke 6:12-16	Sunday <i>All Saints</i>	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a
Thursday	Ephesians 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Luke 13:31-35		

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on November 7/8. We especially need: canned meat, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes, canned fruit, cereal, snacks/cookies, toilet paper and paper towels. Please no bulk items or glass containers.

We ask that you drop off your food items at the collection point in front of the church only before the weekend Masses on November 7 or 8. Please do not leave items unattended or exposed to the elements.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Kevin Nash at kmn444@hotmail.com or (315) 664-0755.

7TH-GRADE SHOWCASE DAY AT ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Thursday, November 12, 2026 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Open to all 7th-grade parents and students.

JPII welcomes students of all faiths. Tuition assistance programs are available. Contact admissions@jp2falcons.org for more information.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (JPII) 2027-2028 Admissions Season is open for Priority Admissions for current JPII 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 JPII Admissions at 256-430-1760, ext. 2117, or admissions@jp2falcons.org. For detailed information, visit www.jp2falcons.org.

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on November 12, 2026 at Ichiban Japanese Restaurant in the Piedmont Shopping Center, 4851 Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville. Call or text Colleen at 256-520-0375 by November 10 for information, reservations or cancellations. We are an informal group that gathers monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. Newcomers are always welcome, so come join us!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 10,916.80
Other Designated Funds	\$ 14,706.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 31, 2026-NOVEMBER 01, 2026 (All Saints)

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Mark Harmon
8:15am: Caed Lynch, Josephat Lopez
11:15am: Michael Terry, Kevin Garcia-Escudero

LECTORS

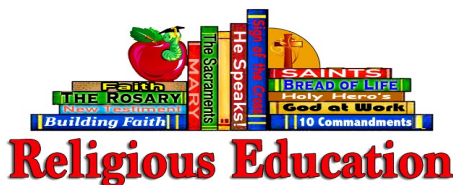
5:00pm: Maritza Holland, George Holland
8:15am: Jillian Fried, Bart Lynch
11:15am: Jake Petraszewsky, Ryan Petraszewsky

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Webb Tadesse *, Patty Ayala, McKinley Curtis III, Maureen Chemsak, Rita Cusack
8:15am: Teri Lynch*, Ashley Medina, Laura Hall, Josette Dant, Anne Heatherly
11:15am: Gerald Wocken*, Nelene Odutola, Michelle Jansen, Jim Powell, Monique Kitts

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- Oct. 25 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Confirmation Exit Interviews 9:30-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall
- Nov. 1 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Confirmation Exit Interviews 9:30-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall
- Nov. 7 Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you attend Mass regularly at St. Joseph, you should be registered here. Single adults who no longer share an address with their parents should have their own separate registration. If you are planning to be married or are newly married, you are invited to join the parish. As a general rule, registration with a particular parish is important for any sacrament, such as baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, marriage and becoming a godparent. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We offer the class at the beginning of each quarter, or four times a year. Please call the parish office to register. If you are a godparent from another parish, you must provide a letter of good standing from your pastor.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation classes are required if you plan to be married at St. Joseph. The preparation time is six months. You must be registered in the parish, complete the marriage preparation classes, attend an Engaged Encounter day or weekend and supply all the necessary documentation.

FUNERAL: Please call the parish office before making arrangements with a funeral home to ensure that the church and pastor are available. Schedule an appointment with the pastor to plan the service.

PARISHIONER UPDATE

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend St. Joseph on a regular basis and have not registered or if you have had an address or telephone number change, please complete the following information and drop in the offertory basket or bring it to the parish office. If you are not catholic but are interested in learning more about the faith, please check "O.C.I.A."

Name _____
Address _____

E-mail _____
Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

_____ O.C.I.A.
_____ Leaving Parish
_____ Address Change
_____ Telephone Change

If you are new to St. Joseph, please fill out a parish registration form.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00pm: All Souls Set-up (SJC)
6:00pm: HFS Parent Meeting (FMC)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01

All Saints

9:30am: RE/OCIA (SFH/HFS/LMR/LIB)
9:30am: Confirmation Exit Interviews (SFH)
12:30pm: KPCLA Junior Daughters (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