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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
The Good News in Education

Holy Family School—Huntsville
Jim Bell, Principal
256.539.5221

St. John Paul II Catholic High School
Michael Henry, Principal
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).

ANOINTING 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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 07
8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm: +Damien Donnelly

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 08
8:15am: +Gilbert & Catherine Verkamp
11:15am: +Gene Prunty
5:00pm: For the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 09
7:00am: Emily Forte

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:00am: David & Nancy Larch

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:00am:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:00am: Carolyn Sikora
9:00am*: Germán Alexis Salomón Cardona

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
7:00am:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8:00am: Cathie Davis
5:00pm: +Peter Donnelly

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8:15am: +Bill Haas, +Tam Patrick
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: +Nicolas Frazier

***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, Anthony Carter, Heather Caraballo, Sissy Knighten.

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:

One of the Scriptures that challenges me is a portion of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This reflection is for October 29 in *The Word Among US: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. The readings for that day were: ***Ephesians: 6:10-20/ Psalm 144: 1-2, 9-10/Luke 13: 31-35.***

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit." ***(Ephesians 6:17)***

We might be surprised by the vivid imagery that St. Paul uses in the first reading. Maybe that's because we can sometimes forget that the temptations and struggles, we face involve more than just "flesh and blood" (***Ephesians 6:12***). We are in conflict with the real being, Satan, who is opposed to God and his plan. Let's reflect on these images to see how we can defend ourselves against "this present darkness" (***Ephesians 6:12***).

"Hold faith as a shield" (***Ephesians 6:16***). One of the devil's main tactics is to make us believe lies about God - that he doesn't care about us or that he isn't good or merciful. Satan also wants us to believe lies about ourselves - that we aren't worthy, that we have to earn God's love or that God won't forgive us. We can "quench" these "flaming arrows of the Evil One" (***Ephesians 6:16***) by holding to the truths of our faith as a shield. We are precious to God. He loves us with an indescribable love, and he longs for us to receive his mercy.

"Take the helmet of salvation" (***Ephesians 6:17***). God has saved us through Jesus' cross and resurrection. Nothing the devil can say or do can change the reality of what happened at our Baptism. When the holy water flowed over our head and covered us as a helmet, we became sons and daughters of God. Now, when God looks at us, he says to us what he said to Jesus at his Baptism: "You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter."

"Take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (***Ephesians 6:7***). Do you remember how Jesus withstood the devil in the desert by quoting the Scriptures (***Matthew 4:1-11***)? That can be our strategy as well. The word of God is powerful because it is divinely inspired and is one of the ways he speaks to us. That's why it's important for us to meditate on God's word each day and to commit some of it to memory. It is the sword that will put to rest all the devil's lies and tactics.

The devil is always "prowling around", but you don't have to fear him (***1 Peter 5:8***). God has equipped you with everything you need to repel his tactics. In Christ you can be victorious!

"Lord, strengthen my faith and protect me from every evil!"

This is an important truth to live by. I hope that you have a blessed week. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

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A Special Request

We have 20 young people and seven adults who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, November 12. Please keep them, their sponsors, their catechists and their families in prayer.

Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Lateran Basilica Dedication	Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22
Tuesday	Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Titus 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Philemon 7-20 Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Luke 17:20-25
Friday	2 John:4-9 Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	3 John 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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

The photos will be displayed through November 21/22 and they can be picked up after all the Masses on that weekend.

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.

THE SPIRITUAL CARE OF FAMILIES DEALING WITH ADDICTION OR MENTAL ILLNESS presented by the HAPC School of Applied Ministry, Tuesday, November 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m., registration and supper at 5:30 p.m. Community Room, First Baptist Church, 600 Governor's Drive in Huntsville.

CEUs available for nurses and social workers. Cost is $35.00, except for sponsoring churches. For more information or to register, contact ***malmcarl@hotmail.com*** or 256- 883-6539.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION INCENTIVES As we approach the upcoming tax season, the Holy Family School Capital Campaign invites you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to Holy Family School.

If charitable giving is part of your year-end tax planning, we encourage you to explore the potential benefits of donating to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign. We recommend consulting your tax professional or financial advisor to determine the appropriate options for you.

For 70 years, Holy Family School has given its students an education rooted in faith, academic excellence and service. Today, we are working to complete a modern, 21st-century facility that can provide an exceptional educational experience for generations to come. Every contribution, regardless of size, brings us closer to fulfilling that vision.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity and commitment to the future of our children.

Holy Family School Capital Campaign
St. Joseph Parish

Together, we are building a legacy of love, leadership and learning.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	$ 8,923.85
Other Designated Funds	$ 14,355.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

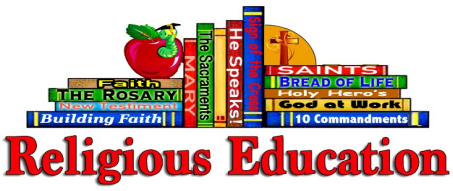
NOVEMBER 14, 2026-NOVEMBER 15, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS
5:00pm: Kara Harmon
8:15am: Levi Stewart, Henry Franzo
11:15am: Christian Ejimah

LECTORS
5:00pm: Karen Sundey, Ben Sundey
8:15am: Robert Styles, Ellen Styles
11:15am Jeffrey Taylor, Maggie Taylor

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
5:00pm: Tammy Hoskins *, Marian Kilgore, Michelle Sanner, Sherri Lynn Ross, Webb Tadesse
8:15am: Michelle Nash*, Kevin Nash, Jim Bell, Terry Bell, Paula Bertrand
11:15am: Donnis Aragon*, Robert Brodeur, Barbara Brodeur, Bernita Briggs, Bob Varga

Religious Education
Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Nov. 8	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Nov. 15	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Nov. 22	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Nov. 29	***NO RE/OCIA—Thanksgiving***

CHRISTMAS BOXES 2026

It's Christmas Box time at St. Joseph! Please pick up a food item list in the church vestibule on November 7/8. All donations must be returned to the church by December 5. You can also purchase Scrip for the boxes, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Box Donation," and place in the offertory basket. We will have two collections designated for the Christmas Boxes— the Thanksgiving Day collection and a second collection on November 28/29. Proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store gift cards. The gift cards will allow recipients to buy perishable items, such as meats and fresh produce, that we do not provide. Please help us on the following important dates.

Nov. 7/8	Pick up food list
Nov. 14/15	Begin bringing food donations to church
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day collection
Nov. 28/29	Second collection at all Masses
Dec. 5	Last day to bring donated food
Dec. 5	Count and sort donated items—9:00 a.m.
Dec. 11	Build packing boxes—5:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Pack the boxes—9:00 a.m.
Dec. 13	Boxes available for pick-up

This is a big annual undertaking for our parish that could not be done without the efforts of all who contribute to this outreach ministry. Please give generously of your time, talent and spirit to make this another successful year. For more information, call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

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.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
HFS & Parish Office Closed-Veterans Day

THURSDY, NOVEMBER 12
9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)
6:00pm: Confirmation & Reception (SJC/SFH)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
10:00am: Lay Salvatorians (LMR)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
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