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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8:00am: +Ciro Barbieri
5:00pm: +Mary Abraham

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Christ the King
8:15am: For the Parish, +Maria Alcala
11:15am: +Timothy Edmondson
5:00pm: +David Wyatt

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
7:00am: +Melissa Hayes

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:00am: +Bobby & Nancy Leslie

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
7:00am: Mark & Patty Gerry

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Thanksgiving Day
9:00am: +Damien Donnelly

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
7:00am: +Gladys Rhinestein

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
8:00am: +Daniel Conte
5:00pm: +Richard Paschall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
1st Sunday of Advent
8:15am: +Viviana Uribe-Torres, +Sara Nava
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: Holy Family School & St. Joseph Benefactors

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, Jim Anderson, S.D.S.

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:

On November 13, we celebrated St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – the first citizen of the United States who was canonized and who is the patron of immigrants. The following reflection for November 13 is from *The Word Among US: Daily Meditations for Catholics.* As we approach Advent next week and prepare for the celebration of Christmas, it is both interesting and important. The readings for that day were: ***2 John 4-9/ Psalm 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/Luke 17:26-37***.

"So, it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed." (*Luke 17:30*)

In the Gospel, Jesus describes "the days of the Son of Man" - the days leading to his Second Coming - as coming upon us with alarming suddenness (***Luke 17:26***). People will not be expecting it because they will be too busy "eating and drinking, marrying," and "buying, selling, planting, [and] building" (***Luke 17:27,28***). It will be, Jesus says, as it was in the days of Noah and Lot.

We might think the people back then should have been more careful and alert. But there was nothing inherently wrong with doing the ordinary things mentioned here. We should plan weddings and build homes. We should buy groceries, prepare meals and go to work. The truth is, we have no idea when Jesus will return, so it's not a wise strategy to stop everything and keep checking the skies for him.

There is a middle ground between getting caught up in end-time predictions and living as if Jesus will never return. Of course, we should carve out time for prayer and Scripture reading so that we are in touch with the Lord. But that takes up only a small portion of our days. What if we also try to pay more attention to the Lord as we went about our everyday lives? What if we took a different approach to those activities that Jesus mentions?

"Eating" can become a time to thank God for providing for your needs and to share about his goodness with your family.

"Planting" can be a time to honor the beauty of God revealed in his creation.

"Building," whether building a family or a business, can be done with love and faithfulness and in a way that mirrors the goodness and generosity of God our creator.

When we invite the Lord to guide us in what we do, our daily activities can become opportunities to grow closer to him, and that makes us long for him more and become better prepared to welcome him when he comes again. Today, choose just one area of your life and try to focus it a little more on Jesus. What's important is not when he will return but how you can make him the center of your life right now!

"Lord, help me to be more ready for your return by focusing more on you right now."

I hope and pray 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 GENTLE REMINDER

I think you all know that I love children and I want them to come to Mass. The Family Room or "Cry Room" in the back of the church was designed for parents to take a fussy child to calm down, then bring them back into the church. If that space is occupied, the vestibule or the breezeway are also places to soothe a child. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." That is what I hope and pray for each day.

Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Revelation 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Revelation 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-9 Luke 21:12-19
Thursday ***Thanksgiving Day***	Sirach 50:22-24 Ps 113:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Luke 17:11-19
Friday	Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	Revelation 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-5, 6-7ab Luke 21:34-36
Sunday ***1st Sunday of Advent***	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

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	$ 12,304.78
Other Designated Funds	$ 7,178.00

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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FOUNDATION OF HUNTSVILLE, INC. was created to ensure the long-term success of the school and to further its philosophy and mission. Through the Foundation, you can invest in the future of the school, become a partner in building character and confidence in our students and be an advocate for Catholic education.

For more information, visit the church website at ***www.saintjosephcc.com***.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

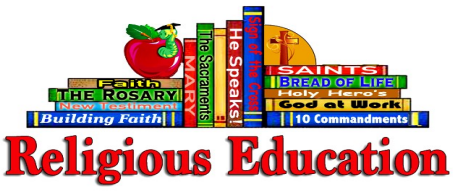
NOVEMBER 28, 2026-NOVEMBER 29, 2026 (First Sunday of Advent)

ALTAR SERVERS
5:00pm: Geri Reddy
8:15am: Lucy Fried
11:15am: Robert Whitehead

LECTORS
5:00pm: Ezio Wheeler, Grady Harmon
8:15am: Emily Kouba, Donna Howell
11:15am Beatrice Terry, Booker Terry

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
5:00pm: Karen Thompson *, Margaret Harmon, Marian Kilgore, Tammy Hoskins, Geri Donnelly
8:15am: Ashley Medina*, Miguel Medina, Patricia Padilla, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash
11:15am: Nelene Odutola*, Chris Karlson, Forrest Kyle, Monique Kitts, Florence Nweke

Religious Education
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FORMATION CALENDAR

Nov. 22	***NO RE/OCIA—Thanksgiving***
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. 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

HFS Thanksgiving Break Nov. 23-27

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
5:00pm: Environment Advent Setup (SJC)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Parish Office Closed-Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Parish Office Closed-Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
2:00pm: Luis Rivera/Elizabeth Iniguez Wedding (SJC)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
1st Sunday of Advent
NO RE/OCIA—THANKSGIVING BREAK

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