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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.

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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Jeremiah H. Russell, Ph.D., Headmaster
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

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, MARCH 01

8:00am: Paula Cushman
5:00pm: +Viviana Uribe Torres

SUNDAY, MARCH 02

8:15am: +Joanne Land
11:15am: For the Parish
+Gladis Dellison

MONDAY, MARCH 03

7:00am: +Francisca Malantin

TUESDAY, MARCH 04

7:00am: +Angel Araiza Carrillo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 05

Ash Wednesday

7:00am: +Souls in Purgatory
9:00am: * For the United States
7:00pm: +Jim Gudaitis

THURSDAY, MARCH 06

7:00am: +Dale Dugal

FRIDAY, MARCH 07

7:00am: +Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 08

8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm: +Joshua St. Germain

SUNDAY, MARCH 09

8:15am: For the Parish
+Nancy Marie Leslie
11:15am: +Andrew Sturgill

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



I hope you are all doing well. On Wednesday, February 26 the readings, as always, were very relatable: **Sirach 4:11-19/Psalm 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175/Mark 9:38-40**. The following meditation came from *The Word Among Us: Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations*. I hope you find this food for thought.

“Do not prevent him.” (Mark 9:39)

The disciples were concerned. Someone who was not part of their group was expelling demons in Jesus' name. Did he know what he was doing? What if he was putting himself in harm's way? Or what if, being so successful, he became more popular than Jesus himself? So, they tried to shut him down.

Jesus, however, had a different view: “Do not prevent him . . . Whoever is not against us is for us” (**Mark 9:39, 40**). He could see that, in addition to their legitimate concerns about this stranger, something else was going on. The disciples were also concerned about their status. They were the only ones Jesus had officially commissioned to cast out demons (**Mark 6:7**). Perhaps they were jealous of this fellow. After all, he was succeeding where they had failed (**Mark 9:14-19**)!

It wasn't the first time that Jesus had encountered this kind of thinking among the Twelve. He had caught them arguing about who among them was the greatest - and who wasn't (**Mark 9:33-34**). And he had seen them try to dismiss a pagan woman who was begging Jesus to heal her daughter (**Matthew 15:23**).

But Jesus is not about exclusion. His Kingdom is open to everyone equally. No one gets special access or receives special treatment. Quite the opposite, in fact. If anyone is the “greatest,” it's the “one who serves” (**Luke 22:27**). It's the one who welcomes little children (**Mark 9:37**) and who feeds the hungry, visits prisoners, and clothes the naked (**Matthew 25:35-36**). In other words, it's the ones who strive to be like Jesus, who “did not come to be served but to serve” (**Mark 20:28**).

Jesus told his disciples, “Whoever is not against us is for us” (**Mark 9:40**). Anyone who works to liberate people – emotionally, spiritually, physically - is doing God's work. The world is hurting too much for us to worry about who is and who is not part of our group. The only real question is whether we are joining Jesus in his work of salvation.

“Jesus, give me your heart of humility and love and service.”

You are my daily thoughts and prayers. May you be blessed today and every day.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

WE HAVE A SPECIAL NEED

The church organ is broken, and it will cost upwards of \$20,000 to repair or replace. If you would like to help save our organ, please consider donating. Put your donation in an envelope marked “Organ Repair”.

If we get enough donations, we will go ahead with the repair or purchase. If not, your donation will be returned to you. Thank you for your assistance and generosity.

Fr. Joe

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Matthew M., Selena M., Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Judy Blanche, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, Bruce Jansen, Mary Jean & Ron Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr., Ezra Morris.

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

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| Monday | Sirach 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mark 10:17-27 | Friday | Isaiah 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15 |
| Tuesday | Sirach 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mark 10:28-31 | Saturday | Isaiah 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32 |
| Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | Joel 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 | Sunday <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> | Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13 |
| Thursday | Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25 | | |

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence is a call to a deeper spirit of penitential conversion. Ideally, this personal penance should reach out to the rest of the world through acts of charity and mercy. The real purpose of the fast and abstinence is “to develop the inner freedom to resist.”

Abstinence means not eating meat (beast or fowl). All Catholics, age 14 and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and the Paschal fast of Good Friday. Fasting means not eating as much as usual. This means only one full meal with two smaller meals (the sum of which is less than the full meal) and no solid food snacks.

All Catholics between the ages of 18-59 inclusive are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Exceptions: The sick and infirm and those for whom these rules do not meet their real physical needs (not just desires) may adjust their fast as necessary. For clarification and other exceptions, contact the parish office.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements or request a special commemoration, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

2025 ST. JOSEPH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Adoration & Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during Lent
11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Church

Lenten Communal Anointing

Saturday & Sunday, March 22/23
After all Masses Church

Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 2
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Church

Fish Fry

Friday, March 14/March 28/April 11
5-7 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center

Enchiladas/Beans/Rice

Friday, March 7/March 21/April 4
3-5 p.m. takeout /5-7 p.m. eat-in
Fr. Messmer Center

Parish Seder Meal

Palm Sunday, April 13
5:30- 7:00 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Regular Collection | \$ 11,029.11 |
| Other Designated Funds | \$ 1,758.33 |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

MARCH 08-MARCH 09, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00pm: Chris Reid
- 8:15am: Jacob Spradlin, Gabe Stewart
- 11:15am: Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

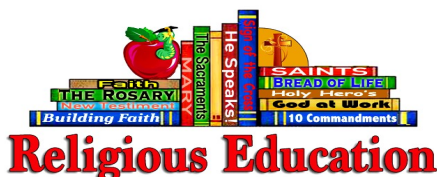
- 5:00pm: McKinley Curtis, Sabine Wlodarski
- 8:15am: Christina Pohl, Gina Bain
- 11:15am: Jerolyn Golightly, Florence Okafor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00pm: Karen Thompson*, Ben Sunday, Karen Sunday, Gus Smith, Webb Tadesse
- 8:15am: Michelle Nash*, Kevin Nash, Alicia Owens, Ellen Styles, Muriel Weston
- 11:15am: Brenda Brown*, Norma Whitehead, Bernita Briggs, Gerald Wocken, Donnis Aragon

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- March 2 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building
- March 9 **NO RE/OCIA—Spring Break**
- March 16 **NO RE/OCIA—Spring Break**
- March 23 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building

Women’s History Month Program
Saturday, March 15, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church

We invite you to come and celebrate with us.

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mrs. Michelle Nash.
 Q&A Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Shannen Dee Williams.

We will honor, inspire and promote women who have been instrumental in breaking barriers and building bridges.

If you are not able to join us, please consider making a donation of \$20.00 or more. Your support does make a difference!

Proceeds from this event will go to the Holy Family School building fund.

With grateful hearts, we thank you for your support.

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
kpcla286@gmail.com

HUNTSVILLE AREA 2025 LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

- St. Joseph April 2 @ 5:00 p.m. *
- St. Mary of the Visitation April 5 @ 10:00 a.m. *
- St. John/Madison April 7 @ 5:00 p.m. *
- Mercy Parish/Madison April 10 @ 6:30 p.m. **
- Holy Spirit April 15 @ 7:00 p.m. **
- St. John/Madison April 17 & 18 @ 9:15 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. *

- * = Confessions
- ** = Penance Service

Please verify date and time with the individual parish

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on March 1/2. Please drop off food items at the collection point in front of the church before Mass. We especially need: crackers, cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, pasta and toilet paper. Please no bulk items or glass jars.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community.

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet for lunch on March 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Red Lobster, 1818 University Drive NW, Huntsville. Please call or text Colleen at 256-520-0375 by March 11 for information, reservations or cancellations.

Newcomers are always welcome. We are an informal group that gathers for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. Come join us!

Here Is What’s Happening This Week

TUESDAY, MARCH 04

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 05

Ash Wednesday

Masses @ 7 am, 9 am & 7 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 06

- 6:00pm: Adult Formation (LMR)

FRIDAY, MARCH 07

- 11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)
- 3:00pm: Cheese Enchiladas Take-out (FMC)
- 5:00pm: Cheese Enchiladas Eat-in (FMC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 09

- 9:30am: KPC/KPCLA (STA)
- 12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (LIB/LMR)

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