

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

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 of Obligation: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

or by appointment with the pastor.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is closed during lunch 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to bulletin@saintjosephcc.com no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.

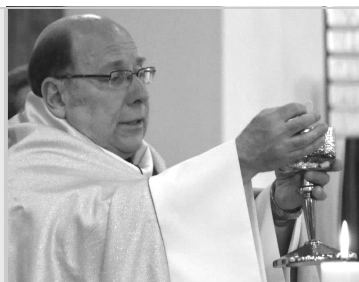


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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Carmen Amato 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.

RCIA. Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA).

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Father Joseph Lubrano at the parish office to schedule an anointing.

FUNERALS

We have a number of people to help plan funeral liturgies and to set up funeral luncheons. 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 12

8:00am: +Susan Klar
Murray Gordon
5:00pm: +James Ezell

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Bob Mullally

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00am: +Bill Ryan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00am: +Christie Uckotter

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00am: +James Taylor, Jr.
9:00am*: +Lenore Misner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00am: +Ronald Wojtak

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00am: +Bill Ryan
5:00pm: +James & Emelene Zarzour

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:15am: +James Taylor, Jr.
11:15am: For the Parish

**HFS School Mass*

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



James Hudson Miller, Janice Mazikowski, Marie McCune, George Franklin, Debi Royer, James McGee, David Miller, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Chuck Salvo, Teresa Gregory, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Greg Riley, Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, Sally Purvis, George Wertz, Ada Carden, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Nick Rosa, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrissa Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Harold Jones, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Sayre Family, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Kennita Turner, Solace Pickett, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Traci Moore, John Beckman, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Laura McFeely, Mary Hill, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Dolores Aquila, Claire Williams, Margie Sanders, Joseph Conte, Juliana Goode and DeCarlos Blackmon.

Note

This is our new, updated prayer request corner. If you wish to add someone to the list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I mentioned in the last two bulletins, we are focusing on a section in the book *Church Money (Lessons from a Catholic Parish – Rebuilding the Way We Fund Our Mission)* for the next few weeks. It is a fascinating book and a good read. The chapter that really struck me was entitled “*God’s Guide for Giving: 5 Rules We Try to Live By.*” This week, we will look at Rule #3. Enjoy.

FROM THE



PASTOR

Rule 3: Tithe

“The payment of tithes is due to God and those who refuse to pay, usurp the property of another. Those who withhold them or hinder their payment shall be excommunicated, nor be absolved of this crime until full restitution is made” (*Council of Trent*).

In the second book of Samuel, King David is planning a worship ceremony to the Lord, so that a plague may be withdrawn from his people. Araunah, who owned the place where the altar was to be built, proposed to bequeath all the necessary worship offerings to the king. Instead, David establishes an important principle, insisting on purchasing the offering. He says, “I cannot sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing” (*2 Samuel 4:24*).

For the worship to be worship, it must cost us something.

A tithe is the gift of 10 percent of what one has or earns, which is given to honor God. Counted in the tithes are all our gifts in our place of worship as an act of worship. Tithing was established as the consistent standard of worship giving throughout the Bible, beginning in Genesis. Later, Jesus himself explicitly addresses tithing and commends it.

The third chapter of Malachi gives perhaps the clearest picture of the importance of the tithe. God says to the people, “Since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, that I may return to you, says the Lord of hosts” (*Malachi 3:7*). God tells the Israelites that he had long ago established a law that they consistently failed to follow. That failure created a gap in their relationship with God, but not, it turns out, an unbridgeable one.

Then the Israelites ask a good question, “Why should we return?” God responds, “Can anyone rob God? But you are robbing me! And you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ Of tithes and contributions!” (*Malachi 3: 7-8*). God considers tithing his due. He equates denying him the tithe to theft.

On the other hand, God promises: “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!” (*Malachi 3:10*). God tells the Israelites to test him on exactly this point. And when they do, putting his teaching in action, they will see his protection and provision over the whole of their lives, including their finances.

Notice where God tells them to bring the tithes: to the storehouse. The storehouse was a dedicated room in the Temple for storing tithed grain. In other words, the tithe would have been brought directly to the place of worship. It was intended to support the Temple and the people who served there.

When it comes to tithing, many people conveniently argue that this is an Old Testament idea that has been done away with in the new covenant. They contend Jesus abolished it in the same way that he made all foods clean and healed people on the Sabbath. However, Jesus states in the Sermon on the Mount, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place (*Matthew 5: 17-18*). Throughout his ministry, Jesus’ enemies accused him of all manner of offenses, including breaking the Sabbath. But no one ever once accused him of not tithing. Jesus never abolished the tithe, or even ever suggested it was no longer applicable to Christians. He consistently affirmed the teachings of the Hebrew scriptures. He did not come to repeal or replace them but to renew and restore them.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Romans 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Luke 11:29-32	Friday	2 Timothy 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Luke 10:1-9
Tuesday	Romans 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Luke 11:37-41	Saturday	Romans 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Luke 12:8-12
Wednesday	Romans 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Luke 11:42-46	Sunday	Exodus 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8
Thursday	Romans 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Luke 11:47-54		

Elsewhere, Jesus says to the Pharisees, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You pay tithes of mint, dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity. [But] these you should have done, without neglecting others” (**Matthew 23:23**). Here, while visiting the Temple courts, Jesus goes on nothing less than a tirade against the scribes and Pharisees. It is a scathing rebuke of their poor leadership. Yet right in the middle of his intense criticism, he acknowledges their tithes. He explicitly commends the Pharisees for tithing, really the only positive observation he ever makes about them.

I hope you have found these rules something worthwhile to ponder. Next week we will look at *Rule 4: Give Beyond the Tithe*. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with the very best this week.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

KAIROS will minister to the incarcerated at Limestone Correctional Facility on October 17. You can help this effort in three ways:

- Sign up for our prayer vigil.
- Donate money to cover our costs.
- Bake cookies for us to take to the prisoners. Cookies can be dropped at the parish office until noon on Thursday, Oct. 16.

A Kairos volunteer will be in the breezeway after the Masses this weekend to answer questions.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST OCTOBER 20, 2019. The Knights of Columbus Council 4080 will hold its monthly charity “ALL YOU CAN EAT” breakfast on Sunday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Visitation Parish Life Center, 220 Lincoln Street in Huntsville. We will be serving eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, coffee and juice for \$5.00. Proceeds will go to Holy Family School-Huntsville.

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 the parish office or the church by October 27. Pick them up after the Masses the weekend of November 23/24.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE • OCTOBER 19-OCTOBER 20, 2019*

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Matteo Ayala, Caleb Samples
8:15am: David Pohl, Cale Stewart
11:15am: Skye Grant, Sawyer Good

LECTORS

5:00pm: Lori Reynolds, Diane Hollingshead
8:15am: Marty Linz, Kathy Drass
11:15am: Randy Buckner, Michael Vaccaro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Taylor Stegall*, Adriana Stegall, Johnny Ayala, Patty Ayala, Alana Burks
8:15am: Muriel Weston*, Nonda Sloan, Regina Shelton, Ellen Styles, Cecilia Bruton
11:15am: Gerald Wocken*, Bruce Taylor, Helen Taylor, Quitman Turner, Carrie Turner

GIFT BEARERS

5:00pm: Michael & Maureen Chemsak
8:15am: Geraldine Howard
11:15am: Good Family

USHERS

5:00pm: Mack & Gina Yates
8:15am: Sandra Sanders
11:15am: Ade Odutola/Jude Onwuka
Bulletin Distribution: Amy Adams, Geneva Archable, Christian Ejimah, Misty Ryan, Foster Lux

**Note: the full schedule is available on our website at www.saintjosephcc.com*

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

CALENDAR

- Oct. 13 **NO RE/RCIA—Fall Break**
- Oct. 20 RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Oct. 26 Eucharistic Youth Congress—Hanceville
- Oct. 27 RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Celebration at St. Joseph Parish

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9, when Bishop Robert Baker will be with us to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on youth and adults at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Please join us!



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FALL FLEA MARKET The public is invited to come out to our Fall Flea Market Saturday, October 19, 7-11 a.m. Outside we will have many vendors selling various items. Inside we will have the Fall Used Uniform Sale for HFS families. For more information, email vmarks@hfscatholic.com. or call 256-539-5221.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FALL FLEA MARKET VENDORS Do you have items at home that you would like to sell but don't want to host a garage or craft sale on your own? Then please purchase a spot at our HFS Fall Flea Market on October 19, from 7-11 a.m. Each spot is \$10 and is the size of a parking space. You may purchase up to three spots. Space is limited and is first come, first served. If you are interested, email vmarks@hfscatholic.com for the vendor form.

COME AND SEE DAY Curious about Religious life? If you are a single, Catholic woman who is curious about Religious life, we invite you to respond to Jesus' invitation to "Come and see" on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman. The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact Sister Magdalena Craig, OSB, at 256-615-6114 or vocations@shmon.org.

MARRIED COUPLES: "Come Drink the Water of Renewed Love". Give your marriage the best tune-up it has ever received. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy!

The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, October 18-20, 2019 at St. Bernard Abbey.

You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org, or call Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for 2019

OCTOBER

Evanglization—Holy Spirit

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:00am: Quilters (LMR)
- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 5:00pm: KPCLA Initiation (LMR/LIB)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts (HFS)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00am: HFS School Mass (SJC)
- 5:30pm: Adult Formation (LMR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 10:00am Adult Formation (LMR)
- 5:30pm: Fr. Joe Golden Jubilee (SJC/SFH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- HFS Fall Flea Market 7am-11am**
- 6:30pm: Gospel Choir Practice (SJC)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:30am: RE/RCIA (LMR/LIB/SFH/HFS)
- 10:00am: Sanctuary Choir Practice (SJC)
- 12:30pm: ACA (LMR/LIB)

Facilities Key

- FMC = Father Messmer Center/Gym
- SJC = St. Joseph Church
- LMR/LIB = RE Center
- SFH = St. Francis Hall
- BEA = Beasley Hall
- STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
- BRZWY = Breezeway