

Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH



Served by the Society of the Divine Savior • Brothers, Priests, Sisters, and Lay Salvatorians Working Together

2300 Beasley Avenue • Huntsville, Alabama 35816 • Tel: 256.534.8459 • Fax: 256.534.8450

REV. JOSEPH P. LUBRANO, SDS

Pastor

(jlubrano@salvatorians.com)

PATRICIA AYALA

Bookkeeper

(pmayala95@gmail.com)

CARMEN V. AMATO

Director, Religious Education

(cavamato@aol.com)

RENATE T. BANKS

Parish Secretary

(bulletin@saintjosephcc.com)

BILLY ROY

Principal, Holy Family School-Huntsville

(bdroy@hfscatholic.com)

PEDRO RODRIGUEZ

Facilities

SR. VERONICA RYAN, OSB

(sveronica729@yahoo.com)

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.

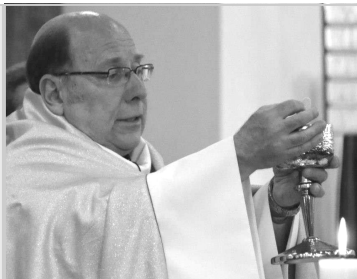


Holy Family School—Huntsville

Billy Roy, Principal
256.539.5221

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Dr. Jeremiah H. Russell, Headmaster
Dr. Lanny K. Hollis, President
256.430.1760



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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00am: +Lou Rizzo
5:00pm: +Joann Gunderman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00am: +Renata Befecadu

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00am: +Katherine Ofenloch

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00am: +Bill Ryan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00am: +Mary Abraham
9:00am*: +Christopher Douglas

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00am: +Thomas Dodds

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00am: +Susan Klar
Murray Gordon
5:00pm: +Bruce & Jeanette McKee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Ciro Barbieri

**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, 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, Marrassa Lefebzre, 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, Mary Hill, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Dolores Aquila, Margie Sanders, Juliana Goode, DeKarlos Blackmon, Charlotte Sanders, Lillian Hawkins and Julie Algie.

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,

The new Church year will begin on December 1, the First Sunday of Advent. I hope that these articles over the next few weeks from the *RCL Benzinger Publisher* will help you and your family prepare to celebrate both the liturgical season of Advent and the new Church year.

FROM THE



PASTOR

THE ART OF WAITING

by Jeanne Hunt

“I can hardly wait!” Think about all the times in your life when you have said this. As a child, waiting for your birthday party; as an adult, waiting for a luxury vacation, the birth of a child, graduation, retirement—there are so many moments that can’t seem to get here soon enough!

The Church has its own version of “I can hardly wait,” and it is called Advent. The problem is, the rest of the world gave up waiting for Christmas decades ago. So why should we not start celebrating the red and green right after Thanksgiving? Is there some secret wisdom in keeping the season of waiting? And if celebrating Advent is as good for us as we are told, how can we wait with grace?

We live in a world in which waiting seems like a waste of time, a time when nothing is happening, and we are on hold. In the divine world, it is just the opposite. When God blows the whistle for a time out, it is meant to effect a significant change within our hearts and souls. When we choose to be still with God through these four weeks of Advent, Christmas becomes something that is not just a happy holiday. It is an encounter with God that consoles and brings peace. Long after the tree is in the trash, our lives will still sustain a joy.

For us Christians, Advent is more a season of anticipation than of waiting. Advent is a season filled with purpose, direction and meaning. It energizes us because it promises something of value. Our anticipation gives us joy as we actively work at “getting ready” for Christmas. We are not just sitting around waiting. How can we engage our children and families in celebrating this season of anticipation to the full? Here are three suggestions.

NOVEMBER - PREPARING FOR ADVENT

1. Counting the Days: Little ones get a charge out of Advent calendars and paper chains, but youth and adults can also get into the counting spirit. Fill a mason jar or special container with four weeks’ worth of “holy waiting and anticipating” tasks, prayer intentions, and activities. Put the jar or container on a table. Draw one “holy waiting and anticipating” task each day of Advent. Doing this simple ritual makes us take time to drop our busyness and intentionally do something to “get ready” for the feast of Christmas.

2. Hush Advent teaches us to be still, hush and wait with Mary. At one parish school, students are invited, every Advent day, to come early to school and sit in the church with only the Advent wreath providing light. This is a time to wait with God. It is a time to let go of all that fills our minds and to rest in God’s heart. We all look forward to this time. The dark silence is a gentle balm. Why not do that each day at home.

3. Blooming Christmas When we don’t have time to turn our home into a Christmas wonderland, why not do it gradually? Each day of Advent put up one decoration. Throughout Advent your world will literally bloom into Christmas. What happens in our souls is that this anticipation and transformation allows us to feel the excitement and joy that filled Mary and Joseph’s hearts.

I hope these suggestions will stir your imagination so that you create new and meaningful traditions for your family. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. Have a blessed day.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| | | | |
|-----------|--|----------|--|
| Monday | 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Luke 18:35-43 | Friday | 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Ps 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Luke 19:45-48 |
| Tuesday | 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Luke 19:1-10 | Saturday | 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19 Luke 20:27-40 |
| Wednesday | 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 Luke 19:11-28 | Sunday | 2 Samuel 5:1-3 <i>(Christ the King)</i> Ps 122:1-5 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43 |
| Thursday | 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Luke 19:41-44 | | |

BENEFIT BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 17, 2019. The Knights of Columbus Council 4080 will hold its monthly charity “ALL YOU CAN EAT” breakfast on Sunday, November 17, 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. Adult carry-outs are available. Proceeds will go to the Huntsville Veterans Museum.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE next weekend, November 16 & 17. The gift of a Catholic education is more important now than ever to help transmit our faith to the next generation and educate the young in virtue, justice and charity. Many families struggle to afford a Catholic school. Your support will help needy children receive the benefits of a Catholic education.


MEMORIAL MASS AND RECEPTION for Fr. Glen Sayers, SDS on November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation. If you plan to attend, please call the St. Mary parish office at 256-536-6349.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa – December 7 at the St. Mary of the Visitation Parish Center in Huntsville. Tickets go on sale November 18 at the school office and must be purchased by December 6. We will have a Santa Store this year selling some nice Christmas décor items. **We WILL NOT be wrapping presents at this event.**

Breakfast with Santa Raffle – Tickets go on sale November 18 at the school office. You could win an HD TV or \$200 in Visa gift cards. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each, or 12 tickets for \$10. The drawing will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Breakfast with Santa.

Santa Store – December 9-13 in the St. Francis Hall small classroom during school hours. We are looking for new or like-new items to sell at the store.

| | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
|  <p>SANCTUARY FLOWERS</p> <p>This weekend’s sanctuary flowers are courtesy of Theresa Befecadu in memory of her daughter, Renata.</p> | <p>WEEKLY OFFERING</p> <table> <tr> <td>Regular Collection</td> <td>\$ 9,023.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Designated Funds</td> <td>\$ 2,277.00</td> </tr> </table> | Regular Collection | \$ 9,023.95 | Other Designated Funds | \$ 2,277.00 |
| Regular Collection | \$ 9,023.95 | | | | |
| Other Designated Funds | \$ 2,277.00 | | | | |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE • NOVEMBER 23-NOVEMBER 24, 2019*

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Matteo Ayala, Evie Mayer
8:15am: Juliet Spradlin, Cale Stewart
11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Michael Terry

LECTORS

5:00pm: Sierra Aragon, Lori Reynolds
8:15am: James Blanch, Connie Abbott
11:15am: Maddie Turner, Carrie Turner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Mack Yates*, Gina Yates, Johnny Ayala, Patti Ayala, Alana Burks
8:15am: Paula Bertrand*, Bill Billingsley, Linda Billingsley, Gilda Battista, Cecilia Bruton
11:15am: Brenda Brown*, Michael Glenn, Sharon Glenn, Meagan Glenn, Bernita Briggs

GIFT BEARERS

5:00pm: Ben & Karen Sunday
8:15am: Tommy & Margaret Whitfield
11:15am: Victor & Beatrice Nnorom

USHERS

5:00pm: Michael & Maureen Chemsak
8:15am: Margie Blackburn
11:15am: Claude Davis/Victor Ejimah
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

- Nov. 17 RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Nov. 24 RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 1 **NO RE/RCIA**—Thanksgiving weekend

Upcoming Events in RE

- ◆ During November, classes will prepare Christmas cards to include in the Christmas Boxes.
- ◆ Also during November, our classes will learn about the Liturgical Year and prepare for the season of Advent.
- ◆ Finally, RE students will make and assemble Christmas ornaments for the RE Christmas tree.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly confirmed: Tina, Miles, Emma, Grace, Angel, Mikayla, Viviana, Andrés, Kathelyn, Reginald, Tyler, Dominique, Jordan and Jeffery! May God bless you abundantly and the Holy Spirit be your guide in all you do.

Many thanks to our Confirmation team: Stephanie Moore-Mitchell, Morris Amato, Mike Glenn and Sharon Glenn for guiding our youth!

THANK YOU! to Helen Taylor for coordinating the Confirmation reception, along with Etta Davis, the Halls, the Guzmans, Sr. Veronica, Fr. Joe, Morris Amato, the Glenns and Confirmation I families who provided food.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2019

It's Christmas Basket time at St. Joseph! Please pick up a suggested food item list in the church vestibule on **November 16 and 17**. Food bags for your donated items will be available on November 23 and 24. You can also purchase Scrip by putting it in an envelope marked "Christmas Basket Donation," and placing it in the offertory. All food donations must be returned to the church by December 6. Proceeds from special collections on Thanksgiving and November 30/December 1 will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store certificates for perishable items like meats and fresh produce.

Important Dates

- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving collection
- Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Second collection at all Masses
- Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Begin bringing food donations to church
- Dec. 6 Last day to bring donated food to church
- Dec. 7 Count and sort donated items—8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 14 Pack the boxes—8:30 a.m.
Pizza lunch provided.
- Dec. 15 Boxes available for pick-up or delivery

For more information, call Gina Yates at 256-534-8459.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR LIMESTONE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY The chaplaincy program at Limestone County Correctional Facility is requesting donations for 400 male inmates who do not have family or other support. The following items are needed for the Christmas packages:

Food

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Snack crackers (assorted flavors) | Ramen noodle soups |
| Cookies (small packs) | Chips |
| Candy bars/hard candy (bags) | Cereal |
| Honey buns/snack cakes | Instant oatmeal/grits (individual packs) |

Personal Hygiene

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Deodorant | Disposable razors |
| Shampoo/body wash (clear bottles) | Bar soap |
| Toothpaste | |

Miscellaneous

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Postage stamps (desperate need) | Copy paper |
| Games (chess, dominoes, scrabble, board games) | Pens (black/blue in clear barrels) |
| No playing cards or dice | |
| Boxes of clear zip lock bags (various sizes) for distribution of items. | |

Collection begins this week and continues until December 8.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 8:00am: HFS Language Arts (SFH)
- 6:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9:00am: Quilters (LMR)
- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts (HFS)
- 7:00pm: Fr. Glen Sayers Memorial (St. Mary)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 6:00pm: Parish Advisory Board (LMR)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:00pm: Security Information Meeting (LMR)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 6:30pm: Gospel Choir Practice (SJC)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Liturgy of the Word w/Children @ both Masses

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

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