

Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.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

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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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00am: +Ann Yarbrough Smith
5:00pm: +John Rourk, Sr.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Ascension of the Lord

8:15am: For the Parish
9:45am: +Lawrence Boedeker
11:15am: +Gene & Alice Ruppert
5:00pm: +Jim Redmond

MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day

8:00am: +Richard & Anne Boehme

TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:00am: Patty Ayala

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

7:00am: +Richard & Anne Boehme

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:00am: +Rick Harris

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:00am: +Daniel Conte

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:00am: Sr. Veronica Ryan
5:00pm: +Gerald Dwight Goings

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Pentecost

8:15am: Renate Banks
9:45am: Katheryn (Jeanne) Petersen
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: +Rosie Butler

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, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, George Wertz, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrissa Lefebzre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Traci Moore, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Savannah Ponder, Clayton Gatewood, David Boren, Richard Brown, Richard Wagner, Harold Jones and Jena Lanszell.

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,

I hope you are all doing well. There is so much out in the media that tends to scare us and heighten our anxiety. I look for good news, positive news that will bring comfort and lift our spirits. I thought the following article was very interesting and that you might enjoy it.

Pandemic Inspires Artist to Create Icon of Christ as Healer
by Michelle Martin, Catholic News Service



CHICAGO (CNS) -- When word came that Illinois residents were being asked to stay home and the Archdiocese of Chicago suspended public Masses in mid-March, Chicago-based iconographer Joseph Malham was at loose ends, like so many others.

He decided to use the time to create, and the result is a 3-foot-by-4-foot icon of Christ the Healer, an image he completed in just about three weeks.

"Like the rest of the world, I thought, 'I can sit around listening to my own fears and anxieties and uncertainties or I can do something creative,'" said Malham, whose studio is at St. Gregory Parish in Chicago. "That's when I came up with doing this for the sufferers of COVID-19."

The icon is intended to comfort not just those who are ill or who have loved ones who are ill or have died. It's also for all those suffering financially or emotionally, those isolated from friends and family members and those who put their own health at risk to care for those who are sick, Malham said.

He counts himself among that number, as the work he does creating icons for parishes and other institutions has dried up and the art restoration jobs are all gone.

"Then I think about the parishes, and whether they'll have the wherewithal to commission something when they come out of this," Malham said.

At the same time, it's become impossible to get some of the materials he usually uses, so everything in the icon comes from supplies he had on hand. The board that forms the base is a piece of oak he found while cleaning out the parish garage. Because he could not get the gesso he usually uses, he coated the board in plain white paint. Since he had no gold leaf, the icon is highlighted with gold paint.

"I'm not striving for anything that is perfect or beautiful in a technical sense," Malham said. "I think it's the most genuine icon I've ever done."

Its message, he said, is a plea for help, but a plea made to Jesus in hope rather than fear. That's also the tone of a prayer that accompanies the icon that was composed by Auxiliary Bishop Mark A. Bartosic of Chicago.

The first half of the prayer calls on Jesus who sees what we cannot.

"It's the idea that Christ sees to the bottom of everything," Bishop Bartosic said. "Something that seems so opaque and dark to us is not opaque and dark to Jesus. It's to trust that we don't have to see to the bottom of it because he does. Day by day, we have to do what they tell us: Wash our hands, maintain social distance, take care of the poor and the sick. But we have to trust in Christ to see the bigger picture."

Part of that trust is understanding that the nature of human existence hasn't changed from six months ago, Bishop Bartosic said. People depended on God for everything then, and people depend on God now.

"We always stand in need of healing," Bishop Bartosic said. "Even when we're not in a pandemic. We don't always realize it until there's a crisis. What we're asking for now is what we should ask for every day of our life."

Malham said he hopes people contemplate the icon and pray the prayer during the Easter season, noting that it can be one more thing that is drawing Catholics together in a time when everyone is staying apart.

"All my friends are talking about watching daily Mass and Sunday Mass and commenting on the homilies," Malham said. "This has made us feel like a wider family beyond our parish."

You and your families are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with His peace and comfort. May "Christ the Healer" bring you peace and whatever healing you might desire.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab John 16:29-33	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab John 21:15-19
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 John 17:1-11a	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5, 7 John 21:20-25
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab John 17:11b-19	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 John 17:20-26	Pentecost	

PUBLIC MASS RESUMPTION As you know, Bishop Baker has announced the resumption of public Mass in the parishes of the Diocese of Birmingham, beginning on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

We are excited to welcome everyone back as we begin our weekend Masses on May 16-17 with an expanded schedule for Sunday. Because of the continued social distancing requirements, I have added two additional Masses at 9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to avoid overcrowding in the church.

You may wear a mask if you wish. You can sit with family members in the same household, but you must remain six feet from other parishioners. At communion time, please stay six feet apart as you come up to receive communion. We will have tape on the floor to help you gauge the distance. I will only give communion on the hand.

We will also have someone helping to seat you this weekend. If the designated spaces are filled when you arrive, you will have to come back for the next Mass. I know this might create an inconvenience, but I hope you will bear with us as we chart a new way of attending Mass.

We will implement the current ministry schedule for lectors, but not for altar servers and Eucharistic ministers just yet until we have a better feel for our attendance numbers.

Finally, Bishop Baker has amended his dispensation from Mass obligation guidelines. Please check his restoration of public Mass announcement, which is posted on the church website at www.saintjostphcc.com, for details.

Fr. Joe

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

We have taken the missalettes and song books out of the church pews for the time being, because they cannot be successfully and consistently sanitized.

There is a free Catholic app called **Laudate**, which has the Readings for daily and Sunday Mass, and much more. You can download the app to your cell phone and follow along using your phone during Mass. However, please remember to turn off the sound on your phone.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2020 SUMMER CAMPS**

ACADEMIC

- Biology** July 20 - 24
- Chemistry** July 13 - 17
- Frozen KIDS!**
- Musical Theater** July 13 - 17

ATHLETIC

- Basketball** July 27 - 29
- Football** July 6 - 8
- Soccer** July 27 - 31
- Volleyball** July 22 - 24

Please contact the school at 256-4301760 for information on grade level participation and cost.

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

Public Masses are currently suspended, so there are no scheduled liturgical ministers. The new schedule, which runs from April 4 to July 26, 2020, is posted on the church website and will go into effect when we return to Mass.

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

UPDATES

SUMMER FUN IN FAITH

For all the reasons related to COVID 19, there will not be Vacation Bible School this summer. We will miss being with the adult and youth volunteers as well as the children!

However, we will be posting some fun summer activities periodically here on our parish website. We will let you know each time we run a new one.

Confirmation 1 students: Please complete sessions 19-24 in the *Chosen* book. The material was sent to you via email a few weeks ago. Please send an email to cavamato@aol.com when you have completed the material. Thank you!

1st Communion: We will notify all families of children and youth as soon as we receive the directives from our diocese. The team will plan for several activities to review, practice and celebrate.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL-HUNTSVILLE 2020 SILENT AUCTION We have rescheduled the 2020 Holy Family School Silent Auction for September 19. The location and times remain the same. Tickets are still available at www.auctria.com/auction/HFS20.

Please send us an email at vmarks@hfscatholic.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Vickie Marks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP I want to thank everyone who is helping us videotape our Sunday and Holy Family School Masses — our technology team as well as those who volunteer to serve as lectors and altar servers, as needed.

I appreciate your continued support as we navigate these unusual circumstances.

A special thank you to members of the 8:15 a.m. Sunday choir who provide the music for these services.

Fr. Joe

*Father Gary's Stay at Home Tea
(In Memory of Fr. Gary W. New, S.D.S.)
To Benefit the St. Joseph Church Building Fund*

On June 7, 2020, we encourage you to take time to reflect on the blessings in your life over a quiet cup of tea while relaxing at home.

*Please join us in spirit on
Sunday, June 7, 2020
at 6:00 p.m.
For "Father Gary's Stay-at-Home Tea"*

We need your prayers and financial support. All proceeds will go to the St. Joseph Church building fund.

Any donation will be appreciated

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Here Is What's Happening This Week

There will be no scheduled parish events, activities or meetings until further notice.

Facilities Key

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