

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

# Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.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 9:00 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](mailto: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. 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 14

8:00am: +Charles Smoot, Sr.  
5:00pm: Isabel & Ignacio Rodriguez

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:15am: +Sara Roberts  
11:15am: For the Parish  
5:00pm: +Sue Wessling

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00am: +Henry Beachy

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00am: +Nancy Marie Leslie

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00am: +Renata Befecadu

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00am: +James Michael Herrington

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00am: +Ciro Barbieri

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00am: +Mary Abraham

5:00pm: +Sue Wessling

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:15am: For the Parish

11:15am: +Fr. Andrew Louis Struzzieri

5:00pm: +Dr. Sam Citrano, Sr.

## 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, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergift, Marrissa Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Savannah Ponder, David Boren, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Richard Wagner, Cathy Filippo, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Kia Batchelder, Will Stachura, Beth Hofferth, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Heidi Brown and Patricia Henderson.

**Note**

If you wish to add someone to the prayer 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.

Thank you, Fr. Joe

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you are all doing well. This has been quite a week for St. Joseph Catholic Community. On Monday, November 9, we opened the construction bids for the Columbarium. On Thursday, I met with Bishop Raica about the Columbarium. I am so happy and delighted to say that we are on the way. "The Spirit is a-moving all over this land."



Finally, this week, on November 19, Bishop Raica will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 13 of our young people. Let us keep them in our prayers as they become full adult members of our parish and the Church.

The following is from Richard Rohr's daily reflection that I receive from the Center for Action and Contemplation. I thought it was appropriate not only for our Confirmation candidates, but also for each of us.

### For the Good of the World

God is the ultimate nonviolent one, so we dare not accept any theory of salvation—much less socialization, economics or politics—that is based on violence, exclusion, social pressure or moral coercion. When we do, these are legitimated as a proper way of life. ***God saves by loving and including, not by excluding or punishing.***

So, what does it really mean to follow Jesus? I believe we are invited to gaze upon the image of the crucified Jesus to soften our hearts toward all suffering, to help us see how we ourselves have been "bitten" by hatred and violence, and to know that God's heart has always been softened toward us. In turning our gaze to this divine truth, we gain compassion toward ourselves and all others who suffer. It largely happens on the psychic and unconscious level, but that is exactly where all of our hurts and our will to violence lie. A transformative religion must touch us at this primitive, brainstem level, or it is not transformative at all.

History is continually graced with *people who have been transformed in this way and somehow learned to act beyond and outside their self-interest for the good of the world.* They are exemplars of public virtue. We recall Nelson Mandela, Corazon Aquino, John Lewis, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Add to them Etty Hillesum, Corrie ten Boom, Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Óscar Romero, César Chávez, and many others. These inspiring figures gave us strong evidence that the mind of Christ still inhabits the world. Most of us are fortunate to have crossed paths with many lesser-known persons who exhibit the same presence.

*Following Jesus is a vocation to share the fate of God for the life of the world. To allow what God for some reason allows—and uses: the imperfect everything, including me! And to suffer ever so slightly what God suffers eternally. Often, this has little to do with believing the "right" things about God—beyond the fact that God is love itself.*

Those who agree to carry and love what God loves—which is both the good and the bad—and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves, these are the followers of Jesus Christ. They are the leaven, the salt, the remnant, the mustard seed that God uses to transform the world.

To maintain this mind and heart over the long haul is true Gospel spirituality. I have no doubt that it takes many daily decisions and many surrenders. It is aided by seeking out like-minded people. Such grace and freedom are never lone achievements. Saints are those who wake up while in this world, instead of waiting for the next one. Francis of Assisi, William Wilberforce, Thérèse of Lisieux, and Harriet Tubman did not feel superior to anyone else; they just knew they had been let in on a big divine secret, and they wanted to do their part in revealing it to those who knew nothing about it.

**Gateway to Action & Contemplation:** What word or phrase resonates with or challenges me? What sensations do I notice in my body? What is mine to do?

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***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

Monday	Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Luke 18:35-43	Friday	Revelation 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Luke 19:45-48
Tuesday	Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Luke 19:1-10	Saturday	Revelation 11:4-12 Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10 Luke 20:27-40
Wednesday	Revelation 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Luke 19:11-28	Sunday	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday	Revelation 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Luke 19:41-44		

**Prayer for Our Community:** *O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. [Please add your own intentions.] . . . Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, amen.*

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God in His goodness watch over us, protect and guide us. May God bless us with the very best.

*Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe*

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS BOX PROGRAM** will be modified this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Instead of food boxes, we will provide gift cards to approved recipients. We will be requesting monetary donations to help fund the gift cards, which we plan to order through Holy Family School's scrip program.

There will be a special collection basket at the back of the sanctuary for your Christmas Box Program donations. Please make sure to put "Christmas Box Program" in the memo section of your check. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Gina Yates, Chairperson**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The altar flower arrangements in the sanctuary this weekend are courtesy of Teresa Befecadu in memory of her daughter, Renata.

**CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING**

Regular Collection	\$ 9,561.52
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,694.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2020-NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

**LECTORS**

5:00pm: Lori Reynolds, Johnny Ayala  
8:15am: James Blanche, Sr. Veronica Ryan  
11:15am: Ben Basta, Lee Cuffe

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00pm: Taylor Stegal  
8:15am: Muriel Weston  
11:15am: Quitman Turner

**NOVEMBER 26, 2020 THANKSGIVING DAY**

**LECTORS**

9:00am: Sue Whitcomb, Connie Abbott

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

9:00am: Sr. Veronica Ryan

# Religious Education

## *Formation and Catechesis*



### CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

On November 19, we will celebrate Confirmation at St. Joseph Church. Bishop Steven Raica will visit our parish to preside and confer the sacrament on our 13 candidates.

Unfortunately, we are unable to open up the celebration to the parish this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Please pray that our candidates be filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and that they go out to love and serve the Lord and His Church.

**THE ROSARY IS OUR LADY'S SWORD** to battle evil and sin in this world. Join us in making rosaries for our parish and Missions on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the RE Center large meeting room, beginning October 14.

No experience is necessary and we will practice social distancing. Please bring your mask!

**FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION SERVICES** Did you know that you don't have to pay for tax preparation? SaveFirst, sponsored by United Way of Madison County and the University of Alabama- Huntsville, offers FREE IRS-certified tax preparation and electronic filing services for working families and individuals. We provide these services for households earning up to \$57,000 per year.

Virtual and socially distanced service available, beginning in mid-January. Visit [impactamerica.com/freetaxprep](http://impactamerica.com/freetaxprep) for more information.

### CALENDAR

Nov. 15	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. RE (special groups), RCIA
Nov. 19	6:00 p.m. Confirmation
Nov. 22 & 29	<b>NO RE/RCIA—Thanksgiving</b>

*Face Masks required for all classes*

### RE/PFLAUM GOSPEL WEEKLIES LESSONS

The Unit 2 material for the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies is ready for pick up in the breezeway. Lessons begin on November 15. Don't forget your packet, which includes an Advent calendar. Advent begins on November 29.



## C<sup>2</sup> Opportunity Scholarships

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Visit our Website: <http://csquaredscholarships.org/>  
Contact Andy Ryan, Executive Director: [ryan@alosf.org](mailto:ryan@alosf.org)

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:00pm: HFS School Board Meeting (LMR)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00am: Quilters (LMR)  
10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:00pm: Confirmation (SJC)

### Facilities Key

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