

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

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., 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 no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.

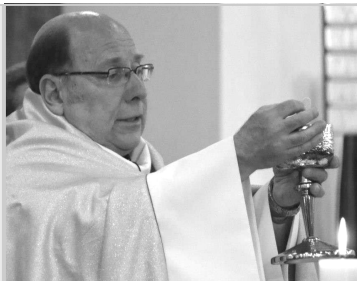


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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 09

8:00am: +Edith McCullough Yates
5:00pm: +Edith McCullough Yates

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15am: +Richard Balser
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: +Sr. Kathleen Dooley, S.D.S.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00am: +Sharon Zeroski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00am: Saoirse McGraw

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00am: +Agnes Thome

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00am: +Pauline Boren

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00am: +Charles Wissel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00am: +Edward Thomas Cruz
5:00pm: +Sarah Pickett Garoppo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Sue Wessling
5:00pm: +Eucharist Amadi

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 Rourke, Jr., Cindy Morales, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, George Wertz, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marissa Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Catherine Algie, Ramona Hallit, 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 Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Kia Batchelder, Will Stachura, Michael Pesqueira, Beth Hofferth, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Heidi Brown and Patricia Hendersen.

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:

As the challenging year 2020 has ended and we wonder what this New Year of 2021 will bring, let's remember to look to God and our faith as the source of our strength and peace. The following came from Monastery Icons, I thought it was something important to share with you as it was shared with me. In the **Proverbs 18:10**, it says that "the Name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into it and are safe."



PASTOR

THE PRACTICE OF THE HOLY NAME

The shortest, easiest, and most powerful of prayers

During a prayer vigil one night in fourteenth-century England, the hermit Blessed Richard Rolle was disturbed by the sudden apparition of a demon. The frightened monk began to call out the Name of Jesus, and the demon immediately disappeared. Shaken by this apparition and dreading its re-appearance, Blessed Richard spent the rest of the night repeating the Holy Name over and over until dawn. Thus, was born his lifelong devotion to the Holy Name: "I appeal to you to love this name JESUS and meditate on it in your heart so that you never forget it wherever you are. And, assuredly, I promise you that you will find great joy and strength in it; and because of the love with which you love Jesus so tenderly and as such an intimate friend, you will be filled with grace on this earth...This is because nothing pleases God so much as true devotion to the name of Jesus."

Our time has its own share of "demonic apparitions" -- just read the headlines. So now is the perfect time to benefit from Blessed Richard's example of taking refuge in the Holy Name of Jesus. From apostolic times to the present day, Christians throughout the world have experienced for themselves the blessing, protection, and presence of Christ that can be found through repeated invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus. It has been the center of the spiritual lives of countless saints, and "is suitable for all people of God, without exception, whether monks or lay people. It is a safe way for beginners, that is open to all" (Saint Ignatius Brianchaninov).

The 19th century Russian priest Saint John of Kronstadt wrote: "The Name of God is God Himself . . . As the Lord is the most uncomplex Being, the most uncomplex Spirit, He is wholly contained in one word, in one thought, being at the same time wholly everywhere -- in all creatures. Therefore, if you only call upon the Name of the Lord, you call upon the Lord Himself, the Savior of those who believe, and you shall be saved."

How to do it - Part 1 - Seated in Prayer

How is it done? In utter simplicity. Sit quietly and comfortably. There is no recommended posture. You sit, rather than lie down, simply to avoid falling asleep. Relaxation is the key to awareness. Close your eyes. Let go. Take a few deep breaths and relax, letting them out fully, breathing out your tensions.

Then become aware of your breathing: in and out. Gently, peacefully. Let it be natural without forcing or controlling. Then gently and peacefully begin mentally repeating the Name of Jesus three times with each inhalation and each exhalation: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus/Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Fit the repetition to the breath, not the breath to the repetition.

The holy Name is said in groups of three to establish a rhythmic pattern that leads quickly to a silencing of the mind. Try it, and you will find this to be true. Also, a most effective practice-one that can make all the difference in our attempt to pray undistractedly-is to mentally intone, or "sing" the holy Name on a single note (not a melody). Hold no visual images, feelings, or thoughts whatsoever in the mind-just be intent on repeating the Name of Jesus.

Allow your mind to melt, to merge, to relax into the sounding of the Name of Jesus. No concepts need be held. The Name is sufficient, for it is the Name in which all is done (**Colossians 3:17**); the Name by which the lame walk (**Acts 3:16; 4:10**); the Name which works wonders (**Acts 4:29-30**); the Name which casts out evil (**Mark 16:17**); the Name which conquers all (**Philippians 2:10**); the Name in which all petitions are fulfilled (**John 14:13-14; 16:23**); the Name in which we are justified (**1 Corinthians 6:11**). For it is the Name above all names (**Philippians 2:9**); the Name whereby we are saved (**Acts 4:12**).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Hebrews 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mark 1:14-20	Friday	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mark 2:1-12
Tuesday	Hebrews 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9 Mark 1:21-28	Saturday	Hebrews 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mark 2:13-17
Wednesday	Hebrews 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mark 1:29-39	Sunday	1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42
Thursday	Hebrews 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mark 1:40-45		

Have no concern over wayward thoughts that may intrude, or memories, or visual impressions; neither invite nor attempt to dispel "distractions." Care for nothing. Be the "weaned child"-content to just sit quietly on the Mother's lap (*Psalms 131:2*). Keep to the Name of Jesus. And not with effort or concentration, but with relaxation and confident peace.

It will be most helpful to your practice if you can have a special place exclusively for your practice of the Holy Name, for your mind will begin to associate that place with prayer and will more easily enter a quiet, prayerful state when you go there. It is very good to have some icons there, for wherever they are, there also are the spiritual presences of those who are depicted thereon.

How to do it - Part 2 - Throughout the Day

You will get great benefit by remembering to invoke the Name of Jesus in your daily activities. As Saint John Chrysostom says: whether we are sitting, walking, standing, eating, lying down, or studying, mentally repeat the holy Name of Jesus. And as Father Sullivan wrote in this classic *Wonders of the Holy Name*, "We must get into the habit of saying [the Holy Name] devoutly, frequently,

hundreds and hundreds of times every day. Far from being a burden, it will be an immense joy and consolation...Who then can be so negligent or foolish as not acquire the habit of repeating 'Jesus, Jesus, Jesus' constantly. It robs us of no time, presents no difficulty, and is an infallible remedy for every evil."

We encourage you to try it for yourself and see. As contemporary author Frederica Matthews-Green wrote: "When you see everything alongside that best of friends, Jesus Christ, your encounters with the world and everyone and everything in it are transformed."

"The Name of Jesus is the shortest, the easiest, and the most powerful of prayers. Everyone can say it, even during their daily work. God cannot refuse to hear it." (*Father Edward Sullivan, The Wonders of the Holy Name*)

I hope you have found this helpful. Especially in this very strange and often chaotic time we live in, we need to find a quiet and peaceful place to just be.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you each day with the very best.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 8,364.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,880.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 16, 2021-JANUARY 17, 2021

Ministry volunteers are requested for the Mass on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18 @ 7:00 am

LECTORS

5:00pm: McKinley Curtis
8:15am: Jeromy Menner, Connie Abbott
11:15am: Foster Lux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Johnny Ayala
8:15am: Josette Dant
11:15am: Jane Dodds

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

The Baptism of the Lord

Ideas for parents/guardians

- Take a Baptism tour of the church. Find the items that are used in a Baptism: Easter candle, Font, water, oils. Have a discussion of each symbol and its meaning.
- Pull out family albums to find photos of baptisms. Talk about the members of the family, the godparents, etc. Also, ask the children to find symbols of baptism in the pictures
- Invite the godparents to talk about their godchild's baptism.

CALENDAR

Jan. 10	RE/RCIA
	Classes resume for Foundations and Sacramental Preparation
Jan. 17	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Jan. 24	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Jan. 31	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Face Masks required for all classes

PFLAUM GOSPEL WEEKLIES—UNIT 3

Student packets are in the church breezeway.
Lessons begin January 17.



His Excellency STEVEN JOHN RAICA
By the grace of God and the Apostolic See
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

DECREE EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION DUE TO COVID-19 In accordance with canons 87 § 1 and 90 of the Code of Canon Law, I make the following provision, recognizing that infection rates for COVID-19 remain generally high in the territory of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and that the dispensation I previously extended on November 22, 2020 shall soon expire, on January 10, 2021:

I hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to assist at Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, March 14, 2021 (inclusive) – the 4th Sunday of Lent (Lætare Sunday) – for all the Roman Catholic faithful who reside or are visiting and present in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.

In the last extension, I encouraged everyone to evaluate the risks they take and return to church, if they have not already, and if it was prudent to do so. I know that many heeded my request and that our parishes had and are still having wonderful Christmas celebrations.

In the meantime, a spike in cases of COVID-19 in Alabama has continued. Though my teaching remains unchanged and I again warmly encourage all to benefit from corporate worship in our parishes while taking the indicated precautions from health authorities (social distancing, wearing of masks, sanitizing hands), I also judge that it is best to extend the dispensation at the present time.

Given at the Diocesan Chancery in Birmingham on the 5th of January, the Memorial of Saint John Neumann, in the Year of the Lord 2021.

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00am: Quilters (LMR)
10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

10:00am: Rosary Knotters (LMR)
6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LIB)

Facilities Key

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