

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

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

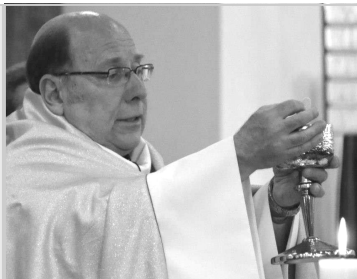


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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: +Philip Koehler

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00am: +Jack Ryan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00am: +John Arthur Spoerl

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00am: +Betty Miller

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00am: +Sulane Perry

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00am: +Lena Borroni

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Sue Wessling

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Lilia L. Jones
5:00pm: +Elfriede MacKenzie

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, Marrisona 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 Lanszell, 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:

On Monday, we celebrated Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. It was also the start of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the week of the Inauguration of the 46th President and Vice-President of the United States.

At Monday morning's Mass, I shared how Jesus was not trying to upset anyone by breaking with the practice of rigorous fasting but rather "the message of Jesus is that the new message he is preaching needs a new mentality to receive it. He came to tell us we need a new mindset. His message cannot be contained within the old ways of understanding God and what God expects. This call for newness is still valid for the church today. We cannot put new ways of being church into old structures." (*Loose Leaf Lectionary – Monday, January 18, 2021*) In other words, let's make room for new ideas. God is doing something new. I continued by sharing just a few well-known quotes from Dr. King's *I Have A Dream* speech that he gave 58 years ago. The words have just as much meaning today.

"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.

It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

I have a dream that one day, every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, 'and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.'"

Then in the reflection on **Mark 2:18-22** from the *Word Among Us*, the focus was on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity saying, "God has been doing something new in the body of Christ: he has been drawing together divided churches and helping them overcome painful, centuries-old prejudices. Catholics, Lutherans, and Methodists have come to agreement on the term 'justification by faith.' Orthodox and Catholics are talking together about the role of the pope. Even Catholics and Evangelicals are putting aside their suspicions and working together to promote a culture of life. SO much is changing, and God is inviting us to embrace these changes as part of His plan.

"As Christians, we may still disagree on doctrines like the papacy and the role of Mary. But we all agree on so many more: a loving, Trinitarian God; salvation in Christ; the gift of the Holy Spirit; the call to conversion and baptism, and the promise of heaven. Instead of emphasizing what divides us, let's focus on what we have in common.

"All this week, as people from different churches pray together, let's ask the Lord to soften our hearts and open us up to this new path of greater unity."

Let us pray that this openness will extend to all people, regardless of their race, nationality, religion, gender or political persuasion.

You are always in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with the best today and every day.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who helped to take down the church Christmas decorations on January 10.

Many thanks to Connie Abbott, Paula and Jeff Bertrand, Candy Hayden, Cynthia McDaniel and Joe Wagner for your time, energy and commitment. I also want to thank Rita Cusack and Mike Cusack for taking the Christmas trees and wreaths away. You are all very much appreciated.

Fr. Joe



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mark 16:15-18	Friday	Hebrews 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mark 4:26-34
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mark 3:31-35	Saturday	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Ps Luke 1:69-75 Mark 4:35-41
Wednesday	Hebrews 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mark 4:1-20	Sunday	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28
Thursday	Hebrews 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Mark 4:21-25		

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SPECIAL CHICKEN DINNER TO-GO

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, you can purchase to-go chicken dinners from Holy Family School. Dinners are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of. Advance ticket holders are guaranteed a dinner. The plates purchased that day are first come, first served.

Ticket sales start this weekend, January 16 and 17, after all the Masses.

Pickup will be on Wednesday, February 3, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Messmer Center (Holy Family School Gym).

Don't miss this wonderful deal!

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE Twenty-five percent of surveyed couples say they are 'Happily Married'. For everyone else, there is **Retrouvaille**. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?


Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on March 5–March. 7, 2021, call 800 -470-2230 or 615-523-0631, email nrv3043@gmail.com, or visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Note: Due to Covid-19, we will be observing social distancing.

NEW BEREAVEMENT GROUP Over the last two years, some of our parishioners have experienced the loss of a loved one. Grieving takes time. It is often helpful to interact with others going through a similar experience.

St. Joseph will offer a new bereavement group which will meet beginning on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the parish office Large Meeting Room. Masks and social distancing will be required. Anyone experiencing grief because of a loss is welcome.

If you would like to participate, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

	<p><u>SANCTUARY FLOWERS</u></p> <p>If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.</p>	<p><u>CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Regular Collection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 8,855.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Designated Funds</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,470.00</td> </tr> </table>	Regular Collection	\$ 8,855.00	Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,470.00
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 30, 2021-JANUARY 31, 2021

LECTORS

5:00pm: Patty Ayala, Sabine Wlodarski
8:15am: Caed Lynch, Bart Lynch
11:15am: Helen Taylor, Bruce Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: McKinley Curtis
8:15am: Teri Lynch
11:15am: Jeanet Pascua

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

CALENDAR

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Packets

Unit 3 student packets are now in the parish office. Lessons began last week.

All 8th grade and 1st grade students will be required to send the assessment for each lesson to the catechist mentioned in an email sent out to all *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* participants.

Jan. 24	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Jan. 31	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Feb. 7	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Feb. 14	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Feb. 21	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Feb. 28	RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Face Masks required for all classes



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

6:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00am: Quilters (LMR)

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

6:00pm: Spiritual Life Commission (SFH)

6:00pm: Boy Scouts (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00am: Rosary Knotters (LMR)

10:30am: Bereavement Group (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