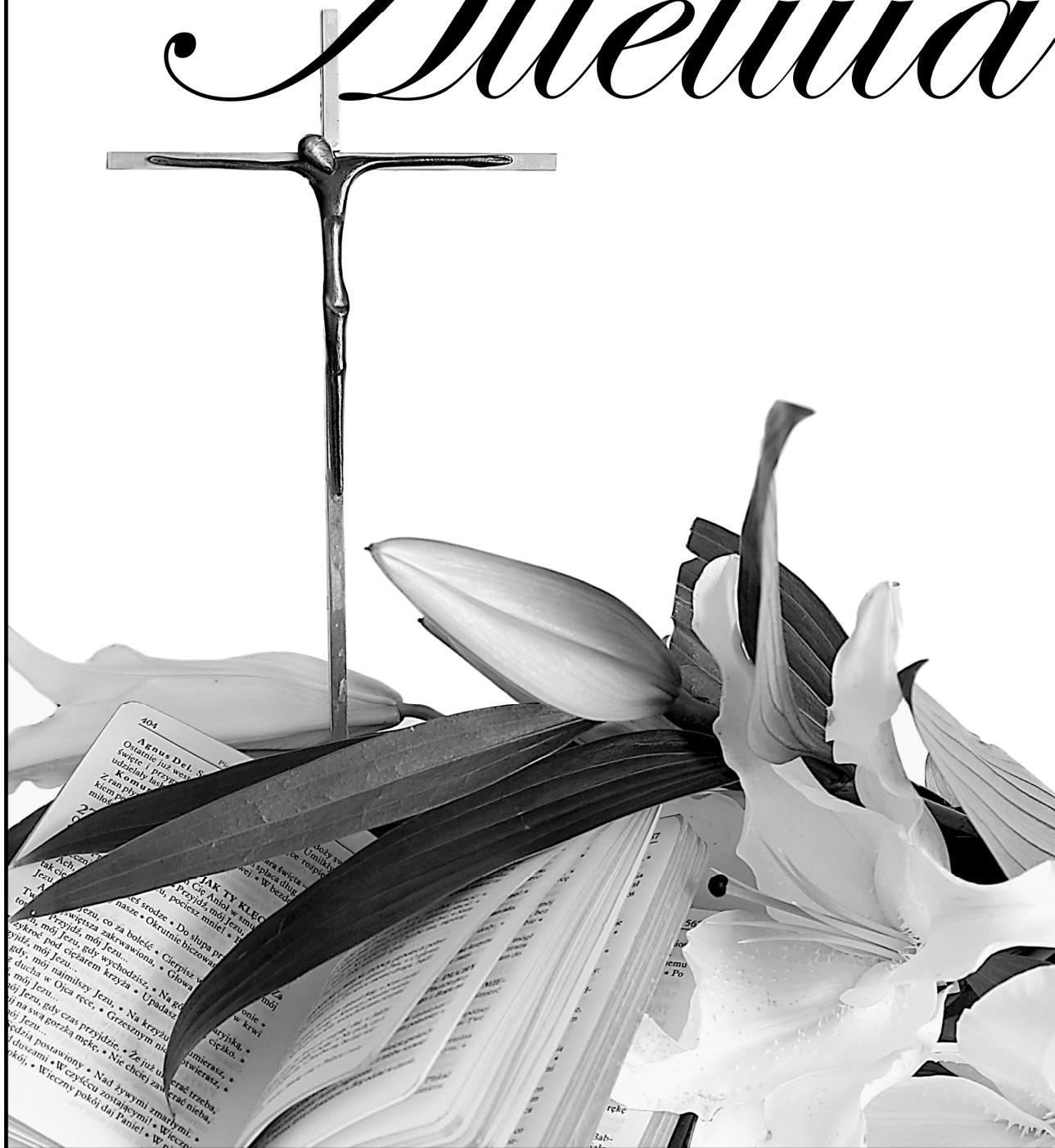


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# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 03*Easter Vigil Mass*

8:00pm: For Those Entering the Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 04*Easter Sunday*

6:30am: Sunrise Service

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie

11:15am: For the Parish

5:00pm: +John Leow

MONDAY, APRIL 05

7:00am: Rios Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 06

7:00am: Carrillo Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 07

7:00am: +Charles E. "Chuck" Zawacki

THURSDAY, APRIL 08

7:00am: +Gus Landry

FRIDAY, APRIL 09

7:00am: +Raymond Borroni

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

8:00am: +Mahlon Boren

5:00pm: For the Unborn

SUNDAY, APRIL 11*Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:15am: For the Parish

11:15am: +Joseph Byers

5:00pm: Lolita Gallego

## 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, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, George Wertz, Dolly Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrissa 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, Juliania 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, Patricia Hendersen, Diane Goguen, and Julie Algie.

**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:

We have begun the Sacred Fifty Days. "The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday' (St. Athanasius). These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung".

**PASTOR**

The following comes from "***The Blessed Pentecost***" by Nathan Mitchell. I hope you find it informative and challenging.

Josef Pieper once remarked that the human capacity for festivity arises from the ability to affirm all creation as good – from the ability to embrace in one resounding "yes," the length and breath, the heights, and depths of our experience in the world. We can hear this "yes" in Mozart's music – the play of light and shadow in the later piano concerto; the poignant song of the oboe rising above a steady pulse in a divertimento for winds. We can hear it in the delighted squeals of a child as its face is licked by the moist tongue and hot breath of a new puppy. We can hear it in the contented, prayerful whispers of an elderly woman – full of love, grace and years – as she prepares to meet death with quiet courage and dignity.

Saying "yes" to all of life, letting all of it in – that is festivity's sustaining source. But there's the rub. Few of us can say "yes" to anything for very long. We live, after all, in an intensely mobile culture of fast food, faster cars, disposable diapers and planned obsolescence. Our greatest goal (as Andy Warhol once quipped) is to be famous for 15 minutes. At parties, we do not carry on conversations, we posture – repeating to one another snippets of dialogue from movies, beer commercials, sitcoms, or interviews with sports celebrities. Small wonder that many in our society feel so isolated and lonely, so unable to connect, so incapable of forming relationships that last. Small wonder, too, that as a people we find ourselves increasingly bored, angry, and violent – enraged and terrified by the awful emptiness that seems to stretch in every direction around us.

Given such cultural conditions, the Christian celebration of "the blessed Pentecost" will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty days of "dwelling in" the paschal mystery! Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of mystagogy, of walking with the neophytes ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. Good heavens! What an order!

One reason such a prolonged celebration strikes us as difficult - if not downright absurd - is that we tend to link feasts and holidays with mindless hoopla. "Party time," for many, is an invitation to obliterate consciousness, to get wasted, to veg out, to forget. But a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to "party on," even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart," to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short, Pentecost is a season for learning how to say "yes" in a culture that wants to keep saying "no".

I do hope you have the opportunity to celebrate in some way with family and friends. May God bless each of you with the best. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

***Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe***

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Matthew 28:8-15	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a John 21:1-14
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 John 20:11-18	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21 Mark 16:9-15
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Luke 24:13-35	Sunday <i>Divine Mercy</i> <i>Sunday</i>	Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Luke 24:35-48		

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**ROCKET CITY SGO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BECKY WEIS** will be at all the weekend Masses on April 10 and April 11 to speak about the benefits of redirecting your tax liability to an SGO, and how it benefits the students at Holy Family School. She will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

**HOW TO DIRECT YOUR TAXES**

1. Go to [myalabamataxes.alabama.gov](http://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov).
2. Set up a MAT account or sign in.
3. Click on "Report a donation to an SGO."
4. Choose **Rocket City Scholarship Granting Organization**. Enter the amount of your donation (Up to 50% of your tax liability).
5. Mail your check to:  
Rocket City SGO  
P.O. Box 18154  
Huntsville, AL 35804

You will immediately receive a confirmation number—keep that for your records. Once we receive confirmation of your donation, we will send you an email with more information.

If you have questions, please call 256-369-3297 or email us at [info@rocketsgo.org](mailto:info@rocketsgo.org).

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS:** Last week's Lenten Fish Fry was a big success and we had excellent participation. It was all made possible by our great team of volunteers: John Nolin, Allen Nolin, John Weir, Larry Bayer, Theresa Befecadu, Susan Carr, Dagmar Corvington, Rita Cusack, Nancy Harris, Mary Segelhorst and Ed Wissel. Many thanks for your time and effort.

**Fr. Joe**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

**CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING**

Regular Collection	\$ 6,796.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 620.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 10, 2021-APRIL 11, 2021**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm: Matteo Ayala  
8:15am: William Pacello

**LECTORS**

5:00pm: McKinley Curtis, Laura Hall  
8:15am: Sr. Veronica Ryan, Connie Abbott  
11:15am: Ben Basta, Jerolyn Golightly

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00pm: Ben Sundey  
8:15am: Beth Belcher  
11:15am: Bernita Briggs

# Religious Education

## *Formation and Catechesis*

### Upcoming Events

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| May 22, 2021 | First Communion  |
| June 2021    | Summer Gathering<br>Confirmation and First Sacraments          |
| June 2021    | Registration/Ice Cream Gathering                               |
| July 2021    | Parent/Student Gathering<br>New sacramental preparation groups |

### CALENDAR

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|----------|---------------------------------------|
| April 4  | <b>NO RE/RCIA—Happy Easter!</b>       |
| April 11 | RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.          |
| April 18 | RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.          |
| April 25 | RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.          |
| May 2    | RE/RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.          |
| May 9    | <b>NO RE/RCIA—Happy Mother's Day!</b> |

*Face masks required for all classes*

**ST. JOSEPH COLUMBARIUM UPDATE** Construction of our new columbarium is underway and proceeding well. Both single and double niches are still available for purchase and, if you are interested, please call the parish office to make an appointment. For more details, visit the church website at [www.saintjosephcc.com](http://www.saintjosephcc.com).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** thanks you for your continued generosity. Our local St. Joseph Conference assisted 40 families with \$14,214 for rent and utility assistance during January and February of this year.

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul personally and directly help the needy in our community with immediate needs for food and shelter (rent and utilities). We desperately need new members and ask that you consider donating some of your time to this vocation. Contact Mark Morgida at [morgidam@gmail.com](mailto:morgidam@gmail.com) for more information.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL 2021 SILENT AUCTION** is going **VIRTUAL**. The auction site will be open April 17 at noon through May 1 at noon. The website is [www.auctria.com/auction/HFS2021](http://www.auctria.com/auction/HFS2021).

For anyone not able to get online or who may need technical assistance, we will be available after Masses at St. Joseph on April 17, 18, 24 and 25 to assist you with bidding. There will also be dates during the week for assistance, to be announced.

If you purchased tickets earlier, please call the school office at 256-539-5221 or email [vmarks@hfscatholic.com](mailto:vmarks@hfscatholic.com) to let us know if you would like to donate the price of your tickets to the school, receive four free tickets for the raffle drawing on May 1, or if you would like a refund for the price of your ticket.

## *Here Is What's Happening This Week*

### MONDAY, APRIL 05

**Parish Office Closed**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 06

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 07

5:00pm: Columbarium Board Meeting (SFH)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

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|---------|--|
| 1:00pm: | HFS School Board Fundraising Committee (LMR)                     |
| 2:00pm: | Divine Mercy Adoration/Chaplet/<br>Confessions/Benediction (SJC) |
| 5:30pm: | North Huntsville Catholic Youth Group (SFH)                      |

### Facilities Key

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