

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.

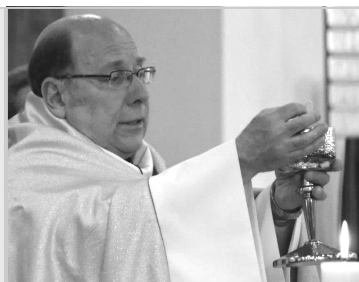


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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, APRIL 12

7:00am: +Jorge Ayala

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7:00am: Julie Algie

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

7:00am: +Sylvia Ciccarelli

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

7:00am: DeKarlo & Konabia Blackmon

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

7:00am: +Geoffrey Peter Ngatuni

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

8:00am: +Sharon Mantler

5:00pm: +Dani Foust

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:15am: +Shirley Lenore (Matzet) Wall

11:15am: For the Parish

5:00pm: +Albert David Dove

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 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:

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers sent the following as an Easter reflection called **From the Upper Room to the Streets**. He is risen. Alleluia! We have 50 days of celebration and reflection during the Easter season that will bring us to Pentecost.

God is at work in our lives and in the world today. Read the Gospel. If you have time, read it twice with a pause in between and think of one word or phrase that spoke to you. Then, use the reflection questions to look at your experience and what's going on in the world through the lens of the Gospel. Discern how God invites you to go forth as missionary disciples to do justice locally and globally. Each week, consider how you can engage more intentionally in prayer, transforming your perspective and responding in joy to carry on the mission of love.

OPENING PRAYER: Throughout his life, Jesus balanced prayer with action. Create your own sacred space. Light a candle and use symbols. Begin by taking time in silence to enter the presence of God's love and pray the refrain. **(Lord God, show us your mercy.)**

INTRODUCTION: We are called to be Easter Joyful People. Each week we will focus on a particular theme. Then we will go through three steps: (1) Seeing our reality; (2) Discerning with our faith, and (3) Going forth and doing justice.

In the readings, we hear how hope emerges as the disciples encounter an empty tomb. But then confusion and wonder follow as the risen Jesus appears to them. As they spend time in the upper room, they ponder what comes next. Finally, Jesus ascends to heaven and the Holy Spirit descends on them. Their fear is transformed to bold courage as they burst forth, on fire to share the Good News of God's love. As we prepare to move out of the loss and isolation of the pandemic, this Easter season gives us a chance to reflect on how God's love is at work in our lives and the world. These weekly reflections will take us through a process to see our life and the world around us through the lens of the Gospel.

CLOSING PRAYER: Conclude with your intentions — an Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and the refrain. **(Lord God, show us your mercy.)**

The second Sunday of Easter is called Divine Mercy Sunday. And we are:

CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

INTRODUCTION: Thomas isn't there when the risen Jesus appears to the disciples and demands proof. Jesus appears to him to allay his doubts. When we struggle with doubt, we can count on God's mercy. It never waivers and gives us the strength to go forth with confidence.

PRAYER REFRAIN: Lord God, show us your mercy.

SEE YOUR REALITY: Think of how you overcame fear or doubt by giving or receiving mercy.

DISCERN WITH YOUR FAITH: Read the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter (**Jn 20:19-31**). Mercy is love without conditions. How is the Spirit calling you or the community to show mercy to people deemed unworthy of love?

GO FORTH AND DO JUSTICE:

(1) Pray: Reflect on what mercy looks like in action and ask God to direct you in being a vehicle of mercy.

(2) Transform: During the Year of Mercy, the Church advocated to reduce global debt. Learn more about how that contributes to global poverty, particularly since the pandemic.

(3) Respond: Write to President Biden to encourage him to be more active in eliminating world debt that leads to poverty.

Each week, I will share a thought from the Sunday Gospel and a theme to reflect on.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 John 3:1-8	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 John 6:1-15
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 John 3:7b-15	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 John 6:16-21
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 John 3:16-21	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 John 3:31-36		

WHEN A DONATION IS A TAX CREDIT AND A TAX CREDIT BECOMES A DONATION, EVERYONE WINS!

Tell the State you want your tax dollars to stay right here in North Alabama. By directing up to 50% of your Alabama State tax liability to Rocket City Scholarship Granting Organization, you will assist income eligible families in their quest to attain the education that best fits their child's needs *and* keep your tax dollars local.

ROCKET CITY SGO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BECKY WEIS will be at all the weekend Masses this weekend, April 10 and April 11, to speak about the benefits of redirecting your tax liability to an SGO, and how it helps 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.
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.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER JOB NETWORKING CLUB in Madison will resume face-to-face meetings on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 12:30 p.m., after more than a year of holding Club meetings via Zoom.com virtual teleconferences. Club meetings will again be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1055 Hughes Road in Madison, most Tuesdays. See the Club's meeting schedule at www.sjwjclub.org/calendar for details.

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	\$ 14,054.46
Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,668.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

APRIL 17, 2021-APRIL 18, 2021

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Joey Ross
8:15am: Juliet Spradlin
11:15am: Quade Turner

LECTORS

5:00pm: Susan Carr, Johnny Ayala
8:15am: Caed Lynch, Bart Lynch
11:15am: Randy Buckner, Ben Basta

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Gina Yates
8:15am: Paula Bertrand
11:15am: Brenda Brown

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

CALENDAR

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	NO RE/RCIA—Happy Mother's Day!

Face masks required for all classes

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to welcome Logan Shelton, Paula Stinnett and Dale Stinnett into the Catholic Faith through a Profession of Faith, along with Margaret Carter and Deborah Peavy who received Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

Many blessings to all!

Upcoming Events

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

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE LENT/HOLY WEEK/ EASTER CELEBRATIONS

I am so grateful to Jeff and Paula Bertrand, John and Candi Hayden, Connie Abbott and Bernita Briggs for all the decorating, undecorating and redecorating during this season.

I appreciate the efforts of Robert Styles and the volunteers who participated in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

I appreciate our choirs: Christine Kirkland, Jerry McAllister, Paula Nesbit and choir members at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass; Gary Mahon and the choir at the Sunday 8:15 a.m. Mass; Rebecca Whited and the UAH students at the Sunday 11:15 a.m. Mass, and Carlos Mireles Preciado at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass.

I appreciate all the Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers who served at the many special celebrations.

I appreciate the RCIA Team who accompanied the five newest members of our faith family: Logan, Deborah, Margaret, Paula and Dale.

Finally, I appreciate all who came to celebrate at St. Joseph.

If I forgot anyone, please forgive the oversight. We are so blessed to have so many generous people who give so freely of their time, talent and energy.

Fr. Joe

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.

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@hpscatholic.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.

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 details, visit www.saintjosephcc.com.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 1:00pm: Caregivers (LIB)
- 6:00pm: Parish Advisory Council (SFH)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:00am: Rosary Knotters (LMR)
- 6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LIB)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

- 10:30am: Bereavement Group (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