

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.

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.



Holy Family School—Huntsville

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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, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am: Emily Scales
5:00pm: Allison Hernandez

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: Allison Hernandez

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00am: +Ronald Tepool

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00am: +Lena Borroni

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am: +James H. Blake, Sr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am: +George Wertz

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am: +Carol Anderson

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am: +Sarah Tepool
5:00pm: +Michael Carl Browne

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie
11:15am: For the Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



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, 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, Cathy Filippo, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Michael Pesqueira, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Heidi Brown, Patricia Hendersen, Diane Goguen, Julie Algie, Bob Cuffe, Jeff Bertrand, Gary Mahon, Matthew M., Selena M., Matt Cox Family and Steven Weems.

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:

This reflection is from *Monastery Icons*, and I thought it would be a good one to share with you this week.



PASTOR

IMPORTANT THINGS FOR CHRISTIANS TO REMEMBER DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

Certainly, the past 18 months have presented unique challenges in most of our lives. In these difficult times, it is wise and helpful to remember the lessons that the Scriptures and writings and lives of the Saints teach us.

1 Turning the bad times into good times

We have been here before, and chances are we will find ourselves here again – history shows us that this is the way of this world. What to do? Saint Augustine answers:

“Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times.”

#2 “You are the light of the world.”

What an incredible statement by Christ! As men and women of prayer, we are not weak, we are not powerless. And together, our seemingly small lights can bring a great illumination.

In the 1940’s a religious teacher brought his students to a nighttime concert at the Hollywood Bowl. At one point, small candles were distributed to the audience members, and at a signal everyone lit their candle. **The amphitheater was gloriously illuminated!** The lesson ended, the teacher led his students out of the concert.

#3 “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

These words from Saint James the Apostle should not be taken lightly. The history of the Church abounds in stories of the miraculous effect of prayer, and even science has finally begun to catch up with the religion and realize this.

In 1988 Dr. Randolph Byrd organized a double-blind study of 393 patients in a coronary unit, dividing them into two randomized groups, one of which was put on a list to receive intercessory prayer on their behalf without their knowledge. The other group was a control and was not prayed for. The study concluded that the patients in the first group scored statistically lower in the severity of their medical needs, showing that prayers even from remote strangers **positively affected the outcome of their medical treatment.** It works! (But you already knew that.)

#4 Don’t forget your heavenly friends

The sense of isolation and of powerlessness are probably what make difficult times so painful for so many. But as Christians, we are never alone, we are never helpless. Don’t forget to call on your heavenly friends, who are always ready and eager to help you and all those you pray for – the holy angels, the saints, and of course our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. “The Church Militant” is not just a metaphor. We are part of and surrounded by a great heavenly army.

When the king of Syria sent a great army to capture the prophet Elisha, the prophet’s terrified servant cried “What shall we do?” Mystically seeing the great angelic army which God had sent to protect him, Elisha told his servant:

“Fear not, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” (2 Kings 6:16)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Timothy 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Luke 7:1-10	Friday	1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-20 Luke 8:1-3
Tuesday <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Numbers 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17	Saturday	1 Timothy 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3-5 Luke 8:4-15
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-6 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35	Sunday	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 PS 54:3-6, 8 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37
Thursday	1 Timothy 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Luke 7:36-50		

#5 Pray for your enemies

Christ taught that we must recognize the reality of evil in the world; ours is not a faith of rose-colored glasses. As Christians, how should we react to this evil? Among other things, Christ taught us to pray for our enemies. Think of the tortured condition of the people wreaking havoc in the world at this time. As difficult as it may be, let us bring them too before God in prayer, that His light will drive the darkness out of their hearts and minds.

After some months of their imprisonment in a Ravensbruck concentration camp because they concealed Jews in their home in Holland, the two Dutch sisters Corrie and Betsie Ten Boom learned the identity of the Dutch man who had colluded with the Nazis and betrayed their family. Corrie brimmed with hatred for the man who had brought such suffering literally to their doorstep. Her father was dead because of this man, and it was because of that traitor that Betsie was slowly dying. When she asked her sister “Doesn’t it bother you?” she replied “Oh yes, Corrie! Terribly! **I’ve felt for him ever since I knew—and pray for him whenever his name comes into my mind.**”

As Betsie grew weaker, she kept insisting that she and Corrie had work to do after the war. She planned to have rehabilitation homes – with green paint and window boxes – for concentration camp survivors **as well as for people who had helped the Nazis.**

May God continue to bless you today and each day. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

KAIROS OUTSIDE September 24-26, 2021. Kairos Outside is designed to provide God’s Love to women affected by incarceration. The people of St. Joseph can “visit the imprisoned” by signing up to pray and/or donating money.

Fellow parishioner Ed Wissel, who is also on the Kairos Outside team, will be in the church breezeway after Mass next weekend, September 17/18, to sign you up to pray and accept donations.

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	\$ 12,711.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,203.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021-SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Joey Ross
8:15am: Henry Franzo
11:15am: Quade Turner

LECTORS

5:00pm: Ben Sunday, Karen Sunday
8:15am: Gina Bain, James Blanche
11:15am: Lee Cuff, Booker Terry

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Johnny Ayala
8:15am: Jeromy Menner
11:15am: Carrie Turner

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

CALENDAR

Sacramental Preparation



First
Reconciliation
And
First Eucharist

FIRST SACRAMENTS PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of our First Sacraments class on September 12 at 9:45 a.m. in Holy Family School. Details were sent out to the families by e-mail.

Don't forget to come in through the gym foyer and wear a mask.



- Sept. 12 RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.—Parish Office
RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.— SFH/HFS
- Sept. 19 RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.—Parish Office
RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.— SFH/HFS
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY—Please join in prayer and blessing for our catechetical teams as they begin/continue their ministries.
- Sept. 26 RCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.—Parish Office
RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.— SFH/HFS

The Joyful Workers of St. Joseph Church & Holy Family School Sponsored Fundraisers

Chicken dinners: Twelve dollars per plate. Pickup September 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Fr. Messmer Center. Pre-orders only—no onsite sales. Place your orders early. Sales in the church vestibule after each weekend Mass on September 4/5, 11/12 and 18/19.

Raffle: Raffle tickets were mailed to all St. Joseph parish families. Ten dollars per book of ten. Tickets are also available at the parish and Holy Family School offices. You can mail your payment and ticket stubs to St. Joseph church; place them in the collection basket at Mass, or turn in at the parish or Holy Family School office.

Drawings will be held September 26, 2021 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Don't miss out on money prizes of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 and \$300.00! All proceeds benefit the Holy Family School Building Fund.

Thank you for your support!



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL BOTTLE CAP RECYCLE CONTEST Holy Family School will again participate in the Huntsville Operation Green Team bottle cap recycling contest.

Fifty schools participated in 2020 and more than \$20,000 was awarded for classroom supplies. The bottle caps collected are recycled into paint buckets and, therefore, stay out of landfills. Recycling and reusing as much as possible is the best way to keep landfills down.

Thanks to the generosity of St. Joseph parishioners and Holy Family School parents, we recycled the most tonnage and won the contest last year. With your help, we can do it again!

Please bring your bottle caps to the Holy Family School or the St. Joseph church office.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST SEPTEMBER 19, 2021. The Knights of Columbus Council 4080 will hold its monthly charity "ALL YOU CAN EAT" breakfast on Sunday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Visitation Parish Life Center, 220 Lincoln Street in Huntsville. We will be serving eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, coffee and juice. Adult carry-outs are available.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

HFS Closed

5:15pm: HFS Capital Campaign Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00am: Quilters (LMR)

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:00pm: 5:00pm Saturday Mass Choir (SJC)

4:30pm: HFS Volleyball (FMC)

7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:00pm: 11:15 a.m. Mass Choir (SJC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Catechetical Sunday

Catechist Commissioning @ both Masses

9:30am: RE/RCIA (LMR/LIB/SFH/HFS)

Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym

SJC = St. Joseph Church

LMR/LIB = RE Center

BEA = Beasley Hall

STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

BRZWY = Breezeway

VBC = Von Braun Center