

# 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.



## 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.



## Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal  
 256.539.5221

## St. John Paul II Catholic High School

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 256.430.1760

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00am: +Mary Abraham, +Mary Joyce Higgins  
5:00pm: +Michael Carl Brown

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Ciro Barbieri

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00am: +Jim Novak

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00am: +Robert Ellis

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00am: +Raymond Borroni

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

### *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00am: Arturo & Macia Elena Jurado

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00am: Mary Scales

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00am: +Lorenzo Carrillo  
5:00pm: +Adoracion Fajardo

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:15am: +Mildred Cavins, +Daniel Conte  
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, 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, 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, Steven Weems and Serge Corvington.

### 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 we quickly head into our new Liturgical Year, I thought it would be good to do a little reflection on life. I pulled the information from an article in the October issue of *The Word Among Us*. The article's title was **5 Habits of an Extraordinary Christian Life: Finding God's Grave in the Ordinary** by Deacon Greg Kandra.



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He writes that in the 1970s, a collection of letters by the great Catholic writer Flannery O'Connor was published with the title ***The Habit of Being***. In so many ways, living as a Catholic comes down to that: it is "a habit of being." It is a way of living in the world and embracing God's grace and really, truly, *looking* for it. It also means looking for ways to bring more of that grace into the world ourselves by keeping in our hearts the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor.

It sounds so simple. But we know it isn't. We stumble. We fall. We forget. We sin. So, what can we do about it? Here are some ideas: Five "habits of being" – choices we can make that can change how we love. Over time, they can even make the ordinary life an extraordinary one. They can even draw us closer to God.

**The Habit of Prayer.** Taking just five minutes every morning to place ourselves before God and pray for the day ahead with praise, wonder, and hope can leave us open to God working in our lives. Other ideas are reading scripture, meditating on God's word, taking part in daily Mass or Adoration. All these can refocus our lives.

**The Habit of Gratitude.** An "attitude of gratitude" to God for the simple gift of life can open our hearts to so much that we might take for granted. It can help us to see God's generosity at work in the world and help us cherish even more unexpected blessings.

**The Habit of Attention.** Giving time and attention to those around us can help us to love the Lord by loving his creation. And that can help us love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Listening to those in pain, lending an ear to those in need, visiting those who are sick or homebound, and volunteering for a local soup kitchen or charity are all habits that can help us to see beyond ourselves. These habits can even help us see the face of Christ in other people.

**The Habit of Forgiveness.** This may be one of the hardest habits of all. When Jesus told Peter to forgive someone who sins against him "seventy-seven times." I imagine that Peter's jaw dropped. But Scripture is clear: "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you," we're told. Christ's own example on the cross, asking his Father to forgive those who put him to death. Holding a grudge is ordinary. We all do it. But to forgive, to love, to pray for those who despise us (or those we despise!) – that is extraordinary. It is the example of Christ. It is the ultimate way of loving our neighbor. If you find this hard, remember Habit NUMBER ONE: Pray. Ask for the grace, guidance, and resilience to forgive. The result will be something not just extraordinary, but very close to the heart of Christ.

**The Habit of Hope.** All the other four habits combined can uplift the heart, stir the spirit, and remind us that we Christians are people of Hope. We are Easter people who keep our eyes fixed on the cross but see beyond the empty tomb. We live in possibility. We trust in God's overwhelming mercy and the sure knowledge that he does not abandon us in our need.

May we each take the time to cultivate these habits of being. They will help to have influence in our lives and in the lives of others. Have a blessed day and week. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day.

*Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe*

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**PLEASE NOTE: We will have the blessing of Thanksgiving food at the 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass. If you would like to have your food blessed, you can bring it to the table set up in the environment area of the sanctuary.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 Ps Daniel 3:52-56 Luke 21:1-4	Friday	Daniel 7:2-14 Ps Daniel 3:75-81 Luke 21:29-33
Tuesday	Daniel 2:31-45 Ps Daniel 3:57-61 Luke 21:5-11	Saturday	Daniel 7:15-27 Ps Daniel 3:82-87 Luke 21:34-36
Wednesday	Daniel 5:11-6, 13-17, 23-28 Ps Daniel 3:62-67 Luke 21:12-19	Sunday <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	Jeremiah 33:14-16 PS 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Thursday	Daniel 6:12-28 Ps Daniel 3:68-74 Luke 21:20-28		

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

We have one more ministry workshop for all current liturgical ministers and anyone interested in becoming active in one of our liturgical ministries: altar server, choir member, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, lector, Liturgy of the Word with Children catechist, usher/greeter.

If you did not attend the Nov. 17 session and want to join us on December 4, please call the parish office to sign up if you have not already done so. Remember, you must attend one of these workshops to continue in your chosen ministry.

- Saturday, Dec. 4    10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

***Please call the parish office by November 30 to RSVP.***

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SCRIP** will be on sale after the following weekend Masses:

- November 20/21
- December 4/5
- December 18/19

**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.

**SANTA'S TABLE MINI CRAFT FAIR IN ST. FRANCIS HALL**

Saturday, December 4    noon-5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 5    9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Come browse our selection of beautiful Altared Glass and other handcrafted items, just in time to pick up some unique Christmas gifts.

**CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING**

Regular Collection	\$ 8,924.69
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,786.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2021-NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm: Matteo Ayala, Gabriela Ayala  
8:15am: Juliet Spradlin, Gabe Stewart  
11:15am: Robert Whitehead

**LECTORS**

5:00pm: Laura Hall, Sabine Wlodarski  
8:15am: Connie Abbott, Nancy Waldron  
11:15am: Lee Cuffe, Florence Okafor

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00pm: Damien Donnelly  
8:15am: Cecilia Bruton  
11:15am: Bernita Briggs

# Religious Education

## *Formation and Catechesis*

### CHRISTMAS CARD OUTREACH

Our Religious Education children and youth have re-purposed old Christmas cards and made new ones for our Christmas boxes again this year. They did a wonderful job to brighten the families with the joy of Christmas! The cards all center around Christ's birth, the Holy Family and the spirit of the Incarnation. Thank you for making Christmas come alive in the lives of others!



Nov. 21

***NO RE/RCIA***

RCIA Team Meeting 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Parish Office

Nov. 28

***NO RE/RCIA—Thanksgiving***

***Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!***



### ST. JOSEPH 2021 CHRISTMAS BOX PROGRAM

It's Christmas Box time at St. Joseph! We will be preparing about 125 baskets this year. All food donations must be returned to the church by December 10. You can also purchase Scrip for the baskets, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Basket Donation", and place in the offertory basket. We will have two collections designated for the Christmas Boxes — the Thanksgiving collection and the second collection on December 4 and December 5. Proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store gift cards. These gift cards will allow recipients to purchase perishable items, such as meats and fresh produce, that we do not provide.

#### Important Dates

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| Nov. 25        | Thanksgiving collection                    |
| Nov. 30/Dec. 1 | Begin bringing donations of food to church |

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| Dec. 4/5 | Second collection at all Masses          |
| Dec. 10  | Last day to bring donated food to church |
| Dec. 11  | Count and sort donated items—9:00 a.m.   |
| Dec. 18  | Pack the boxes—9:00 a.m.                 |
| Dec. 19  | Boxes available for pick-up or delivery  |

This is a big annual undertaking for our parish that could not be done without the efforts of everyone who contributes to this outreach ministry. It is a wonderful way to enter into the spirit of Christmas and a blessed family and community event.

Please give generously of your time, talent and spirit to make this another successful year. For more information, call Gina Yates at 256-534-8459.

***NOTE: We ask that you return your Christmas Box food bags to the church when you come to weekend Mass. Please do not bring them to the parish office or the church during the week. Thank you for your cooperation.***

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

### HFS Closed Nov. 22-26—Thanksgiving Break

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LMR)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

*Parish Office Closed-Thanksgiving*

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

*Parish Office Closed-Thanksgiving*

5:00pm: Rollin Putzier/Kirsten Rousseau  
Wedding Rehearsal (SJC)

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

2:00pm: Rollin Putzier/Kirsten Rousseau  
Wedding (SJC)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

***NO RE/RCIA—THANKSGIVING***

#### 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