**SUNDAY, JANUARY 09, 2022**

**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
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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
*The Good News in Education*

**Holy Family School—Huntsville**
Jim Bell, Principal
256.539.5221

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Jeremiah H. Russell, Ph.D., Headmaster
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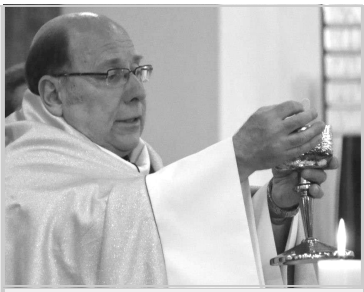

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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, JANUARY 08
8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Jean Henken Kennedy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 09
***Baptism of the Lord***
8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 10
7:00am: +Charles Borroni

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
7:00am: +Dorothy Merrill

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12
7:00am: +Souls in Purgatory
Deceased FOSS Members

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13
7:00am: +Michael Morrone
9:00am:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14
7:00am: +George Jtineant

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm: +Pedro & Petronella Williams

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16
8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Patricia Schuessler

## 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 Lefebzre, 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, Serge Corvington, Bob Strang, Jonathan Longino.

***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:

I hope you had a good start to the new year. God blessed us with a blanket of snow on the Sunday evening of the Epiphany and the early morning of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

I was struck with the Gospel and reflection I read for December 30 (the Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas) published in the Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass (Liturgical Press). It made me think and hope it will do that for you. The Gospel is from St. Luke (***Luke 2:36-40***).

**THE GOSPEL TEXT**

There was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after their marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.

She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

**THE REFLECTION**

"Monotony can occasionally settle into our spiritual lives. We might wonder: What good comes from repeating Hail Marys and Our Fathers over and over again day after day? What good comes from sitting through Masses that seem celebrated without inspiration and passion week after week? What good comes from all the little acts of charity and patience when no one seems to recognize them?

The prophetess Anna might have asked similar questions. For decades, "she never left the temple but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer." After the monotony of years, she might have asked, 'What's the point?' She probably noticed very little change in her virtue and closeness to God, day by day. Yet, after so many years of faithfulness, she was clearly transformed. Among the throng of people at the temple, how could someone immediately recognize a single child in the arms of his poor parents as the awaited Messiah? Merely human eyes could not have perceived that. Instead, decades of faithfulness to prayer and charity slowly transformed Anna, allowing her to see more and more as God sees.

Over the years, she became radically open to the grace of God. It was precisely by this grace – not by her merely human eyes or human effort – that she was able to recognize Jesus as the awaited Messiah. Do not despair if you see little change day by day in your virtue or your prayer life. Do not despair if you feel like you have little faith. Instead, remain committed like Anna to prayer and little acts of charity, trusting that grace will slowly transform you through those little daily sacrifices until you can see with the eyes of God."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said about success: "**We are not here to be successful; we are here to be FAITHFUL.** God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try. I am not called to be successful; I am called to be faithful. God is not as interested in success as in faithfulness."

May you have a grace-filled week. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

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

### *READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

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| Monday | 1 Samuel 1:1-8<br>Ps 116:12-19<br>Mark 1:14-20 |
| Tuesday | 1 Samuel 1:9-20<br>Ps 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd<br>Mark 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday | 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20<br>Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10<br>Mark 1:29-39 |
| Thursday | 1 Samuel 4:1-11<br>Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25<br>Mark 1:40-45 |
| Friday | 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a<br>Ps 89:16-19<br>Mark 2:1-12 |
| Saturday | 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1<br>Ps 21:2-7<br>Mark 2:13-17 |
| Sunday | Isaiah 62:1-5<br>PS 96:1-3, 7-10<br>1 Corinthians 12:4-11<br>John 2:1-11 |

**Thank You** The St. Zita Disaster Relief and Recovery group would like to thank you for your continued support, prayers and donations.

We fully loaded a 12-foot U-Haul trailer and a pickup truck, and delivered supplies to Christ the King Church and the Knights of Columbus in Madisonville, Kentucky. These supplies were disseminated to residents of Madisonville and other smaller communities along the recent tornado's path. We also purchased supplies for Dawson Springs, Kentucky residents. We could not do this without your donations, and we are truly grateful!

St. Zita is a ministry that strives to be the hands and feet of Christ. We collect donations to help with disasters, but we are also boots on the ground participating in clean-up and rebuilding after tornadoes and hurricanes.

If you would like more information about what we do, or to become part of our team, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT** Have your or someone you love been affected by Parkinson's disease? We have a comprehensive program through the Huntsville Madison County Senior Center.

We offer boxing, dance, yoga and activities for safe swallowing, voice and cognition. We are also a one-stop shop for Parkinson's education.

For more information, call Carolyn Rhodes at 256-513-8292.

**THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, for lunch at The City Café Diner, 2003 Drake Avenue in Huntsville. Please call Cathy at 256-489-711 for information, reservations or cancellations. Newcomers are always welcome. We are an informal group and just get together for fellowship and to enjoy a meal together. Come join us.

**SYNODAL SPECIAL DIALOGUE SESSION** for our parish community on February 26, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist church in Madison. Please visit ***www.saintjosephcc.com*** 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**

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| Regular Collection | $ 9,481.00 |
| Holy Day | $ 2,068.00 |
| Other Designated Funds | $ 1,782.00 |

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

### *JANUARY 15, 2021-JANUARY 16, 2021*

ALTAR SERVERS
5:00pm: Volunteers
8:15am: Juliet Spradlin, Gabe Stewart
11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Diego Collins

LECTORS
5:00pm: Laura Hall, Mary Graham
8:15am: Claire Fried, Jillian Fried
11:15am: Tom Uss, Randy Buckner

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
5:00pm: McKinley Curtis
8:15am: Connie Abbott
11:15am: Bruce Taylor

# Religious Education
## Formation and Catechesis

**A NEW YEAR'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

- Pray more alone, with others
- Be faithful to Sunday Mass
- Commit to learning more about your Catholic faith
- Be active in one or more ministries
- Help in outreach opportunities

**CALENDAR**

**RE Academic Year 2021-2022**

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| Jan. 9 | RE/RCIA —9:30—11:00<br>RCIA Welcoming Rite @ 8:15 am Mass<br>1st Communion Parent Meeting @ 10:00 am<br>Catechist Retreat @ 12:30 pm-2:30 pm<br>LWC @ 8:15 am & 11:15 am Masses |
| Jan. 16 | ***NO RE/RCIA—MLK weekend*** |
| Jan. 23 | RE—9:30—11:00 - SFH/HFS<br>RCIA—9:30-11:00—Parish Office Bldg. |
| Jan. 30 | RE—9:30—11:00 - SFH/HFS<br>RCIA—9:30-11:00—Parish Office Bldg. |

**Prayer Vigil & Witness for Life @ Planned Parenthood**

***Could you not watch with Me for one hour?***
On the Threshold of Overturning Roe v Wade

**Prayer Vigil and Witness For Life**
**Saturday, January 15, 10:45 a.m.**
**Planned Parenthood**
**1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham AL**
**CEC for Life, United for Life and Birmingham March for Life**
**are once again hosting the**
**Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life**
**Planned Parenthood Abortion Mill**

Let us all together pray and work for Life!

Peaceful and legal, rain, snow or shine
Bring your family & friends
For more Information
**205.447.8796**

**BENEFIT BREAKFAST JANUARY 16, 2022.** The Knights of Columbus Council 4080 will hold its monthly charity breakfast on Sunday, January 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Visitation Parish Life Center, 220 Lincoln Street in Huntsville. We will serve eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, coffee and juice.

Dear Supporters:

Scholarships for Kids allows Alabama taxpayers to REDIRECT up to half of their state taxes owed to provide school choice opportunities for students from low-income households across the state. Over 700 of you have supported us already, and we thank you so much!

Scholarships for Kids is unique: it is the *only* way that you as an Alabama taxpayer can decide how your taxes are spent. Last year, we provided 1,700 scholarships—this year we can offer even more for the growing demand for students in need.

Remember: this is a *dollar-for-dollar tax credit*; you get back every dollar you invest in this program!

When you make your reservation, please mail your checks immediately as we are experiencing significant mail delays across the state. If you are making your contribution as a corporate or pass-through entity, please ensure it is made under the corporate MAT account and in the name of the entity, not the individual.

Thank you again for your generosity.

***Stephen Bridgers***
***P.O. Box 10204***
***Birmingham, AL 35202***
***Scholarshipsforkids.org***
205-246-5613

SCHOLARSHIPS for KIDS
Empowering Education in Alabama

# Here Is What's Happening This Week

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10**
5:00pm: HFS Basketball (FMC)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**
9:00am: Quilters (LMR)
10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**
9:00am: Rosary Knotters (LMR)
4:00pm: 5:00 pm Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LIB)
7:00pm: 8:15 am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**
4:00pm: 11:15 am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
5:00pm: HFS Basketball (FMC)
5:00pm: Christmas Box Program (LMR)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**
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***