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SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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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.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 07

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Rebecca Byrne

SUNDAY, MAY 08

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Don Mayer

MONDAY, MAY 09

7:00am: People of Ukraine

TUESDAY, MAY 10

7:00am: +Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

7:00am: +Raymond Borrioni

THURSDAY, MAY 12

7:00am: +Mary Wissel
9:00am: Holy Family School

FRIDAY, MAY 13

7:00am: +Gene David Bazzel

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:00am: +C. Lubrano
5:00pm: +George I. Maleroid

SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:15am: +Alberto Costagliola
11:15am: For the Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



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, Marissa Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, 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, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Laura Velkei.

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:

Happy Mother's Day. Let us honor our mothers and those who have watched over us and taken care of us. The following came from an e-mail I received from *Monastery Icons*.



PASTOR

9 Ways the Virgin Mary is Our Mother

May is the month of motherhood—Mother's Day, the season of the beginning of new life, the month traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and the perfect time to reflect upon the many ways that the Virgin Mary is our Mother.

1. Our literal Mother, our living Mother

"If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me." — *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Born into the mystical body of Christ through Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, we are joined with the Blessed Virgin in a profound way. She is the source of our "spiritual DNA." Her role as the Mother of Christians is far beyond that of, for example, George Washington's role as "the father of our country." For it is not merely historical, but is a living and breathing union, with us now in this world and continuing into the next.

2. The Mother that protects

"Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary." — *Saint Bonaventure*.

A mother is always in the "first line of defense" of her children, on the lookout for their safety and ready to protect them at all costs, even at times ferociously. The history of the Church abounds in stories of the Virgin Mary's miraculous protection of her children.

3. Nothing is too small or too great for the Holy Virgin

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." — *Saint Francis de Sales*

From the smallest cut on a toddler's finger to a failed marriage of an adult child, a mother is always there to listen, to console, to help. There is no obstacle or predicament in our life that is too small or too great to bring in prayer and heartfelt conversation to the Holy Virgin, because...

4. She sees all and forgives all . . .

There is nothing we should — or can — hide from our heavenly Mother. Nor anything that is so shameful that we should draw back from bringing it before her for her help. Think of the stories of saints who started out in life as anything but holy, such as Mary of Egypt, a young woman hopelessly and shamelessly addicted to sexual profligacy, who was miraculously barred by an invisible force from entering the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem to venerate the Holy Cross. Realizing it was her way of life that was the obstacle to her entrance, she gazed at the Holy Virgin's icon above the entrance and vowed repentance and obedience to the Virgin's direction for her life. The miraculous barrier disappeared, she entered and worshipped, and then a heavenly voice directed her into the desert of Jordan, where for 47 years she lived a superhuman life of asceticism and solitary prayer and became *Saint Mary of Egypt*.

5. . . but she expects so MUCH!

"Mary is the sure path to our meeting with Christ. Devotion to the Mother of the Lord, when it is genuine, is always to a life guided by the spirit and values of the Gospel." — *Pope John Paul II*

The story of Saint Mary of Egypt illustrates an important point. Just as no earthly mother is satisfied with her child remaining a toddler, the Blessed Virgin expects us too to stand up on our own two feet and walk. And the goal she expects us to walk to and reach is the highest; she wants all her children — you and I — to become saints!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 John 6:60-69	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-9, 10-11ab John 14:1-6
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-7 John 10:22-30	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 John 15:9-17
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 John 12:44-50	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Revelation 21:1-5a John 13:31-33a, 34-35
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 John 13:16-20		

6. A mother of good counsel

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary." – **St. Thomas Aquinas**

The Blessed Virgin doesn't just point us to the "yellow brick road" of sanctity. If we are smart enough to seek it in prayer, her guidance is there at every step of the journey.

7. The perfect example

"May the Most Holy Virgin, who was the first to practice the gospel perfectly and in all its severity, even before it was proclaimed, spur us on to follow closely in her footsteps." – **Padre Pio**

And what better guide for our journey to sainthood than the life of the Virgin Mary herself? In the Gospels she appears at most if not all the major junctures in Christ's life-drama, and through these we begin to get a glimpse into her heart and mind. It is well worth the time to get a deeper look into her heavenly life and nature through books like Anna Catherine Emmerich's *The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and apocryphal accounts of her life, like *The Gospel of the Nativity of Mary* and *The Book of John Concerning the Falling Asleep of Mary*.

8. Another dimension

A good mother is always encouraging to her children, wishing their best and highest. Our Heavenly Mother does that but even more, for she **empowers** her children for the best and highest. Many saints learned from their own direct experience how the Virgin Mary can grant Christian's breakthroughs, spiritual graces, and gifts of wisdom beyond their own reach and expectations.

9. "Rejoice, O Virgin!"

The Eastern Christian praises of the Virgin Mary again and again sing "Rejoice, O Virgin!," celebrating her glory and that of her Son. But there is another side to this rejoicing. Just as an earthly mother rejoices in her children's accomplishments and victories, both personal and public, so also the Mother of God's heart is gladdened by our efforts and success in spiritual life, by our progress towards "coming to the full measure of the stature of Christ."

Like the best of children, may we always remember and appreciate the great gift of having the Holy Virgin as our true mother—and live accordingly!

May you have a blessed day. You are in my thoughts and prayers each and every day.

Always in the Savior, 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	\$ 13,142.69
Other Designated Funds	\$ 5,503.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

MAY 14, 2022-MAY 15, 2022

ALTAR SERVERS

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

LECTORS

5:00pm: Mary Graham, McKinley Curtis
8:15am: Ellen Styles, Robert Styles
11:15am: Tom Uss, Lee Cuffe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Philip Graham
8:15am: Gina Bain
11:15am: Carrie Turner

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



**We are back! Join our Tri-Parish
Vacation Bible School Event *Pandamania!***

When: June 15,16,17

Where: St. Joseph Church

Time: 9:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Sign up the kids and sign up to help in the breezeway

Anyone needing to update their Youth Protection or who is going to work in a ministry where children and youth are present, can take the online course free of charge at www.virtus.org.

CALENDAR

RE Academic Year 2021-2022

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| May 8 | NO RCIA—Happy Mother's Day!
LWC @ 8:15 am & 11:15 am Masses |
| May 15 | RCIA—9:30-11:00 Parish Office Bldg.
Catechist Meeting—9:30-11:00 SFH |
| May 22 | RCIA—9:30-11:00 Parish Office Bldg.
Godparent & Sponsor Meeting—9:30 SFH |

Congratulations First Communicants!

Blessings to James, Roxie, Jose, Diego, Noah, Zara, Richard and Skyla. And many thanks to Ann Bell, Paula Bertrand and Fr. Joe for their help in preparing our children for this day.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS on Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in St. Francis Hall.

This class is required for parents and godparents. Please call the parish office at 256-534-8459 to register or if you need more information.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are excited to announce that we will produce a new parish pictorial directory this year.

Our picture-taking dates are July 21-23 and September 28-October 1. You will have an opportunity to sign up for the dates that are most convenient for you on June 4/5 and June 11/12.

Check the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

REMINDER: When the parish office is closed or there is no staff on the premises, the church will be locked after the 7:00 a.m. daily Mass.

18th Annual Her Choice -GOLF FORE LIFE!

Friday, May 20, 2022

Highland Park Golf Course, Birmingham, AL
Noon Lunch & SHOTGUN START at 1:00 p.m

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Annual Golf Tournament a *Scramble Format* - will be played on Friday, May 20 at Highland Park Golf Course. Highland Golf Course is great for golfers of all skill levels and has been recognized for the best bent grass greens in Birmingham, with beautiful vistas along Red Mountain.

We will tee off promptly at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided beginning at noon. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up.

We are also asking individuals, families, ministries and companies to be **Hole Sponsors for \$500.00.**

For personal or team registration, contact **Jim Pinto at Golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org, 205-447.8796 or 205-252.0706.**

Registration Deadline is Thursday, May 12th

Here Is What's Happening This Week

HFS Book Fair, May 10-12, 8:00am-3:00pm
SFH Small Classroom

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- 9:00am: Quilters (LMR)
- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 6:00pm: Baptism Prep (SFH)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

- 9:00am: Rosary Knotters (LMR)
- 2:00pm: 5:00pm Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
- 6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LIB)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- 6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- 9:30am: Catechist Meeting (SFH)
- 9:30am: RCIA (LMR/LIB)

Facilities Key

- FMC = Messmer Center/Gym
- SJC = St. Joseph Church
- SFH = St. Francis Hall
- LMR/LIB = RE Center
- BEA = Beasley Hall
- STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
- BRZWHY = Breezeway
- VBC = Von Braun Center