

# 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 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed during lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to [bulletin@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephcc.com) no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.



## Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal  
256.539.5221

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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).

## ANOIDTING 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, NOVEMBER 18

8:00am: Diana Ruzicka  
5:00pm: +Renata Befecadu

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Magdiun Gomez

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00am: +Marian Grode

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00am: +Ciro Barbieri

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00am: +Mary Abraham

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

### **Thanksgiving Day**

9:00am: +Rick Harris

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00am: End of Abortion & All Aborted Children

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00am: +Rick Harris  
5:00pm: +Elfriede Nollmann

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:15am: +Karen Pohl  
11:15am: For the Parish

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*We are here to pray for you!*



James McGee, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourke, Jr., Cindy Morales, John & Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, John Howard, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Patricia Hendersen, Diane Goguen, Matthew M., Selena M., Steven Weems, Serge Corvington, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxon Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Emma Rose Montague, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Heidi Brown, Mary Vandergrift, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sundry, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Platt.

### **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 all are doing well. Last week was a great celebration for the parish. On Saturday, November 4, we hosted the Diocesan Prayer and Rosary to end gun violence. On Tuesday, November 7, we had a wonderful celebration of Confirmation. Twelve of our young people and one adult received the Sacrament from Bishop Raica. On Thursday, November 9, we cooked and hosted 40 plus young adults for dinner. On Friday, November 10, we had a wonderful concert with Dan Schutte. To end the week, on Saturday evening we welcomed Alicia Owens into full communion as she made her Profession of Faith, Confirmation and First Communion. God truly blessed our parish with so many wonderful events. Finally, as all this was taking place, the walls were going up for the new school. We have so much to be thankful for.

Last week, I received an e-mail containing the words of the Eucharistic Revival Congress theme song. I thought the words were so powerful that I wanted to share them with you this weekend. I will share the author's notes next weekend.



## **LET THE EARTH ACCLAIM CHRIST JESUS**

*Hymn Text by Kathleen Pluth*

Let the earth acclaim Christ Jesus, God the Father's equal Son,  
in the Virgin's womb incarnate when the course of time had run.  
He became for us a servant, bore the cross and crushed the grave,  
and remains, a living Presence, to complete his plan to save.

For the same divine Lord Jesus, by our gracious Father sent,  
comes to us upon the altar in the Blessed Sacrament.  
Here he stands and knocks for entry. See, the King of glory waits!  
Open wide the door in welcome. Lift up high the ancient gates!

Jesus rose upon the third day as the Holy Spirit willed,  
like a seed once dead and buried till the times had been fulfilled;  
and his glorious Resurrection raises not the Lord alone:  
those who eat and drink his Supper stay in him, become his own.

God, pure goodness ever-living, source of everlasting days,  
gives this pledge of life eternal to the Church he works to raise:  
by this foretaste of the Kingdom weakened souls begin to thrive,  
darkened minds are filled with wisdom, stony hearts and wills revive.

In this festival of gladness may we be transformed, O Lord,  
Sacrifice, O Source and Summit, Jesus, Eucharist adored.  
Jesus, Sacrament most holy, Jesus, Sacrament divine,  
may all praise and all thanksgiving be at every moment thine.

*Winning hymn of the USCCB Eucharistic Theme Song Competition*

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I hope that this new week is filled with many blessings. I am so grateful for each of you and how you have helped to bring the goodness and kindness of the Savior to all you meet. You truly are Salvatorian in thought, word and deed. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving and enjoy your family and friends. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Luke 18:35-43	Friday	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Ps 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd-11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Luke 19:45-48
Tuesday	2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Luke 19:1-10	Saturday	1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Luke 20:27-40
Wednesday	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,15 Luke 19:11-28	Sunday	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 <i>Christ the King</i> Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday	Sirach 50:22-24 Ps 113:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Luke 17:11-19		
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>			



**CHRISTMAS BOXES 2023**

It's Christmas Box time at St. Joseph! Please pick up a food item list from the church vestibule or the parish office. All donations must be returned to the church by December 8. You can also purchase Scrip for the boxes, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Box Donation," and place in the offertory basket. We will have two collections designated for the Christmas Boxes—the Thanksgiving Day collection and a second collection on December 2 and 3. Proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store gift cards. The gift cards will allow recipients to buy perishable items, such as meats and fresh produce, that we do not provide. Please help us on the following important dates.

Nov. 18/19	Begin bringing food donations to church
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day collection
Dec. 2/3	Second collection at all Masses
Dec. 8	Last day to bring donated food

- Dec. 9 Count and sort donated items—9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 15 Build packing boxes—5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Pack the boxes—9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 17 Boxes available for pick-up

This is a big annual undertaking for our parish that could not be done without the efforts of all who contribute 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 the parish office at 256-534-8459.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

This week's sanctuary flowers are courtesy of Theresa Befecadu in memory of her daughter, Renata Befecadu.

**CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING**

Regular Collection	\$ 10,950.89
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,938.33

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 25-NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00pm: Mike Rose
- 8:15am: Levi Stewart, Jacob Spradlin
- 11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Kaylen Nyochembeng

**LECTORS**

- 5:00pm: Grady Harmon, Randy Buckner
- 8:15am: Robert Styles, Ellen Styles
- 11:15am: Helen Taylor, Bruce Taylor

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00pm: Jamie St. Germain\*, Philip Graham, Laura Hall, Tammy Hoskins, Sherri Lynn Ross
- 8:15am: Paula Bertrand\*, Bill Billingsley, Linda Billingsley, David Brost, Cecilia Bruton
- 11:15am: Bernita Briggs\*, Brenda Brown, Kristy Hayne, Michelle Jansen, Jerolyn Golightly

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis

### ADVENT ACTIVITIES

In our RE classes on December 3, we will have some Advent activities and projects. Parents are invited to come and help. Youth Protection certificate is required. Call Carmen at the parish office for more details and to offer your help.

*The Religious Education staff and volunteers wishes all our parish families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!*



**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** In just under one year, Catholics from all over the U.S. will gather in Indianapolis, Indiana for the National Eucharistic Congress. It promises to be a defining moment for the Church in America. We are pleased to announce details for those who wish to join the official pilgrimage from the Diocese of Birmingham.

Visit <https://bhmdiocese.org/revivalpilgrimage> for details.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MONTHLY MASS** at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Birmingham the second Thursday of each month. Come worship, praise and enjoy coming together to give glory to God. Confessions are at 6:15 p.m., praise music at 6:30 p.m. and Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. Individual prayer is available after Mass. All are welcome.

**ADVENT JOURNEY TO GRACE** Join Johnnette Williams on Saturday, December 2, at Our Lady of Sorrows Family Life Center in Birmingham. Women of all ages, including middle and high school girls, are invited. Prepare your heart for the Coming of Christ and learn about your authentic femininity. Registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Fr. Frankline Fomukong will celebrate Mass at 9:00. Johnnette speaks at 10:00 a.m. This retreat is free with gifts, door prizes, refreshments and crafts for the girls!

RSVP to [cwestbrook@womenofgrace.com](mailto:cwestbrook@womenofgrace.com).

### FORMATION CALENDAR

Nov. 19/26	<b>NO RE/OCIA—Happy Thanksgiving!</b>
Nov. 26	<b>LWC @ 8:15 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Masses</b>
Dec. 3	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HFS (enter via Messmer Center) OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building Advent Activities for RE
Dec. 10	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HFS (enter via Messmer Center) OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building <b>LWC @ 8:15 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Masses</b>
Dec. 17-31	<b>NO RE/OCIA</b> <b>A joyful and blessed Christmas to all!</b>

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**  
is the new name for RCIA

**PLEDGE CARD REMINDER** If you regularly donate to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign and have not submitted a pledge card, please consider doing so. In order to receive permission from the Diocese to move forward with our next building phase, we must show that we have the pledges to financially support the project. If you need more information, contact Patty in the parish office.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SANTA'S WORKSHOP:** Help our kids "play Santa" for their families by donating new or never used items to stock our Santa Store where students can shop for just \$1-5 per item. We're looking for toys, books, household items, tools or anything kids would pick out for their loved ones. All proceeds go to the school. Donations can be dropped in the special box in the church breezeway or at the school office by Friday, December 1. Questions? Email [TaraMGarvin@gmail.com](mailto:TaraMGarvin@gmail.com) or text 304-389-9924.

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

**HFS Thanksgiving Break Nov. 20-24**  
**Parish Office Closed Nov. 23-24**

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00am: HFS Builder Meeting (LIB)  
6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)  
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

4:00pm: Jesse Hatcher/Maretta Dorsey  
Wedding Rehearsal (SJC)  
5:00pm: Hatcher/Dorsey Rehearsal  
Dinner (SFH)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

1:00pm: Hatcher/Dorsey Wedding (SJC)

### 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  
**BRZWY** = Breezeway  
**VBC** = Von Braun Center