

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

# PENTECOST



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# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:00am: +Robert Meinholz  
5:00pm: David & Devan Bronson

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Jeremy Beard

## MONDAY, MAY 20

7:00am: +Gary Swarengin

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:00am: Dan & Clare Martin

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00am: Jeffrey Martin & Vivian Mora

## THURSDAY, MAY 23

7:00am: +Robert Ellis

## FRIDAY, MAY 24

7:00am: +Victoria Rosser  
9:00am: \* Thanks to St. Anthony of Padua

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

8:00am: +Earline T. Henderson  
5:00pm: +Theresa Arnold

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:15am: +Viviana Uribe Torres  
11:15am: For the Parish

**\*HFS School Mass**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, John & Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, 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 Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, 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, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Heidi Brown, Mary Vandergrift, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sunday, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave.

### 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 wonderful week. I especially hope that all the mothers were treated with much love and honor on Mother's Day. The following came from *Monastery Icons*. I thought it was something to ponder during this month.



## Nine Ways the Virgin Mary is Our Mother (Part 1 of 2)

May is the month of motherhood – Mother's Day, the season of the beginning of new life and the month traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. It is 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 who 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 me, to become saints!

Look for Part 2 of this piece next week. In the meantime, I hope that you have a blessed day filled with many graces and joys. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

|           |   |          |   |
|-----------|---|----------|---|
| Monday    | Genesis 3:9-15, 20<br>Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5-7<br>John 19:25-34      | Friday   | James 5:9-12<br>Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12<br>Mark 10:1-12  |
| Tuesday   | James 4:1-10<br>Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23<br>Mark 9:30-37 | Saturday | James 5:13-20<br>Ps 141:1-2, 3, 8<br>Mark 10:13-16  |
| Wednesday | James 4:13-17<br>Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11<br>Mark 9:38-40     | Sunday   | Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40<br><b>Most Holy Trinity</b><br>Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22<br>Romans 8:14-17<br>Matthew 28:16-20 |
| Thursday  | James 5:1-6<br>Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-20<br>Mark 9:41-50  |          |   |

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE**, located at 2140 Jonathan Drive, NW, Huntsville is in need of a truck driver.

This is a paid position and would be about 20 hours per week. A CDL is not required, but a good driving record is. If interested, please apply in person, or call 256-851-8881 and ask to speak with the Manager. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**2024 SUMMER CAMP AT ST. BERNARD** Camp St. Bernard offers an overnight and day experience for campers ages 6-14. Spaces are still available for this traditional Catholic summer camp.

This affordable summer camp runs weekly sessions Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon for campers to experience God's gifts through nature, friendship and St. Bernard Abbey.

For more information, visit [www.campstbernard.com](http://www.campstbernard.com), or contact [campstbernard@gmail.com](mailto:campstbernard@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**TREASURES OF THE WORLD** sale event is June 28/29. This week's spotlight is on UNIQUE BOUTIQUE.

Evening wear will be accepted, including formal dresses, suits, tuxedos, furs, jewelry and religious items.

Drop-off dates and times at the Messmer Center:

June 22, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 23, 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO OTHER DROP-OFF TIMES ARE AVAILABLE.

**GRANT WRITERS NEEDED** The Holy Family Capital Campaign Committee is looking for grant writers. If you are an experienced grant writer and would like to share your talent, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459 with your name and contact information.

**THANK YOU** We are deeply indebted to the parishioners of St. Joseph for your most generous response to our Lenten Tanzanian Water Project appeal. Your donation will surely help work miracles for the poor of Tanzania. Water is life, and you are a source of life through your generosity. *Gratefully, Sr. Jean Schafer, SDS - Provincial Leader, Sisters of the Divine Savior*



**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     | \$ 9,649.94 |
| Other Designated Funds | \$ 2,095.58 |

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**MAY 25-MAY 26, 2024**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm: Larry Bayer, Mike Rose  
8:15am: Henry Franco  
11:15am: Jackson Lewis

**LECTORS**

5:00pm: Maria Craig, Diane Hollingshead  
8:15am: Ellen Styles, Robert Styles  
11:15am: Florence Okafor, Cathy Tichow

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00pm: Karen Thompson\*, Patty Ayala, Jenny Craig,  
Rita Cusack, Geri Donnelly  
8:15am: Gina Bain\*, Muriel Weston, Laura Hall,  
Teri Lynch, Jamie Stewart  
11:15am: Norma Whitehead\*, Gerald Wocken, Donnis Aragon,  
Bernita Briggs, Brenda Brown

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis



Vacation Bible School sign-up continues. Dates and times are on the forms in the breezeway Sign up your children! Youth and adults can volunteer to help. This Sunday is the last day to order a SCUBA T-shirt!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

We continue registration for next year until the end of May. After that, you will have to fill out the forms in the parish office. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. for lunch.

### FORMATION CALENDAR

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|----------|--|
| May 19   | OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.<br>Parish Office Building                    |
| May 26   | <b>NO OCIA—Memorial Day</b>  |
| June 2   | OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.<br>Parish Office Building                    |
| June 3-7 | <b>SCUBA VBS</b><br>St. Mary of the Visitation<br>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. |
| June 9   | OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.<br>Parish Office Building                    |
| June 16  | <b>NO OCIA - Happy Father's Day!</b>                                   |

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

### HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL JOB OPENING for Elementary School Kitchen Manager/Cook (Full-Time)

#### Key Responsibilities:

**Meal Preparation:** Plan and prepare nutritious meals for students according to established menus and dietary guidelines.

**Kitchen Management:** Oversee the day-to-day operations of the school kitchen, including inventory management, ordering supplies and maintaining a clean and organized workspace.

**Supervision:** Lead and supervise kitchen staff, ensuring a positive and collaborative work environment.

**Food Safety:** Strictly adhere to ServSafe principles and guidelines to maintain a high standard of food safety and hygiene.

**Qualifications:** Previous experience in a school or institutional kitchen setting is preferred. Strong knowledge of food safety regulations and best practices. Excellent organizational and communication skills. Ability to work collaboratively in a fast-paced environment. ServSafe certification is mandatory.

**How to Apply:** Interested candidates should submit their resume, cover letter and a list of professional references to [rlockwood@hfscatholic.com](mailto:rlockwood@hfscatholic.com). Please include "Kitchen Manager/Cook Application - [Your Name]" in the subject line.

**Holy Family School is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply.**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** St. Joseph parish has an opening for a Director of Religious Education (DRE). Qualifications include:

- College graduate
- Bilingual English-Spanish preferred
- Catholic religious education background with teaching and church administrative experience
- Computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft office applications and database management software

Interested qualified candidates should submit their resume to [jlubrano@salvatorians.com](mailto:jlubrano@salvatorians.com).

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

### MONDAY, MAY 20

5:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

### TUESDAY, MAY 21

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

6:00pm: Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:00am: HFS PreK/Kindergarten  
Graduation (FMC)

6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)

6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

4:00pm: JPPII Graduation (VBC)

5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

**HFS Last Day of School—Noon Dismissal**

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

**NO OCIA—Memorial Day**

### Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym

SJC = St. Joseph Church

SFH = St. Francis Hall

LMR/LIB = RE Center

STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

BRZWW = Breezeway

VBC = Von Braun Center