

# 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

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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).

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. 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, JUNE 01

8:00am: For the Unborn  
5:00pm: +Catherine Sperando

## SUNDAY, JUNE 02

### *Corpus Christi*

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Ted & Jean Sikora

## MONDAY, JUNE 03

7:00am: +Richard Rice

## TUESDAY, JUNE 04

7:00am: +Leci William Skinner

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 05

7:00am: +Nino Volpe

## THURSDAY, JUNE 06

7:00am: Ezra Morris

## FRIDAY, JUNE 07

7:00am: +Patrick Onwubiko

## SATURDAY, JUNE 08

8:00am: +Clara L. Rodrigues  
5:00pm: Bob Sayre

## SUNDAY, JUNE 09

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie  
11:15am: For the Parish

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



This week, I received the weekly Up-Date from the Salvatorian Provincial Office in Milwaukee. It included this article written by our Salvatorian Sister ministering at our school in Nazareth. Some of us went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land a few years ago and we visited the Salvatorian Sisters in Nazareth. I wanted to pass it on to you and ask for your prayers for the safety of the sisters, the students, and the end of this war. In war, no one wins.

### **In Nazareth, we light a peace candle amid the suffering of war.**

*by Sister Suneela Polimetla, SDS*

*May 22, 2024*

The daily routine of my life at the Salvatorian Sisters' School in Nazareth, Israel, used to be lively, with kids arriving at school with broad smiles. Children from lower grades ran toward teachers and sisters to give and receive warm, cozy hugs. Students from higher classes arrived on time and cherished the quiet moments on the school campus or got lost in the world of mobile devices.

But the present situation, of which the world is already aware, involves the horrifying war that broke out in the Middle East after Hamas terrorists attacked Israel, which has made the lives of everyone in the country topsy-turvy.

At once, life froze, and daily living costs went high. People's lives were under threat and schools were shut down. The Promised Land, once flowing with milk and honey, transformed into the flowing of blood and death. Every new morning became a nightmare for many, with no guarantee of survival for one more day. All were gripped by fear and insecurity. But ...

Thank God the government was well-prepared for this chaos, and it issued many grants for people who lost their jobs and so could not afford to meet their basic needs. Another positive thing is that COVID-19 has prepared the education system to master helping students through Zoom classes.

But the unexpected siren sounds scared everyone, especially the students, though they had had regular drills in the past to learn how to escape to the safe rooms as soon as they heard the siren from the school. During the year, this practice was a must in the school. Once in a while, out of the blue, the siren went on, and the students had to run to their allocated safe rooms. But no one dreamed this would become a reality so fast.

Fortunately, the Israelis are prepared to have bunkers in their vicinity in case they do not have this facility in their homes. And if people built their houses within the last few years, a safe room was an obligation.

After a few weeks of fear and insecurity, the authorities allowed us to open schools, and slowly, the ambition of living a normal life returned, though people still feared unexpected attacks from neighboring countries. This had a great impact on everyone's life. It was difficult to know who was next to you, if you could trust another person or if they were there to hurt you.

As for me, I used to walk to the Basilica of the Annunciation for daily morning eucharistic celebration, and suddenly I was told not to walk alone early in the morning. This itself created a fear in me that I had never experienced before.

I then realized there was a feeling of mistrust among the students in the school. We have a 25% Muslim student population, and suddenly non-Muslim students began pointing at Muslim students as if the conflict was their fault.

Whenever I encountered students with such issues, I met with them to explain that in the school campus we are a big family, united as one and we do not point out anyone based on their religion, and no one has a right to blame or judge the other. After my explanation, they often smile and shake hands with each other or give them a hug.

We also arranged a peace prayer in the school to help them understand that as a school campus, we all are equal, and we do not blame anyone based on religion. After explaining the meaning of living in harmony and respecting each other, we lit the peace candle, which remains burning throughout these dark days of war.

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## 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 & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Heidi Brown, Mary Vandergrift, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sundry, 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*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	2 Peter 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 Mark 12:1-12	Friday	Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 Ps Isaiah 12:2-6 Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19 John 19:31-37
Tuesday	2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16 Mark 12:13-17	Saturday	2 Timothy 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 Luke 2:41-51
Wednesday	2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef Mark 12:18-27	Sunday	Genesis 3:9-15 Ps 130:1-8 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35
Thursday	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14 Mark 12:28-34		

The peace candle is a symbol that proclaims a greater power than the suffering and sorrow that surrounds us. Our concern to stand with those who are suffering at the borders of Israel and Gaza invites us to shine the light of Christ more brightly. When we light the peace candle amid the suffering of war, we offer the promise of God to those who need it most. And pray together with one voice: "Lord, heal our world and grant us your peace, and start with me."

May these experiences help us understand the taste of inner death in facing challenges and grant us new hope in our daily lives to experience the resurrection of our Lord in our personal lives as well as in the lives of every individual in the world.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God keep you safe in your daily travels.

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

**TREASURES OF THE WORLD** sale event is June 28/29. This week's spotlight is on CHEF'S CORNER.

Items accepted include cookware, utensils, glassware and flatware. We CANNOT accept items that are broken, chipped, cracked, melted or have burned on materials.

Item 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.

Other key dates:

June 24-27, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Sort/price/stage

June 29, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: break down

July 2, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: haul away

**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.

**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.

**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	\$ 9,284.80
Other Designated Funds	\$ 580.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

***JUNE 08-JUNE 09, 2024***

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm:	Geri Reddy
8:15am:	Juliet Spradlin, Lucy Fried
11:15am:	Emma Taylor

**LECTORS**

5:00pm:	Mallory McDonald, Sabine Wlodarski
8:15am:	Claire Fried, Jillian Fried
11:15am:	Florence Okafor, Jerolyn Golightly

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00pm:	Maureen Chemsak*, Karen Sundeby, Karen Thompson, Jenny Craig, Webb Tadesse
8:15am:	Laura Hall*, Muriel Weston, Josette Dant, Jamie Stewart, Gina Bain
11:15am:	Jim Powell*, Bruce Taylor, Helen Taylor, Maggie Taylor, Beatrice Terry

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis



This is the week of our tri-parish VBS! Please pray for our participants, youth and adult helpers and all the helping hands who make up our SCUBA team.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

To register, please visit the parish office. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed for lunch from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### FORMATION CALENDAR

June 2	OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building
June 3-7	<b>SCUBA VBS</b> St. Mary of the Visitation 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 9	OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building
June 16	<b>NO OCIA - Happy Father's Day!</b>
June 23	OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building
June 30 & July 7	<b>NO OCIA - Happy 4th of July!</b>

#### 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 [rlackwood@hfsatholic.com](mailto:rlackwood@hfsatholic.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.**

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OF BIRMINGHAM 23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JULY 26 AND 27** at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Family Life Center, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on July 26 and at 8:00 a.m. on July 27.

The conference theme is "Unity in the Body of Christ." Speakers are Richard Lane, Fr. Frankline Fomukong, Sr. Anne Marie Schreiner, Dan Gardner and Amy Russo.

Registration fee for individuals is \$30 and \$85 for a family of three or more.

Register online at [www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org](http://www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org) or mail registration to: CCR0B, 1222 Hueytown Rd, Hueytown, AL 35023. You can also register at the conference.

Contact Sally Smith at 205-983-4150 or Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

Tri-Parish VBS June 3-7, 9am-12pm  
St. Mary of the Visitation

#### MONDAY, JUNE 03

5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 04

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 05

6:00pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)

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

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

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 07

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)

2:00pm: HFS Builders Meeting (LIB)

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 09

9:30am: OCIA (LMR/LIB)

12:30am: KPC/KPCLA (LMR/LIB)

#### Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym

SJC = St. Joseph Church

SFH = St. Francis Hall

LMR/LIB = RE Center

STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

BRZWY = Breezeway

VBC = Von Braun Center