

JANUARY 05, 2025

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

WISEMEN



STILL SEEK HIM

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 04

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Sonny Mitchell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 05

Epiphany of the Lord

8:15am: +Angel Araiza Carrillo
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 06

7:00am: +Bill Gerke

TUESDAY, JANUARY 07

7:00am: +Antonio Alonso

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 08

7:00am: +Scott Graves

THURSDAY, JANUARY 09

7:00am: +Calina Jordan
9:00am:* Ezra Morris

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00am: +Joseph Dallas Rector

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00am: +James Chvala
5:00pm: +Donald Bell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Marie Panella

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



As we celebrate the New Year, it is appropriate to look at the past and see if any changes need to be made. I came across this reflection written by Cardinal Basil Hume (George Basil Hume, OSB [1923-1999]). Cardinal Hume was abbot of Ampleforth Abbey before being appointed Archbishop of Westminster. He was one of the most beloved religious figures in the United Kingdom. The reflection is from Saturday, December 14 in *Give Us This Day* on the feast of St. John of the Cross.

Turn to God

I never cease to be distressed at the pain and suffering that we humans can inflict on each other. The second commandment of our Lord is to love our neighbor as ourselves. I sometimes think it must sound naïve, and a bit too unworldly, to speak of basing a social and political system on mutual love. Maybe it is naïve to think of basing it on anything else. Surely the opposite of love is hatred, self-assertion, jealousy, rivalry - and these do not make for peace.

Let me be clear: the love about which I am speaking is not something limp, a matter of vaguely liking another, an emotional involvement or a feeling. It is, rather, a demanding taskmaster. It will require me to love my enemy.

It effects a change of heart, away from what separates us from God – violence, cruelty, murder - and with a turning to him. The Kingdom of God takes root in proportion as the citizens of the city of humanity turn from evil to God. Now, there is no turning to God that is not a search to understand the meaning of love, as he shows it to us, and which we should have for him. And that cannot be separated from the love which we must have and show towards each other. The twofold commandment is the heart of the Gospel.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God always keep you safe in your comings and goings. I wish each of you the very best in the New Year.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

DID YOU KNOW?

Sometimes, we can get too comfortable at Mass. There are two times during the Sacrifice of the Mass when we should keep our minds, bodies and souls focused. The Liturgy of the Word (especially the readings and homily) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the Consecration). Unless there is a real emergency, these are the times that we should not get up to go to the bathroom or answer a cell phone call. These are the two most sacred times and they should have our full attention.

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, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Matthew M., Selena M., Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sundry, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Judy Blanche, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, Bruce Jansen, Mary Jean & Ron Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact 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	1 John 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	Friday	1 John 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44	Saturday	1 John 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-4, 5-6a, 9b John 3:22-30
Wednesday	1 John 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 5:45-52	Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Thursday	1 John 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22a		

CATHOLIC MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

Sundays 10:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Starting January 12, 2025
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Multi-Purpose Room
625 Airport Road SW, Huntsville

Presenting *The Catechism in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schminz
Sessions 270-327

For more information, contact Derek Mayer at 256-656-5772

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on January 9 at Amerigo Italian Restaurant, 9020 Memorial Parkway SW, in Huntsville.

Please call Colet at 256-880-5886 by January 7 for information, reservations or cancellations. We are an informal group that just gets together for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. Newcomers are always welcome. Come join us.

**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA
OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

Presents

A Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in Commemoration of
The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2025
Cathedral of St. Paul Life Center

2120 Third Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama

Featuring "Where Do We Go from Here?"
A Personal Reflection by

Sister Patti Chappelle, SNDdeN
Social Worker, District of Colombia

Past Executive Director, PAX Christi, USA Anti Racism Team

**Tickets: \$25.00. To purchase, please call the Office of
Black Ministry at 205-838-8313.**

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,946.94
Christmas Collection	\$ 11,701.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 100.00



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11-JANUARY 12, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Matteo Ayala
8:15am: Jacob Spradlin, Gabe Stewart
11:15am: Michael Terry

LECTORS

5:00pm: Bonnie Johanneman, Mary Graham
8:15am: Robert Styles, Ellen Styles
11:15am: Beatrice Terry, Booker Terry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Webb Tadesse*, Jenny Craig, Geri Donnelly,
Philip Graham, George Holland
8:15am: Bill Billingsley*, Linda Billingsley, Cecilia Bruton,
Rita Cusack, Josette Dant
11:15am: Jane Dodds*, Brenda Brown, Jerolyn Golightly,
Kristy Hayne, Michelle Jansen

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

CATECHIST NEEDED for fourth grade religious education classes. We are also looking for volunteer catechist assistants. If you are interested, please call Maritza Holland in the parish office at 256-534-8459 during regular business hours.

FORMATION CALENDAR

- Jan. 5 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building
- Jan. 12 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
1st Reconciliation Retreat 9:30-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building
- Jan. 19 **NO RE/OCIA-MLK Holiday**

ADULT FORMATION WINTER SESSION The Book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse, has fascinated believers for centuries.

Colorful imagery, rich symbolism, layers of meaning, and brilliant allusions to the Old Testament convey the book's perennial truth: God will triumph over evil, and God's faithful ones will share in that victory.

Break open this ancient text with Tom Uss to discover its ongoing relevance for us today.

Seven sessions from Little Rock Scripture Studies, beginning Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office building.

BUNCO in 2025 begins Friday, January 10. No change to the set up: held in St. Francis Hall, come between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Play begins at 7:00 and is generally done by 9:00 p.m. Bring food or drink to share, \$5 to play. Cash prizes given out in four categories and 50/50 Raffle will be available.

All proceeds/donations go to the Holy Family Capital Campaign. Next Bunco is Friday, February 7.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is seeking applicants for a full-time School Bookkeeper.

The school bookkeeper is accountable to the principal, and is expected to implement the school mission and philosophy, follow the policies of the Diocese of Birmingham and in the staff and parent handbooks of St. John Paul II Catholic High School, and adhere to the directives set by school administration.

Visit www.jp2falcons.org/employment for details.

ST. JOSEPH CUB SCOUT PACK Scout me in! Join the pack and enjoy pinewood derby, camping with other scouts and serving St. Joseph Parish. If interested, contact Cubmaster Sean at Kilgalli@gmail.com.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS AND WITNESS FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Respect Life Mass · Bishop Steven Raica
9:00 am · Cathedral of St. Paul
2120 3rd Ave. North, Birmingham, Alabama

Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life
10:45 am Planned Parenthood
1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham, Alabama

www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com
Facebook: Birmingham Prayer Vigil
and Witness for Life

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 07

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 08

10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)
6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 09

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)
5:00pm: HFS Basketball (FMC)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

2:00pm: Lay Salvatorian Retreat (SFH)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (LIB/LMR)

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