

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 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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256.430.1760



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Maritza Holland 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.

OCIA. Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

ANOINTING 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, FEBRUARY 08

8:00am: +Patrick Bolton
5:00pm: +Joshua St. Germain

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 09

8:15am: For the Parish
+Ted McGowan, +Catherine Wilhelm
11:15am: +Angel Araiza Carrillo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00am: Dennis Jibben

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00am: +Julie Lopnow

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00am: +John Rourk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00am: Brandon Carrillo
9:00am: * +Robert Snyder

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00am: Ezra Morris

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00am: Mary Ann DeMaioribus
5:00pm: +Irene Matis

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:15am: Elena Barbieri
11:15am: For the Parish
+Carl Koschany, +John Dimmock

**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, 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 Sunde, 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., Ezra Morris.

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**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

So much is being written and said concerning immigration via the internet and television. There is a great deal of noise. I believe that we need to take some time and be quiet so that we can hear God through God's Word. I received this letter from Bishop Raica and I thought it would be good to hear his voice on the subject.



Office of the Bishop

January 31, 2025

STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION

Having heard from people of good will from around the diocese, and as the Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, I am deeply moved in light of recent national events to address the issue of immigration—a topic that touches many here in our diocese. It is at the very heart of who we are as a people and as a nation. Immigration is not just a matter of policy or politics; it is a profoundly moral (i.e., human) issue that calls us to respond with compassion, courage and conviction.

Our faith reminds us that every individual is a cherished son or daughter of God, imbued with dignity and infinite worth. This belief shapes how we see and treat one another in response to our Lord's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." It is also at the basis of the evocative parable of the Good Samaritan. It challenges us to embrace every person as part of the human family, especially those seeking refuge and hope. At the same time, our shared history as a nation speaks to the power of opportunity and the resilience of those who dream of a better life. This is the story of America—a story of welcoming the stranger, embracing diverse cultures, and creating something truly symphonic while strengthening the very meaning of "We, the People."

America's strength has always been its openness to those who dare to hope. Many of our ancestors risked everything to come to our beloved land out of an unrelenting belief in the promise of a brighter future. Throughout the cities, villages, and country landscape of our diocese, we see this vivid contribution of those who have brought energy, creativity, and strength to our communities and churches. Many labor tirelessly for their families, pay taxes, enrich our faith communities, and remind us of the blessings that come from sharing cultures. Their dreams are tied to ours; their success to our collective future.

Still, we recognize that immigration is complex. Admittedly, sovereign nations have the right and responsibility to create laws and to control borders and ports of entry, in order to ensure good civic order and safety for all citizens. It is not an either-or situation but a balance—one where justice meets mercy and laws coexist with compassion. When we see immigrants struggling with an outdated system and onerous processes, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to address these concerns so that movement of people can be orderly, efficient, just, and fair for all.

The challenges of immigration reform are not insurmountable. With open hearts and clear vision, we can work toward solutions that honor both our laws, our homeland security, and our aspirational values while allowing for the movement of peoples who aspire to participate in the fullness of the American dream.

As we reflect on this issue, we are inspired by Christ's call to welcome the stranger. This is not an abstract command but a tangible invitation to live out our faith in practical ways. To open our hearts to the immigrant is to open our hearts to Christ Himself, Who reminds us that whatever we do for the least among us, we do for Him.

As always, we urge our lawmakers, community leaders, and every person of good will to take this issue seriously, to work diligently toward reasonable solutions and sensible accommodations whenever necessary, and to strengthen our nation as a place of hope for those yearning to "breathe free." Moving beyond division and fear, may we choose instead to see immigration as an opportunity for renewal and growth, not stagnation; understanding, not suspicion; hope, not despair.

As we journey together, may we remain a nation that honors the dignity of all people and strives to be a home for those seeking a better tomorrow. We lean into the promise of our faith and the strength of our shared humanity. That is my hope!

May God bless us all with wisdom, courage and love.

*Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama*

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with the very best.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Genesis 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mark 6:53-56	Friday	Genesis 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mark 7:31-37
Tuesday	Genesis 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mark 7:1-13	Saturday	Genesis 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Mark 7:14-23	Sunday	Jeremiah 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26
Thursday	Genesis 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mark 7:24-30		



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD St. Joseph parish will partner with several other local parishes and churches to build a home for a deserving family in Huntsville through the Habitat for Humanity program. We expect to start raising the walls for the home on Saturday, February 22. The build will take about ten weeks.

Anyone interested in participating or supporting this project can contact Terry Leger, legertj@yahoo.com for details.

CREATING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS' EDUCATION (CHOOSE) ACT allows families in Alabama to receive up to \$7,000 a year in financial support for their child's K-12 education through an ESA. This state-funded account covers qualifying educational expenses, such as private school tuition, textbooks and tutoring. For more information, visit chooseact.alabama.gov.

JOYFUL BAKERS BAKE SALE February 15/16, 2025 in St. Francis Hall. We will have a great selection of Valentine's treats and many other delicious sweet and savory items to purchase. Please feel free to stop by and shop before or after Mass.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL GUITAR DRIVE We will begin guitar lessons for our middle school students this semester and need to acquire ten guitars to complete our class set by the end of February.

If you have a guitar to donate, or would like to give money for guitar purchases, please contact Ashleigh Russell at arus-sell@hfcatholic.com or call the school at 256-539-5221. Thank you in advance for your help.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP will meet for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on February 13 at Luis's Mexican Bar and Grill, 7500 Memorial Parkway SW in Huntsville. Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible.

Please call or text Mary at 618-444-9920 for information, reservations or cancellations by February 11. We are an informal group that gets together for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. Newcomers are always welcome, so come join us.



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	\$ 14,069.46
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,330.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 15-FEBRUARY 16, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Volunteer
8:15am: Caed Lynch
11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Kaylen Nyochembeng

LECTORS

5:00pm: Maria Craig, Diane Hollingshead
8:15am: Christina Pohl, Bart Lynch
11:15am: Jean Cleary-Burns, Tom Uss

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Karen Sunde* , Ben Sunde, Gus Smith, Webb Tadesse, Karen Thompson
8:15am: Paula Bertrand* , Alicia Owens, Ellen Styles, Muriel Weston, Gina Bain
11:15am: Bernita Briggs* , Beatrice Terry, Norma Whitehead, Donniss Aragon, Gerald Wocken

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & PIZZA PARTY February 18, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Open to boys and girls who have completed First Holy Communion. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule. For more information, please call the Office of Religious Education at 256-534-8459.

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.

FORMATION CALENDAR

- Feb. 9 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
- Feb. 16 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
- Feb. 23 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

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL REQUESTS DONATIONS for its first annual prom/graduation shop. This PTO-sponsored event will provide underprivileged children in the Huntsville area with prom and graduation gear at reduced prices.

We are collecting formal dresses from all eras, formal attire for young men as well as accessories such as earrings, purses and shoes. There will be a donation box in the church vestibule from January 31 through March 20. All proceeds benefit Holy Family School PTO. Thank you in advance for your support.

Contact Jenna Rosales at jrosales@hfscatholic.com for more information.

MARRIAGE VOW RENEWAL CEREMONY All St. Joseph parish couples celebrating 25 years of marriage or more are invited to attend a Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 22.

There will be a reception in St. Francis Hall at 6:15 p.m. following the Mass. Please bring a large, stand-alone photo of your wedding day to the reception. This event is open to all parishioners.

If you would like to participate or help out, please call 256-830-4610.

ST. JOSEPH MASS-TIME NURSERY We are excited to have a new permanent space just off the lobby of the Fr. Messmer Center.

At the moment, the nursery operates only when religious education classes are in session. We are looking for additional volunteers so that we can have the nursery open more often. If interested, please call the parish office.

If you would like to help us purchase supplies and furniture for our new space, we would appreciate Amazon or Visa gift cards. Just bring them to the parish office.

Thanks in advance for your help and donations.

FOR NURSING MOTHERS Please note that we have made the first confessional room at the back of the church, next to the sanctuary entrance, available for new mothers with nursing infants as needed for use during Mass.

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Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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, FEBRUARY 13

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)
6:00pm: Adult Formation (LMR)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Joyful Bakers Bake Sale (SFH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Joyful Bakers Bake Sale (SFH)
9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
12:30pm: African Catholic Association (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