



St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Liturgical Schedule

**Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Weekday Mass
Tuesday — Friday 8:00 AM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday—Friday 7:30-8:00 AM
Immediately after Weekday Mass
Saturday 4:00—5:00 PM or
By appointment**

**Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Friday
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Parish Pastoral Council
2nd Tuesday of the month**

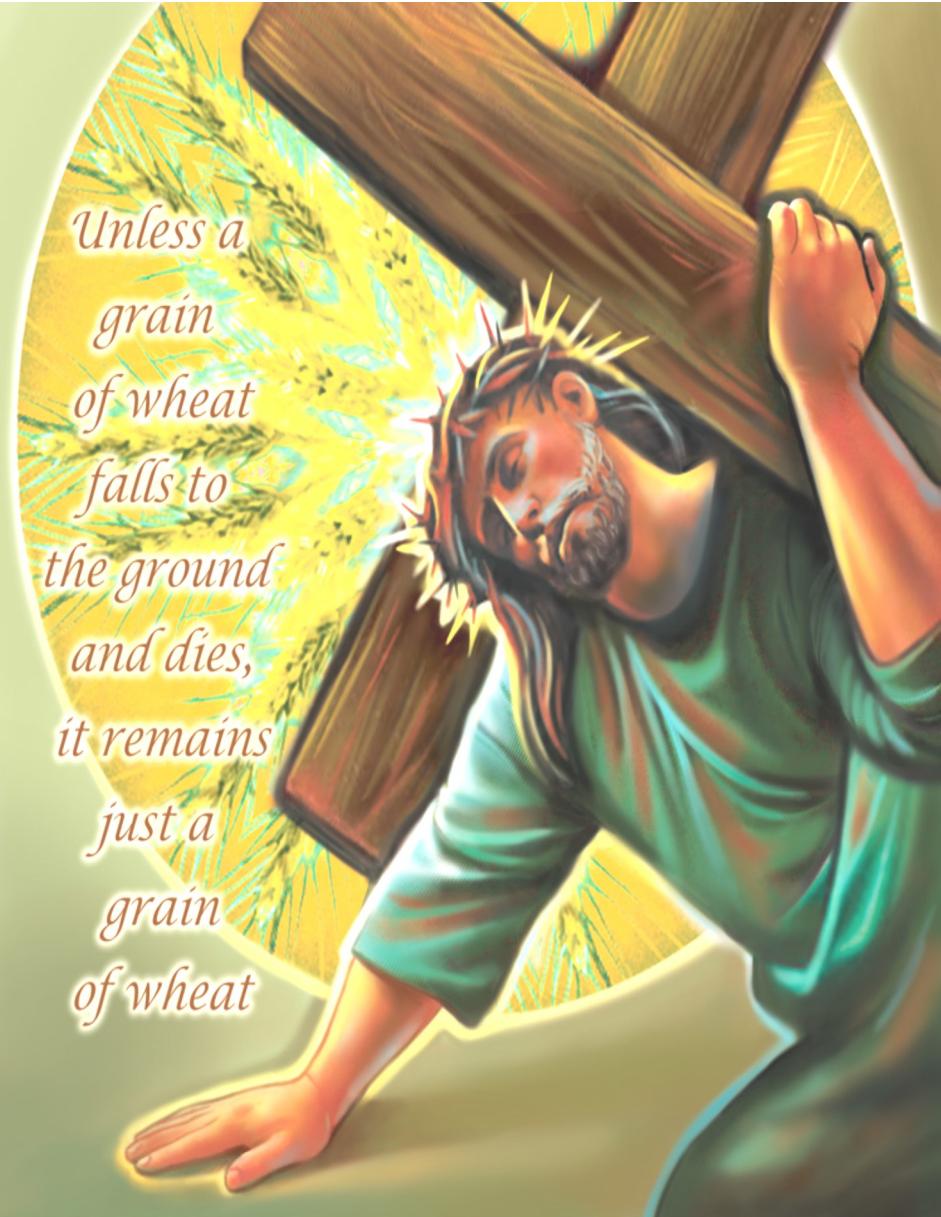
**Visitation Parish Center
220 Lincoln Street NE**

***Faith Formation Programs*
9:30 AM Sundays**

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

I will place my law within them and write it
upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be
my people. — *Jeremiah 31:33*



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<p>Join us for a Mass livestreamed every Sunday at 8:00 AM and Tuesday-Friday at 8:00 AM Facebook.com/smvparish</p> <p>Recordings are on our YouTube channel: YouTube.com/smvparish</p>	<p>Drive-thru Holy Communion every Sunday 12:15 PM-12:30 PM</p> <p>Enter the driveway from Jefferson Street south of the church, receive Holy Communion, then exit onto Washington Street.</p>
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ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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Holy Family Regional School	256.539.5221
St. John Paul II High School	256.430.1760

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For Youth First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, there is a one year of formation immediately prior to the preparation for the sacraments. Contact the Religious Ed Office.

BAPTISM

Infants: Parents need to be registered members and attend a baptism class. Contact the Church Office to schedule a class and baptism. Godparents should attend a baptismal preparation class here or in their own parish.

Becoming Catholic — RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which people are welcomed and prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Anyone wishing to join the Church or to complete one's initiation in the Church should contact the Church Office.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

High school youth prepare for the sacrament in a one and a half year program. Readiness for Confirmation depends upon the individual's desire for the sacrament and upon previous training.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Engaged Couples planning marriage need to discuss preparation arrangements with a priest at least six months prior to setting a wedding date.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Call the Church Office to request the sacrament.

FUNERALS

Please call the Church Office *before* contacting the funeral home to avoid scheduling conflicts. It is better that you are more prepared in making arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish, we wish you would register with us. Registration indicates your commitment of belonging. Registration cards are in the Church vestibule. Change of address, marital status or departure from the parish should be report to the Church office.

Those who need a gluten-free host should speak to the priest before Mass; and receive from the priest's line.

2021 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
Sat. Mar 27 5:30 PM	Ray Schleeper/ Pat Tumminello	Cindy Kapudjija	Joshua Morgan
Sun. Mar 28 8:00 AM	Beth Beck/ Michele Humphrey	Marion Ruffing	Mary Addison Koshut
Sun. Mar 28 11:00 AM	John Calvarese/ Volunteer	Brian Mitchell	Tom Custodio

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON 3/22 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

TUE 3/23 Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/
Jn 8:21-30

WED 3/24 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

THR 3/25 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a,
9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

FRI 3/26 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/
Jn 10:31-42

SAT 3/27 Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf.
10d]/Jn 11:45-56

SUN 3/28 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8
-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23- 24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* *Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* *Psalm 130.*

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* *Romans 8:8-11.*

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

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Mass Intentions March 20—March 28

Sat	5:30 PM	†Phillip Arnston
Sun	8:00 AM	For the Parish
	11:00 AM	Hilda Gabrys (I)
Mon	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	8:00 AM	†Zenika Ekstrom
	6:00 PM	Mary Custodio, Jackson Howse, Anna Jones (I)
Wed	8:00 AM	Almaretta Brislin (I)
Thu	8:00 AM	†Bea & Charles Albright
Fri	8:00 AM	†Joe Greco
Sat	5:30 PM	†Marguerite Leslie
Sun	8:00 AM	†Jess Jones
	11:00 AM	For the Parish

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN MARCH
3/28—St. Vincent de Paul

Collection Counters 3/28
Josette Dant, Markus Segewitz, Cindy Thoen, Jannon LaRue

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Our Easter Flower Memorial is a way to remember our deceased and to honor living individuals. Your donations to the memorial supports our Easter decorating. Special Easter Flower envelopes are in your monthly packet or use a plain envelope designating it for the memorial. Please turn in your Easter Flower Offering no later than March 29.



Online Giving is Here

Contributions can now be made through our parish website: smvparish.org by selecting the secure "Click Here to Donate" link located at the top of the page. Please call the office if questions or for more information.



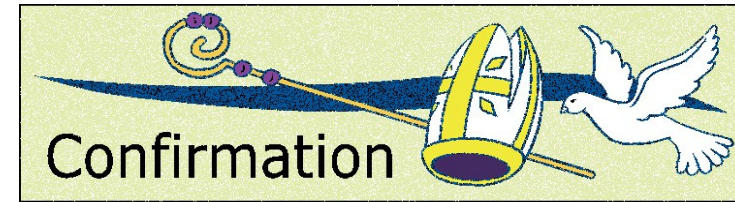
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all sick and recovering parishioners, families, & friends, our military and our first responders. May God bless all caregivers. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks and may be submitted by email at smvparish@smvparish.com or by calling the office at 256.536.6349.

Beth Bodine Mason
Henry & William Lankford

Please Note—Remember in your Prayers

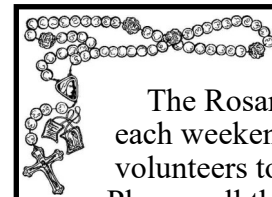
Names of parishioners, families, and friends will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless a request is made by email or by calling the office to extend another four weeks. When submitting prayer requests, please ensure the intended is aware of the request.



Please pray for:

Mary Frances Custodio
Jackson Davis Howse
Anna Katherine Jones

as they prepare to receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on
Tuesday, March 23rd 6:00 PM



Before-Mass Rosary

The Rosary will begin 20 minutes before each weekend Mass, provided there are volunteers to lead in praying the Rosary. Please call the office if you would like to lead the Rosary before Mass.

Rosary booklets are available in the vestibule.

Rosary Leaders are still needed for Saturday 5:30 PM Mass and Sunday 11:00 AM Mass.

Calling All Prayer Warriors

There is an urgent need for Prayer Warriors to pray for the intentions that are requested by our Parishioners. The intentions will be emailed to the Prayer Warriors so prayers can be said at home. Please call the office to have your name/email added to the Prayer Warrior list. Intentions can be emailed to the office or called in and will remain confidential within the Prayer Warrior group.

Lenten Confessions/Penance Services			
Date	Time	Parish	Event
Wed March 24	6:00 PM	St. Paul in Athens	Penance Service
Thur March 25	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Mercy Parish in Madison	Penance Service
Sat March 27	10:00 AM – Noon	St. Mary of the Visitation in Huntsville	Penance Service
Mon March 29	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	St. John the Baptist in Madison	Confessions



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Penance Service

Saturday, March 27 10:00 AM—Noon

Palm Sunday

Vigil: Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Tenebrae

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
Adoration 8:00 – 10:00 PM

Good Friday

Stations 12:15 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM
Passion Liturgy 7:00 PM

Easter

Vigil: 8:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM 11:00 AM

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
04/02 thru 04/11/2021 3:00 PM

Bible Class

Wednesdays of Lent from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Parish Center. Must bring a bible and please wear a mask. Social distancing will be followed.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration Friday 6:00-7:00 PM

**“TOGETHER IN FAITH”
BUILDING CAMPAIGN**

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\$4,000,000**

If you are new to our parish,
Envelopes with Brochures and Pledge cards
are located in the Church vestibule.
If you would like to make a donation,
visit our website: smvbuidls.org.

Thank you for your financial support.

**When making donations to the Building Campaign
use a separate check from your church
support. These funds are deposited and
accounted for in its own checking account.**

As of December, 2020

87 Pledges received

75 Pledges : \$448,228.00

Accumulated Funds

12/31/2020 \$494,606.00

Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 10,240.66
Weekly Church Support March 13/14	\$ 9,921.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
St. JPII Catholic High School	\$ 41.00
Holy Family School	\$ 76.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
Special Repair Projects	\$ 45.00
Designated Gift - Front Door Replacement	\$ 5,000.00
Designated Gift - Divine Mercy	\$ 200.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 215.00
Bulletin Ad	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$ 1,685.00
Votive Candles	\$ 343.50

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The Deacon’s Corner

By Deacon Louis Citrano

Question: Both the Nicene Creed and the Apostles’ Creed identifies by name God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Blessed Mother. No other apostles or saints are identified by name. Why is Pontius Pilate identified by name? Jesus suffering crucifixion and death can be laid out in the text without specifically identifying Pontius Pilate. So why did the early fathers give this Roman such a prominent place in our creed?

Answer: The Creeds were developed during the first few centuries of the Church at a time when Christians were still under the Roman Empire. To include Pilate's name was a way to situate Jesus within the history of the Roman Empire, referring to the Roman Gentiles in particular. Pilate's existence in the Creeds also reinforces and confirms that Jesus walked this earth and died on it at a specific time and place, and was ordered to be crucified by a certain individual.

Our sins were the essential reason for Jesus' crucifixion. Pilate's verdict symbolizes the suffering and persecution of the church which is the mystical Body of Christ. One could also say that Pilate's role in Jesus' death is a symbol of our own participation in Jesus' passion and death. By Pilate's name in the Creeds makes the story complete and by his inclusion we will always know who had Jesus put to death. The same is true today when a Jury recommends the death penalty (which is against Catholic belief), the Judge has the final say- so, he or she can go with the Jury’s recommendation or over-rule it. The point is, we will know who had the final say-so in the case should we choose to follow a certain court case. In this case we are following Jesus' unfair trial and verdict under Pontus Pilate as Judge.

Drop your questions in the collection basket or email the church office—smvparish@smvparish.com. Please include your name and phone number. Your name and number will not appear in the bulletin, this is only for Deacon Louis to contact you if he has a question about your question.



ABSTINENCE

**CATHOLICS
14+
ARE OBLIGED TO
PRACTICE ABSTINENCE**

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lectionary: 35

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relative show to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out
my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel

has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

REST IN PEACE

Nancy Brantley, mother of Jason Brantley (Kristin) and grandmother of Josh, Jake, Addie, and Peyton on March 8. A graveside service was held March 14 in Opelika, AL.

Fifth Week of Lent—Fasting

This week’s readings from our Lenten Journey: "return" Meditation Guide focus on FASTING. Fasting is one of the cardinal virtues of Jewish faith living. In our modern living, science promotes fasting for healthy living. Following are some of the health benefits of FASTING, backed by science.

1. Promotes Blood Sugar Control by Reducing Insulin Resistance
2. Promotes Better Health by Fighting Inflammation
3. May Enhance Heart Health by Improving Blood Pressure, Triglycerides and Cholesterol Levels
4. May Boost Brain Function and Prevent Neurodegenerative Disorders
5. Aids Weight Loss by Limiting Calorie Intake and Boosting Metabolism
6. Increases Growth Hormone Secretion, Which Is Vital for Growth, Metabolism, Weight Loss and Muscle Strength
7. Could Delay Aging and Extend Longevity
8. May Aid in Cancer Prevention and Increase the Effectiveness of Chemotherapy

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Mission Proclamation

Vision

In the image of Jesus the “cornerstone,”

St. Mary of the Visitation Church was formed with the “living stones” of Catholic Faith in North Alabama. Building on our historic past, yet set amid space age technology, we continue to be pioneers of faith by reaching out and ministering to the needs of others in the spirit of Mary and Elizabeth of the Visitation scriptural account.

Mission

We believe God calls us into a life of faith, hope, and charity. We accept this call to life through our baptism and your grace to form a community to hear and witness the Good News, to celebrate our faith through prayer and sacrament, to sustain this community through friendship and service, to encourage lifelong spiritual growth through Christian formation.

Sharing our material and spiritual blessings with all who need to hear God’s invitation to love, We embrace the gospel charge to make disciples and strive to be more Christ-like.

To live this life of love and justice, we commit our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.


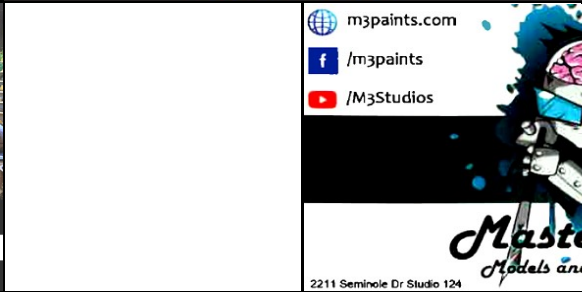

We, the people of St. Mary of the Visitation, strive to fulfill this mission through the guidance and grace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PARKING AT THE AVENUE GARAGE

Public parking at The Avenue — from Jefferson St. turn right on the north side of The Avenue, then left into the parking garage. The elevator at southeast corner takes you directly to the entrance across from the church. There are 71 slots. It is FREE.



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