



**St. Mary of the Visitation
Catholic Community**

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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**

Parking Lot Code: 222

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31



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Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.

**Join us for a
livestream Mass
every Sunday at 8:00 AM
and Tuesday-Friday at 8:00 AM
Facebook.com/smvparish**

Recordings are on our YouTube
channel: [YouTube.com/smvparish](https://www.youtube.com/smvparish)

**Drive-thru
Holy Communion
every Sunday 12:15 PM-12:30 PM**

Enter the driveway from Jefferson
Street south of the church, receive
Holy Communion, then exit onto
Washington Street.

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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SECOND COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY 2/21—National Black and Indian Missions
2/28—Salvatorian Mission Warehouse

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Wed 2/17 8:00 AM	Barbara Schiavone	Bob Gabrys
Wed 2/17 12:15 PM	Fran Venckus	Dn. Jim Bodine
Wed 2/17 6:00 PM	Cindy Kapudjija	Dn. Louis Citrano

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
Sat. 2/20 5:30 PM	Fran Venckus	Dn. Jim Bodine	John Vandiver
Sun. 2/21 8:00 AM	Mary Ann Weithop	Michael Liston	Mary Addison Koshut
Sun. 2/21 11:00 AM	John Calvarese	Dn. Louis Citrano	Burke Jones

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON2/15 Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/ Mk 8:11-13
TUE 2/16 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/ Mk 8:14-21
WED2/17 Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THR2/18 Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 9:22-25
FRI 2/19 Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15
SAT 2/20 Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
SUN2/21 Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions Feb. 13—Feb. 21		
Sat	5:30 PM	†Ms. Marguerite Leslie
Sun	8:00 AM	†Mr. Michael Holloman
	11:00 AM	For the Parish
Mon	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	8:00 AM	†Mrs. Concordia Tepait
Wed	8:00 AM	†Mrs. Lota Grindstaff
	12:15 PM	†Mrs. Teresia Joa
	6:00 PM	†Mr. Gregory F. Buhyoff
Thu	8:00 AM	Clara & Julia Mitchell (I)
Fri	8:00 AM	Mrs. Rita Matteson(I)
Sat	5:30 PM	For the Parish
Sun	8:00 AM	†Mrs. Karen Eppard
	11:00 AM	†Simone Curtis

Ash Wednesday Masses
8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross
Friday 12:15 PM
Adoration 6:00 PM followed by
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Collection Counters 2/21
Sam Citrano, Steve Davis,
Tom Stramiello, Jr.

HAPPY
ST. VALENTINE'S
DAY

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).
Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).
Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).
Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS		
Please pray for all those who are sick or recovering, our military and our first responders. May God bless all caregivers. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Names may be submitted by email at smvparish@smvparish.com .		
Jackie Hallows	Pless Knight	Mary Jo Knight
Jim Wall	Al Schrenk	Teresa Powers
Kelli Plattsmier	Terry O'Reilly	Jim Shade
Lisa Fleming	Beth Bodine	Rosie Wiethop
Carl Ritz	Mason	Marlene Dunlop
Phillip Chadwell	Ann Anderson	Angela Tucker
Meghan Kenny	Mary Langford	
Karen Brazier	Pat Hicks	
Cathy Kulas	James Foster	
Nettie Johnson	Dora Benavides	
Gordon Keene	Barbara Patton	
Joanne Goodson	Chandler	

Sanctuary Flower Ministry

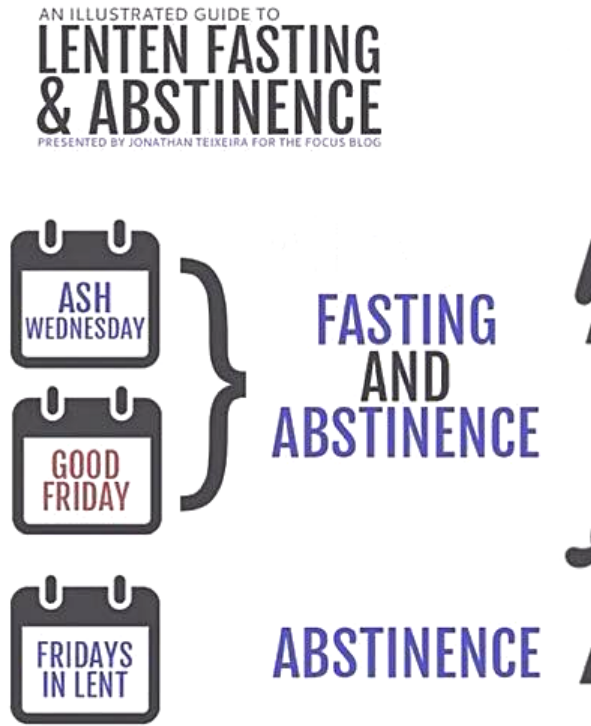
A ministry is needed for Altar flowers for the Sanctuary. If needed, a flower arranging class will be offered. Please call the office, 256.536.6349 to be part of this new ministry.



Lenten Fish Fry
Friday March 5th
5:00—7:00 PM or
UNTIL WE RUN OUT
\$10.00 per plate
Includes Fish, Fries, Cornbread,
Cole Slaw & Dessert
Drive thru pick up only
at the Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.



—MY—
Peace
—I GIVE YOU—
John 12:27
2021 National Catholic Women's Conference
MARCH 12-14, 2021
Sign up at Go.VirtualCatholicConference.com/




AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO
LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE
PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEIXEIRA FOR THE FOCUS BLOG

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAYS IN LENT

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
ABSTINENCE

Online Giving Is Coming!

The parish will soon be offering the option to give contributions electronically. Be on the lookout for additional announcements when the system is ready for donors to sign up.



FOOD DRIVE

FEBRUARY IS FOOD DRIVE MONTH
Items needed:
Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Mashed Potatoes




CATHOLIC CENTER OF CONCERN
Serving North Alabama Since 1967

Can YOU spare 3 hours a week to help your neighbors in need?

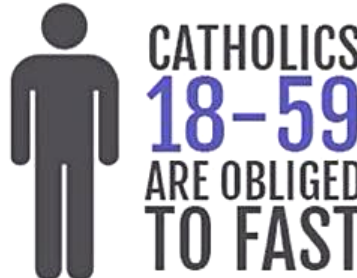
Catholic Center of Concern (CCC) is looking for volunteers. The current need is for telephone intakers to take applications for emergency financial assistance.

Telephone applications are conducted Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm. All work is remote and training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed!

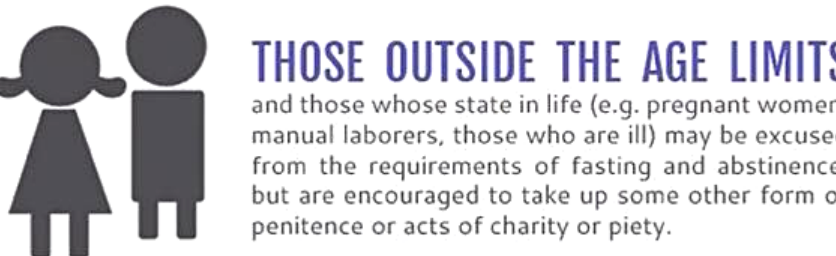
Contact Rosemary McManus—Volunteer Coordinator at 805.588.6670 or mandrmcmanus@verizon.net



CATHOLICS 14+
ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE



CATHOLICS 18-59
ARE OBLIGED TO FAST



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.


**“TOGETHER IN FAITH”
BUILDING CAMPAIGN**

**PLEDGE
DRIVE**

\$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: smvbuilt.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



The Deacon’s Corner
By Deacon Louis Citrano

Question: If Jesus died on Friday should Easter be celebrated on Monday rather than Sunday to get three days before He rose?


Answer: First off, the Jewish method of counting days back then was not the same as ours today. In the Bible, God counts as a day beginning with the evening and ending the next evening (Genesis 1:5), so part of a day is counted as one day.

Here is how we get the three days and three nights of Jesus’ death and resurrection:
Day one: Good Friday which begins at sundown on Thursday and ends at sundown on Friday.
Day two: Holy Saturday which begins at sundown on Friday and ends at sundown on Saturday.
Day three: Easter Sunday which begins at sundown on Saturday and ends at sundown on Sunday.

This indicates that Jesus died on Good Friday; that was day-one. In total, day-one includes the day and the previous night, even though Jesus died during the day. Although, only part of Friday was left, it was the first day and night to be counted. Saturday was day two. Jesus rose in the morning of the Sunday, that was day three. In Jewish counting we have three days and three nights showing Jesus rose on the third day as He said He would.

































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.

Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 10,788.00
Weekly Church Support Feb 6/7	\$ 9,176.00
Community Free Dental Clinic	\$ 155.00
St. John Paul II Catholic High School	\$ 42.00
Holy Family School	\$ 50.00
Salvatorian Mission Warehouse	\$ 300.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 125.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 480.00
Special Repair Projects	\$ 80.00








































Join other Christians February 17th — March 28th for
40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for
an end to abortion.

For more information – and especially if you’d like to
volunteer to help, please contact: Tom White
(513)913-7475, email twhite9263@aol.com, or visit
40daysforlife.com/Huntsville.



Help Needed to Move

Though not finished, the renovations of Fr. Bill's home
have advanced so he can finally move. Moving begins
this afternoon after 11:00 AM Mass. Helpers, trucks and
trailers are needed to move furniture and appliances and
personal belongings. Thank You. Fr. Bill, SDS





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.

“The gift you have received,
give as a gift.”
Matthew 10:8

Mission Proclamation

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.

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		JERRY DAMSON H HONDA A ACURA <i>In our 60th year of Savings, Service, and Satisfaction!</i> DAMSON.COM		NEVER FAIL NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine (9) times a day. By the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail.
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