



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

March 24, 2024

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord, Year B**



**The Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem
1844 by Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin**

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in striving to be like Christ, are committed to living the Gospel by participating in the Sacraments, promoting spiritual growth and religious education, and being an example of His Eucharistic love.

MASS TIMES

Saturday
Reconciliation 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Holy Days

7:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:30 PM

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

We have come to Passion Sunday, or “Palm Sunday” as most of us know it. This is the sacred feast that commemorates how the people of Jerusalem ran out to welcome a man they believed to be the Messiah, but when He didn’t produce what they wanted, a few days later, they shouted for him to be crucified. The psalm for this Sunday, Psalm 22, presents the idea of the crucifixion for us to consider. Centuries before the Lord would be given up to suffering and death on a cross, the psalmist wrote these inspired words: “a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; they have pierced my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.” Jesus knew what he was entering Jerusalem to accomplish, and He knew what He would have to endure.

Since last year, many of us have endured some measure of suffering or inconvenience, and it has called on us to respond in virtue. I feel humbled by the holiness and virtue demonstrated in this congregation. Every day, I encounter holiness and goodness more and more in this little flock of God’s faithful people in Anniston.

The palms we receive on this Sunday become iconic for Catholic people. We place them behind the crucifix in our homes, or behind other holy pictures of the Blessed Mother or the saints. All through the year, these palms can remind us of our participation in the powerful mysteries of Holy Week. We belong to Christ, and we walk with Him in all that He suffered and experienced. By walking with Him in His way, Jesus strengthens and helps us to die to self and be born to the grace He has given us.

We can continue to powerfully build up our community with His grace and favor. Jesus has begun a good work here and He will see it to completion. As we enter this Holy Week, we meditate more fervently on the Way of the Cross, and each one of us can find our place along that way, moving forward with Christ to that moment of victory on Calvary, loving God and neighbor with every step.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John



RECONCILIATION RETREAT

If your child is preparing for First Communion this year, please remember to come to the

**First Reconciliation Retreat on Saturday,
April 13th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM!**

This is an important moment for your child to prepare themselves to receive the Eucharist.

HOLY WEEK

- **Holy Thursday** March 28
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
6:30pm
- **Good Friday** March 29
Stations of the Cross 3:00pm
Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion 6:30pm
- **Easter Vigil** March 30
8:00pm
- **Easter Sunday** March 31
Normal Mass Schedule



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Pledged: \$526,765.20
Total Collected Last Week: \$5,240.00
Total Collected Overall: \$617,288.00



Join us for decorating the church for Easter
 Saturday, March 30th, 9:00am

This Week

Monday

St. Hildegard's 10:00am-Activity Center

Tuesday

Choir Practice 6:00pm-church
 Scouts 6:00pm-8:00pm-Activity Center

Wednesday

No Religious Education we will return to normal meetings times next week.

Thursday

Holy Thursday
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30pm

Friday

Stations of the Cross 3:00pm
 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 6:00pm

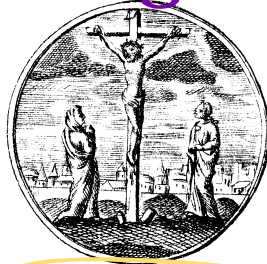
This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Easter Flowers

This is the last week, if you would be interested in donating flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please donate on our website at sacredheartanniston.org or complete a form in the vestibule and place it in the purple box. You can also scan the image below to donate digitally. There will be a special insert in the Easter Bulletin listing those names.



Join us tonight!



Sacred Heart Choir presents

SEVEN LAST WORDS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 6:30PM

Graduating Seniors

If you are graduating from high school this year, please contact the church office to be included in senior activities with the parish.

Ladies Guild

Beverly Elder Roberts
 \$1,000.00 Scholarship



Please see applications in the vestibule. Deadline for application to be received by is April 20, 2024.

Ladies Guild Baby Shower benefiting the Center of Concern April 6th-21st



A portable playpen will be in the narthex to collect NEW (unused or unopened) items such as baby shampoo, lotion, socks, onesies, bibs, jars of baby food, disposable diapers, diaper cream and anything else you think parents might need for newborns to 24 months. All items will be taken to the Center. Thank you for anything you can give.

EASTER EGG HUNT



The Boy Scouts will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate candy or plastic eggs, please bring to the church office.



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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 23rd

5pm-----+Anna Bordenca

Sunday, March 24th

9 am ----- Parish Family

11am -----+Chris Sabens

1 pm -----+Elidia Ortiz

(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, March 26th

7am----- +Albert Beuscher

Wednesday, March 27th

7am----- Carolyn Brouillette

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30pm

+Marcy Portuese

Collection for the Poor

Good Friday

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 6:30pm

Collection for the Holy Land

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31st

9 am -----+Marcy Portuese

11am -----Parish Family

1 pm --- +Sergio Sanchez (Misa en Español)

Church office will be closed on Friday,

March 29th and Monday, April 1st.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

March 30th and March 31st

Lectors

8 pm Hunter Limbaugh

9 am -----Shari Doyal

11 am ----- Teresa Scheuring

Eucharistic Ministers

8pm --Hunter Limbaugh, Nick Bonds

9 am ----- Michael Riley

9 am (choir) ----- Richard Curtin

11 am-----Robie Grana,Gina Reaves

Ushers

8pm --Spanish Usher Team

9 am ---Mark Proper, Matthew Graessele

11am---Ron and Kim Johnson

Sacristans

8pm ---- John and Bess Valieant

9 am ----Sonja Deno, Yvonne Boothe

11am---Robie Grana, Mike Kline

Hospitality

9 am ----- Terry Hughes

11am ----- Kim Johnson

Hospital Ministry

March 26-April 1. Al&Sally Smith

April 2-April 8 Carol Speciale

Mass Attendance

March 16th-17th

5:00 pm-----140

9:00 am -----225

11:00 am -----185

1:00 pm -----431

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 30-31st, 2024

Easter Sunday

Acts. 10: 34a,37-43

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

John 20: 1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$12,437.00

Online:\$2,547.89

Total:\$14,989.89

CRS: \$2,598.00

Online: \$100.00

Total \$2,698.00

Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.

SCAN ME!



Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Greg Bavonese, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Cirilo Vizcaya, Stephanie Velasquez, Dan and Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Brandon Mancillas, Alex Navarro, Elizabeth-Anne Heathcock, Diane Seales, Debbie Buzan, Julianne & Oliver Semmes, Tom Beam, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, Mark Scheuring, Beverley Pletcher, JoAnn Nelson, Manuel Becerra Acevedo, Cameron Chenard, Jo Greathouse



“The tragedy of the passion brings to fulfilment our own life and the whole of human history. We can't let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our souls.”

—Saint Josemaria Escriva

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention

For New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

