

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

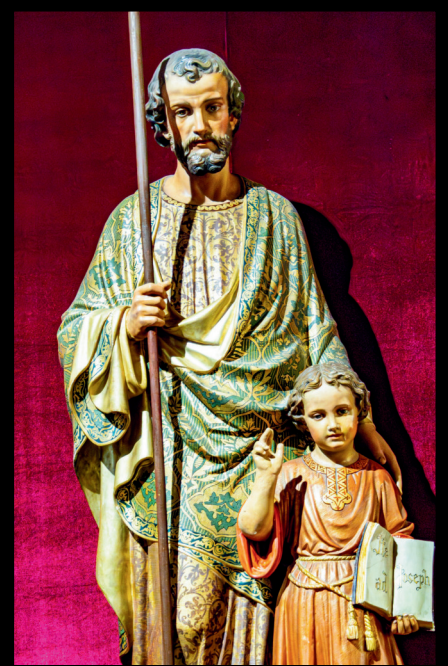
**March 15, 2026**

**Laetare Sunday**

**Year A**



*Healing of the Blind Man by Jesus Christ*  
Carl Heinrich Bloch 1834-1890



## St. Joseph's Feast Day

March 19th

### *Unity in the Family*

Gracious Saint Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Keep us united in love, fervent in virtue, and faithful to God.

Guard our home, bless our loved ones, and guide us in peace. **Amen**

#### 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.

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#### MASS TIMES

**Saturday**  
Reconciliation 2:30PM-3:30PM  
Mass 4:00 PM  
**Sunday**  
Mass 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM,  
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Light is a powerful thing. As it stands, our world is flooded with light from the Sun during the day, and then at night from the countless sources of energy that produce light to guide us in the darkness. Nowadays, we fill our eyes mostly with the sinister light of devices such as iPhone and iPad, tablets, and other things. Despite having so many of these sources of light available to us, there is another kind of light which comes from outside of the created universe, a light that is key to our salvation. It gets harder and harder for people to know this perfect celestial light, because they are so bathed in created light.

The light of Christ, the “lumen Christi” is the holy light that each of us needs to navigate best along the path of life. This light is as easy to see as the created light of the Sun, but it is also easier for us to ignore in our confusion and selfishness. Jesus gives this celestial light in a special way in our souls and in our hearts. One thing we know is that vision is impossible without light. The same is true of “spiritual sight” which is what Jesus first gives to the blind man he heals.

Before Jesus anoints the man, his own light dispels the darkness of condemnation and sin which surrounds him. People at that time believed that physical ailments were the just punishment of God for past sins, either of the individual or of one’s parents. Jesus destroys this false concept and brings heavenly light into the situation. This is what is meant when Christians speak of “illumination.” One is able to see and feel the light of Jesus shining in the darkness. These moments of illumination are powerful moments because they involve true conversion of will for the good, and these moments touch eternity because we see the Lord at work in us in the same way the blind man did when he saw Jesus for the first time, the Light of the World.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

*Fr. John*

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments? We invite you to join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes on Wednesday evenings. These sessions are designed for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation. Come explore the Catholic faith in a warm, supportive environment. No commitment is necessary to begin—just curiosity and an open heart! Contact the church office for more information.

### **Grass Cutting Schedule** Mar 29~ Apr 11

Team 1 Coordinator, Robbie Morrison  
Joe Meier, Mark Proper, Michelle Proper  
Britton Proper, Geraldo Mancillas,  
Henry Mancillas

# **SIGN UP**

It is not too late to sign up to help with the grass cutting ministry! Call the church office!



Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66  
Current Loan Balance: \$1,198,671.30  
Monthly Payment: \$15,717.74  
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00  
Building Fund Collections:  
March 1<sup>st</sup>: \$4,400.00 March 8<sup>th</sup>: \$4,993.00

# next week

Mrs. Mary Rhodes 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
as Organist and Music Director  
at Sacred Heart. We will celebrate on Saturday  
evening, March 21st beginning with Mass at 4:00pm  
followed by a family night in the parish life center!  
Prelude Music begins at 3:30pm

## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Sunday

8:30am Mass  
11:00am Mass  
1:00pm Mass en español  
5:00pm-COR men's group

### Monday

10:00am St. Hildegards

### Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

### Wednesday

7am-Mass  
No PSR/Religious Education

### Thursday

7am-Mass

### Friday

7am-Mass  
Adoration (ends at 4:30pm)  
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm  
Knights Fish Fry 5pm-7pm

### Saturday

2:30pm- Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mass -special music for 50th  
Anniversary for Mary Rhodes,  
followed by Family Night!

### Sunday

8:30am Mass  
11:00am Mass  
1:00pm Mass en español  
6:00pm-Seven Last Words

#### Mass in Vietnamese

Xin Thông báo, Cha Thánh sẽ Dâng Thánh  
Lễ cho cộng đoàn Việt Nam vào lúc  
5:00pm chiều Chúa Nhật ngày 29 tháng 3  
Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giải tội từ 4:15pm-4:50pm.  
Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh vào cộng đoàn  
thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

## SIGN UP

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It is time to sign-up to bring a dish to our  
Family Night Celebration for Mrs. Mary  
Rhodes. You can sign up online, in the  
narthex, or by calling the church office.

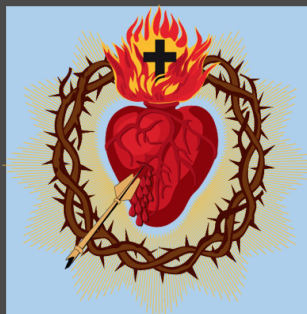


## Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent  
5pm-7pm

## Bev Roberts Scholarship Application

There are applications in the narthex for  
seniors graduating from high school.  
Application deadline is April 18, 2026.  
Sponsored by the Ladies Guild.



## Cor

COR men's group will  
meet tonight, Sunday the  
15th, at 5:00 pm in Parish  
Hall. We will read and  
discuss Mass Readings  
for March 22 which  
include the raising of  
Lazarus.



Seven Last Words  
Next Sunday,  
March 22nd,  
6:30 pm.

Prelude Music  
begins at 6:00pm

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

4pm--+Leo Elmore

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am--+Emily Cassidy

11:00am--+Evelyn Elmore

1:00pm- +Gerardo Paredes

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

7am-McKenzie Mitchell

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

7am--+Emily Cassidy

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

7am--+Anna Bordenca

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

7am--+Dianne Kelley

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

4pm--Mary J Rhodes

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am--+Slade Boothe

11:00am--Mary J Rhodes

1:00pm- Parish Family

### Hospital Ministry-

March 10<sup>th</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup> -Carol Speciale

March 17<sup>th</sup> -March 23<sup>rd</sup> -Al and Sally Smith

March 24<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup> David Hopper

### Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew and Kathy Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Connie Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Stephanie Velasquez, Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, 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, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring, Paul Guyer, Howard Family, Dian Pepe, Thu Nguyen, Robin Woolsey, Bob Patty, Yessica Ramirez, Noel Glanze

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, March 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 PM**

**Lector**-Elena Sevgi

**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova

**Altar Servers**- Efe Sevgi, Evan and Dean

Lombardi, Jeleany Becerra

**Ushers**- Ric Kelley, Joe Fox

**Sacristan**- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson

**Hospitality**-Linda Chenard

**Sun, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 AM (with Choir)**

**Lector**-Shari Doyal

**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova

**Eucharistic M. (Choir)**Michelle Proper

**Altar Servers**-Henry & Tony Mancillas, Paul

and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau

**Usher**-Dylan Price, Robert Moreau

**Sacristan**-Audrey Green, Nora Becerra

**Hospitality**-Terry Hughes

**Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)**

**Lector**-Matthew Poe

**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova

**Altar Servers**- Andrew, Melanie and

Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Angela Prince,

Miranda Alvarez

**Usher**- Vinnie Cantavespre, Patricia

Martinez

**Sacristan**-Kristy Cofield, sub req.

**Hospitality**-Delinda Garcia

All Saints Center of Concern is asking for donations of Dried Beans, Beanie Weanies, Spam, Ramen Noodles, Single Serve Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and Ravioli.

### Mass Attendance

March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm-163

8:30am-273

11:00am-267

1:00pm-429

### UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Ez 37:12-14
- Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- Rom 8:8-11
- Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### Weekly Offertory

March 8<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$9,419.00

Online: \$2,305.27

Total: \$11,724.27

Building Fund:

Offering: \$4,393.00

Online: \$600.00

Total: \$4,993.00

### Online Giving

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

SCAN ME



## Pope's Prayer Intention

March 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## Lent 2026

A Time of Grace and Conversion  
Fridays in Lent

Mass 7:00am Exposition 8:00am

Adoration 8:00am-4:30pm

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm.

No Benediction this Week.

### Seven Last Words

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm

### Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stations 3:00pm Veneration of the Cross 6:30pm

### Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday

Saturday, 8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday Mass 8:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm

