

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026 **Year A**



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)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday-Friday 7:00am

First Saturday Mass and

Anointing 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartanniston.org

Parish Staff: Phone: 256-237-3011

Deacon Mike Cova, Ext. 104

Laura Pratt, Office Manager Ext. 101

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**Sacred Heart Conference of
St. Vincent de Paul Society**
Help Line: 256-485-0275

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Sir 27:30—28:7
- Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12
- Rom 14:7–9
- Mt 18:21–35

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-158

8:30am-279

11:00am- 229

1:00pm- 474



Gleichnis vom bösen Knecht / Parable of the Wicked Servant

Domenico Fetti (1589–1623)

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.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

When the human person experiences mercy it can become one of the most life-changing and saving events. For some, however, the experience of the Merciful God can become just like one more experience in a chain of experiences that we consume along our selfish way. We see that highlighted in the Gospel this Sunday. We find a person that has, through his own fault, fallen into a terrible situation, and actually merits punishment. The Master, though, because of a movement of the heart, desires to show mercy, but somehow, this experience of mercy does not change the life of the person for the good. What is missing?

This movement of the heart, the movement towards mercy, is one of the most precious gifts that a Christian can experience. Our God is moved in this fashion with compassion for us, and so, in a like way, we should be moved with compassion for others. But what gets in the way? The same thing we see spoken of in the Scriptures: the wrath and envy sown by the devil in our hearts.

Anger and selfishness are two terrible spirits we find in our own hearts. These two demons are the seeds of wars, violence, family strife, and so many other terrible things suffered over the long history of the human race. What destroys and casts out these demons is the balm of mercy. Our Lord Jesus Christ has given the Holy Church the custody of the mercy office for the whole world. It is through the experience of Jesus and His mercy in the Sacraments of the Church that we come into true contact with Him, and as we experience this mercy, we should be filled with gratitude and humility, not with selfishness and self-justification.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is that wonderful place the Church offers us to face our sinfulness and feel His Love and Mercy. It is not a place for selfish recounting of our personal dramas and trials, but rather a place for us to honestly name our sins and failings before God, and to then feel the Mercy He freely gives for our sorrow and desire to reform our lives in His grace. For this reason, the Church teaches us that every Christian must confess sacramentally at least once a year, but in practice, our good confession should be more frequent. We need Him to heal us, we need Him to give us His gift, because alone, we are lost and unable to love in the way He has first loved us.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction**

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66
Current Loan Balance: \$1,141,660.11
Monthly Payment: \$14,825.18
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
Sept. 6th : \$ 4,625.00

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$13,830.00 **Online:** \$3,038.66 **Total:** \$16,868.00

**Ladies Guild Meeting
This Sunday, September 13th
2:30pm in Parish Life Center**

**All ladies of the parish (age 18+)
are encouraged
to be part of this active ministry.**

Child care available

Children must be fully potty-trained.
They are welcome to bring a game
to play with others.

This week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass
1:00pm Misa en español
2:30pm-Ladies Guild

Monday

10:00am- St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00 am-Mass
7:00pm-Knights Silver Rose Prayer Service

Wednesday

7am-Mass
4:30 pm-5:30 pm-Reconciliation
6 pm-PSR

Thursday

7:00 am-Mass

Friday

7:00 am-Mass

Saturday

2:30pm-3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass
1:00pm Misa en español



The altar flowers are in
loving memory of
Manuel Becerra Acevedo

Sacred Heart Choir

Are you interested in joining our Sacred Heart Choir?
They will begin in September with choir practices on
Tuesday evenings. Contact the church office for more
information.

The Office of Vocations will
host a Seminary Live-In at
Saint Meinrad Seminary
November 12-15, 2026. This
event is for men 18-35 years
of age. The weekend is an
opportunity for men to
experience daily life in the
seminary, attend classes, and
meet current seminarians.
There is no fee to attend, but
registration is required.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

**SEMINARY
LIVE-IN**

ST. MEINRAD SEMINARY
ST. MEINRAD, IN

NOVEMBER 12-15, 2026
AGES 18-35

205.838.8318
vocations@bhamdiocese.org
To register visit
bhamdiocese.org/vocations.

Ladies Guild Raffle

The Ladies Guild will be selling raffle
tickets for the garden angel pictured to
the right, to continue to raise funds for
Father's Garden.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
Tickets will be
\$5/ticket or 5/\$20



Mass in Vietnamese
Xin thông báo: Cha Thanh sẽ dâng thánh lễ cho
cộng đoàn Việt Nam vào lúc 5:00pm chiều Chúa
nhật ngày 27 tháng 9. Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giải tội từ
4:15pm đến 4:50pm. Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh
vào cộng đoàn thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

All are invited to the
**Knights of Columbus
Silver Rose Prayer Service.**

Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm

Please see the bulletin insert to learn more about
the Silver Rose Program



Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 12th

4:00 pm- +Barbara Voelkerding

Sunday, September 13th

8:30am- Parish Family

11:00am- Chris Hill

1:00pm- +Manuel Becerra Acevedo

Tuesday, September 15th

7:00am- +Jonas Davenport

Wednesday, September 16th

7:00am- +Jonas Davenport

Thursday, September 17th

7:00am- +Jonas Davenport

Friday, September 18th

7:00 am- +Dan Myers

Saturday, September 19th

4:00 pm- Parish Family

Sunday, September 20th

8:30am- Mike Griffin

11:00am- +Margaret Johnson

1:00pm- +Bertha Isabel Roblero Rivera

Hospital Ministry-

Sept 14th-Sept 18th Sarah Seales

Sept 21st-25th -Carol Speciale

Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Jim Roberts, Andrew and Kathy Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Connie Pollard, 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, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Florence Harvey, 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, Tony Burgess, Chris Hill, Tasha Carter, Charlie Miller, Katy Fortner, Ellen Tibbetts Hurst, Jorge Vasquez, Cesar Augusto Gonzalez, Chris Wade

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sept 20th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 4:00 PM

Nan Estes Lector - Lector

Vickey Jackson -Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Frank Buchanan, Joe Fox Usher

Keila Sevgi , Susan Watson - Sacristan

Cathy Little- Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean & Evan Lombardi, Enrique Najera,

Mateo Fernandez-AS

September 21st -Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Joshua Craft -Lector

Mike Cova - Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Cathy Focke-Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister (choir)

Patricia Martinez, Jorge Martinez, Sr.- Usher

Yvonne Boothe, Lindsay Tyson- Sacristan

Kathy Hopper -Hospitality

Henry&Tony Mancillas, Paul& Sam Maniscalco, Matthew

Andrade-AS

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

Toni Zinn - Lector

Mike Cova -Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Kelle Edwards, Ron Johnson Usher

Kristy Cofield, Kelly Matson -Sacristan

Delinda Garcia -Hospitality

Andrew Cofield, Geraldine Araiza, Jorge Araiz,Allison Araiza

Angel Araiza-AS



Grass Cutting Schedule.

Sept. 13th-Sept 26th

Team 3 Coordinator-Greg Velasquez

Ric Kelley, Jason Rollins, Mike Maynor, Juan Morales

Dylan Price, Robert Moreau



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The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

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Online Giving

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

Pope's Prayer Intention September 2026

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.