

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

**August 24, 2025**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C**



## ***Narrow Road of Virtue and Wide Road of Sin***

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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 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

Mass 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM,  
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

## **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 beginning Wednesday, July 9. 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.

# A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Our Lord Jesus presents us with the saving image of the “narrow gate.” He presents this image when asked by a disciple if all will enter the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus gives us this image because with intense love, He wishes us to understand the fervor of desire that is required for those who wish to be in His Kingdom.

Many people engage religion in a passive way. They wait, unmoved, for some religious inspiration to wash over them and change their lives. They stand in one place and expect God to “do His thing” while they remain engaged in their own individual occupations. Christianity does not have this character. Christians are called by the Lord Jesus to “ask, seek, and knock.” And Christians are not called to “strive” for the kingdom in a random or scattered way. Jesus reveals Himself to us in the life of His Church, in the Most Holy Eucharist, and the teachings and doctrines of our Catholic faith give us clear orientation as to how to live in His grace and love.

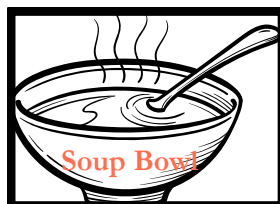
Over many years, I have seen how passionately people engage sports, hobbies and entertainments. Often, people are known in a community by their passion for a certain interest or hobby like golf, acting, or a being a fan of a certain band or entertainer. How many of us are known by the passion we demonstrate for the work of the Kingdom of God?

The intensity of the struggle and passion needed to enter the kingdom of God is not easy, it is not convenient. We must love the sacred disciplines that bring our souls closer to God – poverty, chastity, and obedience. We must cultivate in ourselves active love for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We must cultivate love for right teaching and truth and reject all those things that challenge the revealed truth of Jesus Christ in the Holy Roman Catholic Church. The curvy way of inventing a faith and practice for oneself that diverges from the true path causes deformation and disability in the human soul.

The Scriptures proclaim that all peoples and all nations are drawn to the perfect truth and glory of God. No one is excluded, but all must worship God in the proper way He has prepared for us, through the Eucharistic sacrifice, the narrow gate that invites all to pass through it into the kingdom of light and peace.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

*Fr. John*



## **Anniston Soup Bowl**

The Anniston Soup Bowl is a free meal service for individuals and families in need, particularly the homeless and low-income community, operating in Anniston, Alabama. It is a community effort run by volunteers, serving lunch Monday through Friday between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. It is our parishes time to serve at the Anniston Soup Bowl. We will be serving on September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-in sheets in the narthex to sign up to serve.

## **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is when we come to adore Jesus Christ, truly present under the appearance of bread in the Holy Eucharist. We should deeply desire many opportunities to spend time with our Lord. He is waiting there in the tabernacle for our visits. Kneeling before Him and pouring out our hearts can melt away our concerns and fears. Nourished by His love, we leave with grace, renewed hope, and peace.

If you are interested in becoming an adorer or learning more about our perpetual adoration program, please see Samantha and Shelton Brown following Mass. Or you can email them at [sacredheartadores@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartadores@gmail.com)

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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,362,796.77

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

**Building Fund Collections:**

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$1,475.00. August 10<sup>th</sup>: \$12,819.00

August 17<sup>th</sup>: \$1,740.00.

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

***Sunday***

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

***Monday***

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

***Tuesday***

7:00am-Mass

***Wednesday***

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-Religious Education/PSR

6:00pm-OCIA

***Thursday***

7:00am Mass

***Friday***

7:00am-Mass

***Saturday***

2:30pm- Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

***Sunday***

8:30am Mass

9:30am-Fifth Sunday Fellowship

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

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 24 tháng 8, 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

**Grass Cutting Schedule**

**Team 4-Aug 17 -Aug 30 : Robbie Morrison**

Britton Proper, Joe Meier, John Deno

Geraldo Mancillas, Henry Mancillas, Juan Morales

PSR

**Parish School of Religion**

This Wednesday, 6:00 pm, is our first class for our Parish School of Religion. If your child is in need of First Communion or Confirmation, please register and join us for classes.

**Knights of Columbus  
Fraternal Benefit Event**

Learn more about how you can align  
your finances with your faith.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Parish Life Center**



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A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship**

**Hosted by the Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a coffee and donuts fellowship opportunity following the 8:30am Mass.

Join us in the activity center!

Sunday, Aug. 31

9:30am-11:00am



The Sacred Heart Choir would like to invite you to learn the "Credo" with us!! We will all start singing the Creed in Latin during Advent this year and we would love if you were able to start singing it with us! If you are interested in learning with us please come to the Choir Loft on August 26th at 6:30 pm!! This is a huge undertaking and requires a bit of practice but will positively impact worship during Mass once we get the hang of it! Light refreshments and fellowship following rehearsal! Please join us if you can! Now is time to join the choir if you're interested! Contact the church office for more information.

**Ministry Training**

Training for current and new ministers!

**Eucharistic Minister:** Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-Church

**Altar Servers:** Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:00am

**Lector Training (2 sessions) First Session:**

September 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm -Classrooms

September 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm-Church

**Usher Training:** Sept 25, 6pm-7pm, Church

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, Aug 23rd**  
4pm-- +Walter Loescher

**Sunday, Aug 24th**  
8:30am-- +Jerry Teel  
11:00am-- Charles Zinn  
1:00pm-- +Francisca Ortiz  
5pm--- *Ad Intentionem Dantis*

**Tuesday, Aug. 26th**  
7am- +Elaine Carel

**Wednesday, Aug. 27th**  
7am-- +John Winn

**Thursday, Aug. 28th**  
7am-- +Hannah Nelson

**Friday, Aug 29th**  
7am- +Valerian S. Simbre

**Saturday, Aug 30th**  
4pm-- +Maynard and Barbara Voelkerding

**Sunday, Aug 31st**  
8:30am-- Jack and Sheila Thrasher  
11:00am-- Parish Family  
1:00pm-- Steve Guerra Martinez

Flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Francisca Ortiz, given by her daughter, Maria Ortiz.

The flowers in front of the altar are given in loving memory of Walter Loescher, Given by his wife, Jolene Loescher.

Flowers in front at the pieta are in loving memory of Celia Diaz Hernandez, given by her grandchildren, Edwin and Marin Becerra

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, Aug 30, 4:00 PM**  
**Lector**-Shari Doyal  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Jesse Edwards  
**Altar Servers**-  
Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi  
**Ushers**-, Joe Fox  
**Sacristan**- Susan Watson  
**Hospitality**-Kristen Neu

**Sun, Aug 31st 8:30 AM (with Choir)**  
**Lector**-Lanelle Cova  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova  
**Eucharistic Minister (Choir)**-Sonja Deno  
**Altar Servers**-Henry and Tony Mancillas, Paul and Sam Maniscalco  
**Usher**-  
**Sacristan**-Michelle Proper, Audrey Green  
**Hospitality**- Cathy Fockele  
**Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)**  
**Lector**-Toni Zinn  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Mike Cova  
**Altar Servers**- Andrew Cofield, Lyndsey Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Melanie and Jhonthan Micete, Jorge Becerra  
**Usher**- Dylan Price, Josh Craft  
**Sacristan**-Kelly Matsin  
**Hospitality**- Delinda Garcia

**Hospital Ministry-August/Sept**  
August 26th-Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Gina Reaves  
Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Toni Zinn  
Sept. 9th-15<sup>th</sup> Sarah Seales

**Mass Attendance**  
**Aug 16th&17th**

4:00pm-125  
8:30am- 276  
11:00 am - 240  
1:00 pm - 432

### UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 30th & 31st  
Twenty Second Sunday  
of Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
• Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11  
• Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a  
• Lk 14:1, 7-14

### Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$8,510.00  
Online: \$2,964.27  
Total: \$11,474.27

### Assumption

Offering: \$2,586.00  
Online: \$125.00  
Total: \$2,711.00

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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.



## Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, 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, 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, JoAnn Nelson, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Michael Griffin, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Kathy Wackerle, Mark Scheuring

THE POPE'S  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

For mutual  
coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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