

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

September 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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"The Altarpiece of the Holy Cross"

by Adam Elsheimer, painted between 1603 and 1605

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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,

This year, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on a Sunday, so we have the opportunity this year to celebrate this feast in the context of our whole worshipping community. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the moment when St. Helen, the mother of the emperor Constantine, discovered the True Cross in Jerusalem as she worked to establish the shrines of the Holy Land that commemorate the life-giving and saving moments of the life of Our Lord. This Feast also celebrates the moment when the Cross was raised up again in Jerusalem after the Persian army destroyed the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in 614 A.D.

For the early Christians, the Holy Cross was a real and present sign of torture and degradation used by the Romans to terrify and subjugate people under their rule. The people came to understand the power of the triumph of Jesus over this terrible violence through His passion and resurrection. The action of lifting up the Holy Cross is a powerful action because it declares to the world that there is no violence or degradation that Jesus cannot heal with His love.

We need the powerful reminder of the triumph of the Holy Cross in our world today, with violence and degradation so close to all of us. The deadly violence against the unborn child, the objectification of women and men through pornography, the violence of starvation and deprivation, the exploitation of the alien and the stranger, and the war-mongering heart all call out for the healing that only the Messiah can bring through the perfect love of His Sacrifice in the Eucharist.

Over the course of centuries, we see consistently that when violent people act out, one of their first targets is the Cross. How many times has the Holy Cross been thrown down by unbelievers from the bell towers and roofs of churches, how many times has the Cross been defaced and broken by the enemies of Christ! But each time it is thrown down, each time it is defaced, it is raised up in the hearts of believers, and that is where the love of Christ triumphs. Each one of us is called to lift up the Cross in our hearts, minds and actions, letting the saving, humble love of Christ transform this world from violence into the saving love that brings us all into Holy communion.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

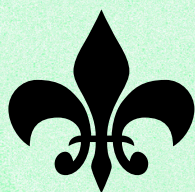
Fundraiser Breakfast

Traditional Pancake or Super Burrito Meal

Sept 20th ** Sacred Heart Activity Center ** 7:00AM–11:00AM

Proceeds are for Sacred Heart Scouts Outing Expenses

Breakfast Options: Traditional Pancake Breakfast with Sausage
OR Super Burrito with Salsa



Annual Cardinal Cub Camp sponsored by Sacred Heart Catholic Scouting

All families are invited to attend this family-oriented campout that will be held behind the church at the family life center on Sept 26-27.



Camping outside in a tent with a Friday campfire program and Saturday activities for younger youth. Meals are provided and camping equipment is available for loan. Registration is required

See any of the Sacred Heart Catholic Scouting Leadership for more information.

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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,353,831.68

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

September 7th: \$2,025.00

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

2:00pm-Ladies Guild

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-Lector Training (Classrooms)

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-OCIA Classes,

PSR-First Communion, Confirmation,
parent classes.

Thursday

7:00am Mass

6:00pm-Lector Training (Church)

Friday

7:00am-Mass

Saturday

2:30pm- Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am Mass

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 28 tháng 9,
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

Thank You

To everyone who participated and helped make
the parish grounds look so lovely all season!

**This weekend's second collection is
for the debt reduction of the Parish Life Center.**



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Forming Catholics for Life.

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.

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

Ladies Guild will meet this this Sunday
afternoon at 2:00pm in the parish life center
parlor. All women of the parish are invited
to attend.

with love we serve...

**BUILDING A
FUTURE
OF
Hope**

**2026 DIOCESAN
ANNUAL APPEAL
PLEDGE SUNDAY
Sept. 21, 2025**



**CATHOLIC
CHARITIES & COMMUNITIES**



Silver Rose Ceremony

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. the Silver Rose will be at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church on **Tuesday, September 23rd at 7pm.** Please plan on coming and supporting our local Knights and praying for the respect for life.

Ministry Training

Training for current and new ministers!

Lector Training (2 sessions) First Session:

September 16th 6pm -Classrooms

September 18th 6pm-Church

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

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 13th

4pm-- +Barbara Voelkerding

Sunday, Sept 14th

8:30am--+Jimmy Jones

11:00am--+Jimmy Jones

1:00pm--Parish Family

Tuesday, Sept. 16th

7am-- +Alice Birdener

Wednesday, Sept 17th

7am--+Alice Birdener

Thursday, Sept 18th

7am--+Dan Myers

Friday, Sept 19th

7am--+Alice Birdener

Saturday, Sept. 20th

4pm-- +Peter Boyle

Sunday, Sept 21st

8:30am--Parish Family

11:00am--+Robert Moore

1:00pm--+Gerardo Paredes

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Sept 20, 4:00 PM

Lector--Teresa Kauffman

Eucharistic Minister--Tim Barton

Altar Servers--

Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi,

Jonathan Micete

Ushers--Joe Fox, Jesse Edwards

Sacristan-- Keila Sevgi and Susan Watson

Hospitality--Mary Snyder

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

Lector--Shari Doyal

Eucharistic Minister--Deacon Cova

Eucharistic Minister (Choir)--Gina Reaves

Altar Servers--Henry and Tony Mancillas,

Christopher & Estephania Rodriguez,

Matthew Andrade

Usher--John Deno, Josh Craft

Sacristan--Yvonne Boothe, Sonja Deno

Hospitality-- Terry Hughes

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

Lector--Toni Zinn

Eucharistic Minister--Mike Cova

Altar Servers-- Andrew Cofield,

Geraldine, Jorge, and Allison Araiza, Angela Prince

Usher-- Patricia and Jorge Martinez Sr.

Sacristan--Kelly Matson, Robie Grana

Hospitality-- Delinda Garcia

Mass Attendance
Sept. 6th & 7th

4:00pm-- 161

8:30am-- 253

11:00 am -- 273

1:00 pm -- 420

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 21th & 22nd
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7

• Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

• 1 Tm 2:1-8

• Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$12,840.00

Online: \$4,283.39

Total: \$17,123.39

SCAN ME

Online Giving

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



The flowers at the altar this weekend are
offered in loving memory of
Dan Myers, given by his wife Judy Myers,
and family.

The flowers in front of the altar are
offered in loving memory of
Jimmy Jones, given by Gene and Mary
Rhodes and family.

Hospital Ministry--August

Sept. 9th-15th Sarah Seales

Sept 16th-22nd Richard Curtin

Sept 23rd-29th Carol Speciale

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

For our *relationship*
with all of creation



Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,
we might experience our interdependence
with all creatures who are loved by God and
worthy of love and respect.

