

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor



Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 10th, 2026 **Year A**



The Wedding Feast - Brueghel
Pieter Brueghel the Younger (1564–1638)

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

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartanniston.org

Parish Staff: Phone: 256-237-3011

Deacon Mike Cova, Ext. 104

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St. Vincent de Paul Society**
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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Is 25:6–10a
- Ps 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6
- Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
- Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-181

8:30am-282

11:00am- 296

1:00pm- 408

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,

In our Gospel this Sunday, Christ points out three different kinds of people who refuse to change in their encounter with God, and he points out the consequences of that refusal. He describes the bold refusers, who outright reject the invitation, then He describes the ones too distracted by their own pursuits to care, and finally, He describes those who come to the feast unprepared.

For our purposes, in the community of the Church and for those who will be reading this bulletin, in general we do not find ourselves in the first two categories, but we might find ourselves easily in the third – unprepared for the banquet. Worry, hurry, and the many distractions of the world can take away the precious sensibilities we need to cultivate as Christians in relationship to the Christ Himself and to the holy faith He has placed in our hearts. I notice over the years how a numbness grows in the hearts of believers, and one can become indifferent to the beauty of what God has given to those who believe in Him. I see many people enter the church and never genuflect. They talk loud and laugh in the church without thinking about the praying people around them. Every Sunday I see people cross in front of the altar and never make a reverence to the holy table or to the Blessed Sacrament reserved behind it.

Our outward signs of religious faith are direct reflections of our inward dispositions, as with all things. This is a lesson that is often rejected in our contemporary “come as you are” society. This is why Jesus speaks about a person at the wedding feast who is not dressed for the celebration. That person came without preparing his heart and mind for the feast to be celebrated. He just walked in and expected to be received as is. This is an egocentric and selfish disposition. Jesus’ every action and word towards His disciples was oriented towards inspiring saving change in the person. We may start in one place with the Lord Jesus, but we should never remain static in our relationship with Him.

Cultivating our religious sensibilities is not a question of who is worthy and who is not, but rather is a question for a person’s individual conscience: “Have I responded to God’s love in the radical way that the Blessed Virgin Mary did? Am I able to receive Him humbly? Am I living in love and charity with all my neighbors? Do I harbor ill will against anyone? Have I made every effort to follow the teachings of the Church according to my state in life? What change have I made in my life to love Him more?

The encounter with Christ is meant to bring about a deep change in the attitudes and sensibilities of the human person. Through our encounter with Him, and the developing relationship that happens with Christ in hearing His Word, Participating in His Sacraments, and living the reality that is membership in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, we are meant to be changed for the better – for full participation at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Signing up is easy! Just scan the QR code, contact the church office, or see someone in the Narthex following Mass. 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.

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction
Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66
Current Loan Balance: \$1,124,393.43
Monthly Payment: \$14,825.18
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
Oct. 3rd: \$1,695.00

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$ 10,080.00 Online: \$ 3,086.84 Total: \$13,166.84

2027 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Parish Update

Goal: \$63,900.00

Total Pledged to date: \$16,167.00

Total Parish Families: 1,023 Total Families Pledged: 24

2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal

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FORWARD

CATHOLIC
CHARITIES & COMMUNITIES

Sacred Heart Choir

Do you love singing Christmas Carols? Our Parish Choir is preparing special Music for our upcoming lessons and Carols and Midnight Mass. We would love for you to join us. No prior audition is required—just a joyful heart and a willingness to sing. Rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00pm in the church balcony. For more information call the Church office at 256-237-3011.

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Misa en español

5:00pm-Youth Group

2:30pm-Ladies Guild

Monday

10:00am- St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00 am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass

4:30 pm-5:30 pm-Reconciliation

5:00pm-Rosary

No PSR-Fall Break

Thursday

7:00 am-Mass

10:00 am Young at Hearts

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

Luminaries for All Souls Day



In remembrance of those we love on the occasion of All Soul's Day, The Ladies Guild will display luminaries after the Oct. 31st 4pm Mass. You can write the name of a loved one on a luminary in the narthex. Donations are welcome.

Congratulations to
Mary Ellen Williams
who won the Ladies Guild raffle
for the Garden Angel.

Ladies Guild Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 10th
2:30pm
Parish Life Center



Young at Hearts – Join Us This Thursday!

All retirees and senior adults are invited to our Young at Hearts gathering this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We'll begin the morning by praying the Rosary, followed by a delicious lunch, wonderful fellowship, and everyone's favorite—Bingo!

Whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, we'd love to welcome you. Come enjoy faith, friendship, laughter, and a fun afternoon together. We hope to see you there! Come laugh, pray, eat, and make new friends. We can't wait to see you!

October is the
month of the Holy
Rosary. Join us on
Wednesdays in October,
at 5pm to pray the Holy
Rosary.



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 25 tháng 10. 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

Parish Fall Festival

Join us on Sunday, October 25, from 5–7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center for an evening of fellowship and fall fun! Enjoy games, prizes, a cake walk hosted by the choir, hot dogs provided by the Knights of Columbus, and much more. New this year: a Saint Parade! Children are invited to dress as their favorite saint, march in the parade, and be eligible to win prizes! Bring the whole family and celebrate with our parish community! **The choir is happy to request donated sweet treats for the cake walk! The church office is happy to accept donations of candy!**

St. Charles Borromeo

Sacred Heart has been invited to pray the rosary for our nation with Fr. Franklin Fumukong.

Saturday, Oct. 17th at 12:00pm
Jacksonville Square

There will be
No Religious Education
Classes this week
due to Fall Break.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 10th

4:00 pm- +Noa Vera
+Guadalupe Morales

Sunday, October 11th

8:30am- Parish Family
11:00am- Chris Hill
1:00pm- +Gerardo Paredes

***Father will take Mass Intentions with him to the priest retreat.*

Tuesday, October 13th

7:00am- Communion Service
+Noa Vera

Wednesday, October 14th

7:00am- Communion Service
Gregoria Gonzalez Garcia

Thursday, October 15th

7:00am- Communion Service

Friday, October 16th

7:00 am- Communion Service

Saturday, October 17th

4:00 pm- +Gene Snyder

Sunday, October 18th

8:30am- For the Parish
11:00am- +Margaret Johnson
1:00pm- +Maria Perez

Hospital Ministry-

Oct 12th-Oct 16th-Gina Reaves

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, Greg Green

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 17th Sat, 4:00 PM

Allen Smith -Lector
Sally Smith-ExtraEucharistic Minister
Frank Buchanan, Jesse Edwards- Usher
Ric Kelley, One needed- Second Collection Usher
Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson- Sacristan
Kristin Neu -Hospitality
Efe Sevgi, Dean&Evan Lombardi, Jorge Becerra, Enrique Najera

Oct. 18th -Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Pat Quillian- Lector
Mike Cova ExtraOrdinary Eucharistic Minister
Cathy Fockele -Eucharistic Minister (choir)
Robert Moreau , Chuck Sibley-Usher
Dylan Price, One needed- Second Collection
Yvonne Boothe, Lindsay Tyson-Sacristan
Kathy Hopper -Hospitality
Henry, Mateo & Tony Mancillas, ,Sam&Paul Maniscalco-AS

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

Teresa Scheuring-Lector
Mike Cova -ExtraOrdinary Eucharistic Minister
Kelle Edwards, Thom Pratt- Usher
Josh Cofield, Riley Foshee Second Collection Usher
Kristy Cofield, Judy Myers-Sacristan
Delinda Garcia -Hospitality
Andrew&Lyndsey Cofield, Angela Prince, Ella Flores,
Geraldine Araiza-AS



Grass Cutting Schedule.

Oct. 10th -Oct. 24th

Team 4 Coordinator

Timothy Kerper, Sun Nguyen, Christian Perez
Justin Brooks, David Cheney, Tom Marvets,
Riley Foshee

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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 October 2026

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.