

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

September 7, 2025

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



The Procession to Calvary,
Painted by Pieter Breughel the Elder (1526-1569)

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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,

One of the misconceptions held by most people is that previous ages and generations were not as “sophisticated” as we are today. Actually, it happens that our ancestors were in many ways far more sophisticated than we are today, because they knew how to live more effectively in a society ordered to wisdom and the common good. Often, we are blinded by advances in technology and science, and instead of letting those things serve the beauty of our essential human dignity, we allow them to rob us of real progress in developing the human person to live in a communion of love in imitation of Christ.

In these past weeks, we have seen the violence and aftermath of a person, who, as a result of radical individualism, sought to shoot and kill innocent children while they were at prayer in their Catholic school. This atrocity has no real explanation, as the acts of the evil spirit are designed to create chaos and disorder in the midst of the People of God.

Our Lord Jesus, however, gives us a clear way to order our lives to the good as disciples. The Christian disciple is called to order all things in relationship to the wisdom the God reveals, shows, and manifests in this world. The transformation of disorder into order is seen in the image of the Holy Cross with Our Lord crucified upon it. Jesus embraced violence, suffering, humiliation, and degradation in order to transform it through love. This is the mission of the Christian disciple, and no disciple can escape this mission.

The development of the many technologies that we use daily can have positive results, but only if they are used in an ordered way, promoting the human community first and not allowing a person to escape the duties and obligations of the human person to live in a well-ordered society, contributing to the common good. When these terrible acts of violence occur in our society, we often find that the murderous impulse developed within the killer in isolation or in an echo-chamber of their own creating. Had that person been involved in their parish as a servant of God, reaching out to the poor, the outcast, or the lost, the chances are very slim that a person would develop the capacity to murder innocent children. It is a moment for us all to wake up to the dangers of isolation and dedicate ourselves anew to the transformative life of the Christian disciple.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

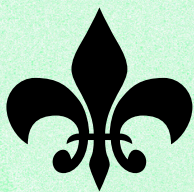
Fundraiser Breakfast

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: \$1,362,796.77

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

August 3rd: \$1,475.00. August 10th: \$12,819.00

August 17th: \$1,740.00 August 24th: \$598.33

August 31st: \$930.00 Total: \$17,562.33

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Youth

disciples

5:30pm-7:00pm, youth in 7th-12th grades are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-OCIA Classes,
PSR-First Communion, Confirmation,
parent classes.

Thursday

7:00am Mass

10:00am-Young at Hearts

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

**Team 2-Aug 31 -Sept 13 :Tim Kerper,
Tony Moyer, Sun Nguyen, Bert Collison,
Vinnie Cantevespre, Chris Strott**

St. Hildegards will not meet this Monday due to the labor day holiday. They will resume meeting next Monday at 10:00am in the parish life center.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will be meeting this Sunday at 2:00pm in the Parlor of the Activity Center.

THANK YOU! To everyone who served the Anniston Soup Bowl this past week.

Young at Hearts

Young at Hearts, our senior group of retired parishioners will gather on Thursday, September 11th at 10:00am for the Rosary. They will then have fellowship, pot luck lunch and bingo in the parish life center.



Sister Juventina Garcia

As a community of faith we welcome Sister Juventina to our parish family. She joins our Guadalupe Missionaries. Sister was born in 1940 and entered into the convent in 1957. She took her perpetual vows in 1967. She has been a missionary for 57 years. Serving 34 years in Mexico and 26 years in the United States. Welcome Sister!

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!

Eucharistic Minister: Sept. 11th, 6pm-Church

Altar Servers: Sept. 13th, 8:30am-10:00am

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 6th
4pm-- +Gene Snyder

Sunday, Sept 7th
8:30am-Parish Family
11:00am-Family of William Glass
1:00pm-Parish Family

Tuesday, Sept. 9th
7am- +Jesse Davenport

Wednesday, Sept 10th
7am--+Jesse Davenport

Thursday, Sept 11th
7am--+Jesse Davenport

Friday, Sept 12th
7am-+Alice Birdener

Saturday, Sept. 13th
4pm-- +Barbara Voelkerding

Sunday, Sept 14th
8:30am-+Jimmy Jones
11:00am-+Jimmy Jones
1:00pm-Parish Family

The flowers at the altar this weekend are given in loving memory of Gene Snyder, given by his wife, Mary Snyder. The flowers in front of the altar are given in loving memory of Paul Brouillette, on the occasion of his wedding anniversary to Carolyn Brouillette.



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Sept 13, 4:00 PM
Lector-Anna Allen
Eucharistic Minister-Corinne Hopper
Altar Servers-
Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi, Jorge Becerra
Ushers-Joe Fox, Ric Kelly
Sacristan- Keila Sevgi
Hospitality-Cathy Little

Sun, Sept 14th 8:30 AM (with Choir)
Lector-Richard Curtin
Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova
Eucharistic Minister (Choir)-Teresa Kauffman
Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,
Matthew Utrera, Jackie Sanchez, Piper Moreau
Usher-Robert Moreau, Tony Moyer
Sacristan-Audrey Green, Sonja Deno
Hospitality- Sub Requested
Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)
Lector-Matthew Poe
Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova
Altar Servers- Andrew and Lindsey Cofield,
Geraldine, Jorge, Jeleney Becerra, Angela Prince
Usher- Spanish Ministry Team
Sacristan-Kelly Matson
Hospitality- sub requested

Hospital Ministry-August
Sept. 2nd- Sept 8th Toni Zinn
Sept. 9th-15th Sarah Seales
Sept 16th-22nd Richard Curtin
Sept 23rd-29th Carol Speciale

Mass Attendance
Aug 30th & 31st

4:00pm- 150
8:30am- 261
11:00 am - 290
1:00 pm - 450

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 13th & 14th
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b
• Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14
and 17
• Phlm 9-10, 12-17
• Lk 14:25-33

Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$11,598.00
Online: \$1,257.52
Total: \$12,855.52

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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

SEPTEMBER 2025

THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

For our *relationship*
with all of creation



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.