

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

**September 21, 2025**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year C**



## *"The Parable of the Rich Fool"*

Rembrandt 1627

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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,

Jesus presents us with the powerful image of the dishonest steward. He presents a man who loves money and the power it gives him, and how this is his motivation to steal from his master. Then Jesus presents how when faced with the public revelation of his dishonesty, he uses all his cleverness to find a way to land softly. Jesus praises the cleverness, but not the dishonesty. Jesus points out how much intelligence and energy this man put into pursuing his own desires. Then, we see Jesus express His clear desire that we use all our cleverness to pursue more holy desires.

It is important for our Catholic community to keep open a conversation that regards vocations to the consecrated life. Young women and men who, looking out into this world, seeing, and experiencing all the circumstances of life that are calling for help, respond with love and the gift of their own lives, are dedicating themselves to the life-giving service of the Gospel.

In our own community, this month on September 29th, we celebrate the five-year anniversary of the ministry of the Guadalupe Sisters to our parish, and the gift they bring of consecrated life is immeasurable. To give of one's own being to serve God is a rewarding and consoling path. To dedicate one's time to the things of God, to dedicate one's thoughts to the things of God, and to dedicate one's efforts to further God's kingdom can help to purify our selfish desires and lead us to more profound communion with God and neighbor. It all begins, though, in the secret thoughts of our hearts, secrets that are never hidden from God, but that He can transform into holier desires.

When we place our human gifts and talents at the service of God rather than at the service of our own selfishness, we open a door to a world of blessing and light. I remember years ago, when I approached a good young lady in another parish about considering a vocation to the religious life, I was shocked by her response when she said, "Father, I'll be happy to give money to the nuns, but don't ask me to sacrifice myself!" I felt deeply shocked and saddened in that moment because even if that vocation was not for her, the violence of that response told me that she was still lost in a place where managing money was her sad response to God. Instead of that selfish and thoughtless response, respond with generosity and courage, dedicating one's life to the things of God!

In His Most Sacred Heart,

*Fr. John*



**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:

Sept 7th: \$2,025.00    Sept 14<sup>th</sup>: \$9,324.33



***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

*Sunday*

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

5:30pm-7:00pm Youth Disciples

*Monday*

10:00am-St. Hildegards

*Tuesday*

7:00am-Mass

7:00pm-Silver Rose Ceremony

*Wednesday*

7:00am-Mass

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

*Thursday*

7:00am Mass

6:00pm-Usher 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

5:00pm- Vietnamese Mass

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

On September 29, 2020, the Feast of the Archangels Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael, the mission of the Guadalupan Missionaries of the Holy Spirit was inaugurated in our parish. Now, we are celebrating the five-anniversary of the work of the sisters in our parish. Our sisters work in catechesis, in outreach to the poor, in pastoral ministry to the grieving, pastoral counselling, and in many, many more ways. Above all, simply having the presence of consecrated religious women in our parish is a blessing that helps us all to understand better our commitment to our baptismal covenant. As a parish, we celebrate the presence of Sisters Obdulia, Manuela, and Juventina among us, and we pray for many more vocations to the consecrated life from among our young Catholic people!

with love we serve...  
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FUTURE  
OF  
Hope

2026 DIOCESAN  
ANNUAL APPEAL  
PLEDGE SUNDAY  
Sept. 21, 2025



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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



## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, Sept. 20th**  
4pm-- +Peter Boyle

**Sunday, Sept 21st**  
8:30am-Parish Family  
11:00am-+Robert Moore  
1:00pm-+Gerardo Paredes

**Tuesday, Sept. 23rd**  
7am- +Peter Boyle

**Wednesday, Sept 24th**  
7am--+Peter Boyle

**Thursday, Sept 25th**  
7am--+Peter Boyle

**Friday, Sept 26th**  
7am-+Chris Sabens

**Saturday, Sept. 27th**  
4pm-- +Alice Birdener

**Sunday, Sept 28th**  
8:30am-Parish Family  
11:00am-Parish Family  
1:00pm-+Ana Delgado  
5:00pm--- *Ad Intentionem Dantis*

Flowers this weekend is offered in memory of Dan Myers, given by his wife, Judy Myers.

## Youth Disciples

Youth disciples will meet this Sunday at 5:30pm in the activity center. Youth in grades 7th-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend.

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, Sept 27, 4:00 PM**  
Lector-Allen Smith  
Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova  
Altar Servers-  
Dean and Evan Lombardi,Efe Sevgi,  
Jorge Becerra  
Ushers-Frank Buchanan, Sub Requested  
Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson  
Hospitality-Kristen Neu

**Sun, Sept 28th 8:30 AM (with Choir)**  
Lector-Joshua Craft  
Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova  
Eucharistic Minister (Choir)-Cathy Fockele  
Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,  
Paul and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau  
Usher-Pat Quillian, Chuck Sibley  
Sacristan-Nora Becerra, sub requested  
Hospitality- Jolene Loescher

**Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)**  
Lector-Teresa Scheuring  
Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova  
Altar Servers- Andrew and Lindsey Cofield,  
Gabriella Flores, Angela Prince, Melanie Cofield  
Usher- Thom Pratt and Ron Johnson  
Sacristan-Kim Johnson, Mike Kline  
Hospitality-Laura Pratt

**Hospital Ministry-August**  
Sept 16th-22<sup>nd</sup> Richard Curtin  
Sept 23rd-29<sup>th</sup> Carol Speciale

Mass Attendance  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm- 162

8:30am- 249

11:00 am - 245

1:00 pm - 446

## UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 27th & 28th  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

• Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

• 1 Tm 6:11-16

• Lk 16:19-31

## Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$10,037.00

Online: \$3,228.97

Total: \$13,296.97

Building Fund

Collection: \$7,259.33

Online:\$2,065.00

Total:\$9,324.33

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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 and Kathy 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, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring

If you want to live today,  
live for God, in whom  
yesterday and tomorrow are  
nothing but today.

*Marsilio Ficino*

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.