

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026 **Year A**



Sower

James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902)

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)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday-Friday 7:00am

First Saturday Mass and

Anointing 8:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH WEBSITE

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St. Vincent de Paul Society**
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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Is 55:10-11
- Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
- Rom 8:18-23
- Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Mass Attendance

4:00pm- 135

8:30am- 228

11:00am- 321

1:00pm- 391

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

While I am away on sabbatical, I wanted to use the opportunity to write a series of articles for our bulletin about the most recent encyclical letter of our Holy Father, Pope Leo. An encyclical letter is a writing of the Holy Father that is meant to circulate among all bishops, priests, and faithful of the Catholic Church, calling attention to important matters of faith, morals, and Catholic life. These letters are usually written to address concerns that affect all of humanity. The pattern of an encyclical letter usually includes a presentation of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition that help us as Catholics to be able to interpret the signs of the times in the light of our faith. This latest encyclical letter, entitled “Magnifica Humanitatis” deals with the importance of safeguarding our essential human dignity in the time of artificial intelligence. The first line of the encyclical gives the basic principle of the document:

Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, faces a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build a city in which God and humanity dwell together.

The Holy Father is giving us these two powerful images to consider our lives as disciples in light of the advancements of technologies and especially artificial intelligence. The first image comes from the eleventh chapter of the Book of Genesis, and describes man’s efforts to use his own power to challenge God. Pope Leo points out that the project of the Tower of Babel was a project “conceived without reference to God,” and was an example of human self-affirmation rather than faithfulness to God. The project of the Tower of Babel ended in disaster and dispersion of the people.

The other example given is the beautiful story about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonians destroyed them. We find this story in the beginning of the Book of Nehemiah, and it gives us a good example of starting a great work with prayer to God, then calling on all parts of a society to contribute to the common good. In this way, the Pope points out, a people who had been scattered through violence find a common language again in the harmony and communion they experience working together for God’s purposes.

As Catholics, we must dedicate ourselves every day to working in some way to build up the kingdom God desires, and the dignity of every worker in this holy city is of utmost importance, and every effort and contribution is holy. Remember the words of St. Paul in the Letter to the Hebrews: “For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.” (Hebrews, 13-14)

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

New Class of OCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. New classes started on **June 17th.**, but it is not too late to sign-up. 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: \$1,171,120.64
Monthly Payment: \$14,825.18
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
June 7th : \$ 4,660.00 **June 14th :** \$8,371.33
June 21st : \$905.00 **June 28th :** \$470.00

Total \$14,406.33

Weekly Offertory.

Offertory: \$ 9,857.00 **Online:** \$1,485.61
Total: \$ 11,336.61

Center of Concern

We are in desperate need of items for our food pantry. Pop-top Beanie Weenies, spaghetti cups, ravioli cups, fruit cups, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pasta sauce, green beans, rice, and crackers. Please drop off all donations at the Center between the hours of 7am until 2pm or use the drop box in the narthex of the church.

Cleaning out closets this summer, your garage, getting new furniture? Remember, we are currently collecting items for the 4th Annual Yard Sale. We've had some wonderful things donated; please call Pauline (256-453-1440) to set up a time to meet at the storage unit. A list will be available that can hang on your refrigerator as to what kind of items we take. The only items we do not take are clothes, outdated electronics, books, VCRs, and the like. Thank you for all of your donations so far!



***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 1:00pm Misa en español

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass
 6pm-OCIA

Thursday

7:00 am- Mass

Friday

7:00 am- Mass

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



The flowers at the altar are in loving memory of **Jerry Chandler** given by Kathy Chandler and Beth Brouillette.

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 26 tháng 7 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



Next weekend will be our summer seminarian, Cameron Huhlein, last weekend with us. Please thank Cameron for the time he spent with us at Sacred Heart this summer. He was a great help in the sacristy, with Vacation Bible School, Altar Servers and much more. Please keep Cameron in your prayers as he continues his formation journey.

Adult Bible School



**July 7th-10th
9am-12pm**

Come spend time in fellowship with adults 50+. Each day will have prayer, spiritual studies, fellowship and a speaker from the community. Presentations on bank fraud, dynamic family relationships, Alabama State Council on the Arts and more!

No COR mens group meeting this week.

Do you enjoy chess, or are you interested in learning? Our parish is starting a Chess Club, and everyone is welcome! Whether you're a beginner, casual player, or experienced competitor, we invite you to join us for friendly games, learning opportunities, and fellowship among parishioners. Chess sets and boards are provided. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call the church office. All ages and skill levels are welcome to join!



Young at Hearts will meet on
 Thursday, July 16th at 10am.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 4th

4:00pm-Efe Sevgi

Sunday, July 5th

8:30am-+Gloria Moreno

11:00am-+ Emily Cassidy

1:00pm- Parish Family

Tuesday, July 7th

7:00am- +Chris Winn

Wednesday, July 8th

7:00am- +Marcy Portuese

Thursday, July 9th

7:00am- Rosa Reyes

Friday, July 10th

7:00 am- +Peter Ford

Saturday, July 11th

4:00 pm- +Jerry Chandler

Sunday, July 12th

8:30am-- Parish Family

11:00am-Chris Hill

1:00pm- +Gerardo Paredes

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

July 11/12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 4:00 PM

Nan Estes -Lector

Tim Barton -Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Jesse Edwards & Joe Fox -Usher

Keila Sevgi and Susan Watson-Sacristan

Mary Snyder- Hospitality

Sun, 8:30 AM

Joshua Craft - Lector

Mike Cova- Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Vickey Jackson - Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister (choir)

Joshua Craft, Robert Moreau-Usherr

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Nora Becerra and Audrey Green - Sacristan

Yvonne Boothe- Hospitality

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

Allen Smith Lector

Mike Cova Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Sp. Usher Team Usher

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Kristy Cofield (sub req.) and Robie Grana - Sacristan

Kim Johnson Hospitality

Hospital Ministry-

July 6th-10th - Gina Reaves

July 13th-17th -Toni Zinn



Grass Cutting Schedule.

July 5~July 18

Team 3 Coordinator-Greg Velasquez

Ric Kelley, Jason Rollins, Mike Maynor

Juan Morales, Dylan Price, Robert Moreau

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, Scott Presson, 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, Diar Pepe, Thu Nguyen, Robin Woolsey, Bob Patty, Yessica Ramirez, Noel Glanze, Tony Burgess, Chris Hill, Tasha Carter, Charlie Miller, Katy Fortner, Ellen Tibbetts Hurst

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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 July 2026

For respect for human life.
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

