

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
Aug 26, 2026 **Year A**



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

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

PARISH WEBSITE

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**Sacred Heart Conference of
St. Vincent de Paul Society**
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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Jer 20:7-9
- Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
- Rom: 12:1-2
- Mt 16:21-27

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-133

8:30am-271

11:00am- 254

1:00pm- 434



Peter with the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Unknown - Relief sculpture in Santo Niño Basilica, Cebu City, Philippines

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,

“Who do people say that I am?” This is the question Our Lord poses to St. Peter and the other Apostles more than two thousand years ago, and this question is still deeply relevant today. In our nation and in our world, people say many things about who Jesus is, and certainly not all of them are true. Many people incorrectly define Jesus only in terms of themselves, focusing exclusively on what Jesus means to them, their personal experiences, and their lives. This, of course, can become a kind of idolatry, because it makes the human person the center of interpretation rather than seeking the understanding of who Jesus is as revealed to us as a people by the Father in heaven. The Scriptures tell us clearly: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. It is St. Peter the Apostle who gets this right, and Jesus tells us why.

Jesus tells us that St. Peter is able to correctly understand who Jesus is because it was REVEALED to him, shown to him, by the Holy Spirit. St. Peter does not invent this knowledge from his own human experience, he receives it from the source of all knowledge, God. Because St. Peter proves himself able to receive the message of truth from God, and then places himself under the authority of the Holy One of God, Jesus bestows upon him the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Here we see Jesus bringing into being the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church that to this day receives the grace and love of God and bestows it freely upon those who seek God with an open heart.

In many places in the world, men and women stand up in communities and declare themselves to be leaders in the Christian religion, under no actual authority and without real connection to what has gone before them. These communities, then, become desert islands unto themselves. No liturgy, no Sacred Tradition, they pick and choose what they think is true, right, and good to teach, but have no one to teach them because they are not docile to what God has established in His Son as a Church. When a person persists in that kind of radical error, it becomes difficult to serve the King of the Universe faithfully. Isaiah shows us the consequences of this mentality when he reveals that Shebna has arrogantly acted as the lord of the palace, rather than humbly serving as a steward of the authority of the king.

Shebna becomes an image of pride and idolatry, religious arrogance and misplaced priorities, and St. Peter is the image of humble faithfulness to the truth of the Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God. St. Peter was imperfect, but he was faithful and humble before the Lord, never seeking to dominate, but letting God lead him where he needed to go, even to being martyred for the faith in the city of Rome. Like the Holy apostle Peter, we should be ready to identify Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God, and worship Him faithfully in spirit and truth in the Holy Church Jesus himself established as our way to the Kingdom of Heaven.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66
Current Loan Balance: \$1,141,660.11
Monthly Payment: \$14,825.18
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
Aug 2nd : \$1,735.00 **Aug 9th** \$6,727.00
Aug 16th \$3,030.00

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$7,741.33 **Online:** \$2,946.17 **Total:** \$10,687.50
Assumption: \$1,304.00 **Online:** \$100.00 **Total:** \$1,204.00

This week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 1:00pm Misa en español
 5:00pm-Vietnamese Mass

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass
 6pm-OCIA

Thursday

7:00 am- Mass

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

Sacred Heart Choir

Are you interested in joining our Sacred Heart Choir? They will begin in September with choir practices on Tuesday evenings. Contact the church office for more information.

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 23 tháng 8. 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

St. Hildegards

St. Hildegards meets every Monday at 10:00 AM in the Parish Life Center for fellowship and a little healthy inspiration! We share wellness tips and healthy recipes, take walks, and encourage one another along the way.

 Bring your walking shoes and join us—healthy living is better with friends!

Stay healthy 



Anniston Soup Bowl

Sign-up now to help serve at the Anniston Soup Bowl. Our dates to serve this month are Tuesday, Aug 25th and Wednesday, Aug 26th, 11am-1pm. Please sign up in the narthex following Mass.

NOW!

Registration opens now for our Parish School of Religion

New! K-1st grade (Sunday mornings)
 First Communion
 Confirmation
 OCIA in Spanish



**Sacred Heart Conference of St. Vincent de Paul
Neighbors in Need-Update**

Members of St. Vincent de Paul, known as Vincentians, have been busy recently assisting many neighbors in need. We want to share what we can of a few of those experiences.

- We assisted a grandmother of 5, newly hired and awaiting her first paycheck, with rent and groceries.
- We assisted a single man, living without power, to improve his quality of life through transportation assistance, laundry, and food. The home visit was a powerful encounter teaching us much about the human experience and how removing the obstacles to basic human needs can help facilitate positive change.
- One neighbor in need was not able to pay for the entirety of the cremation of her husband.

These experiences, and many others, are powerful encounters where we see the face of Christ of those in need and SVDP shows the Light of Christ in our community.

Thank you to all of those who support us in prayer and in financial donations. This ministry continues to grow.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 22nd

4:00pm- Lourdes Rodriguez

Sunday, August 23rd

8:30am- +Jimmy Jones

11:00am- Parish Family

1:00pm- +Gerardo Paredes

5:00pm- Ad Intentionem

Tuesday, August 25th

7:00am- +Mary Plante

Wednesday, August 26th

7:00am- +Arthur Graves

Thursday, August 27th

7:00am- +Arthur Graves

Friday, August 28th

7:00 am- +Barbara Lee

Saturday, August 29th

4:00 pm- Parish Family

Sunday, August 30th

8:30am- Parish Family

11:00am- +Margaret Snouffer

1:00pm- +Gilberto Cruz Vargas

Hospital Ministry-

Aug. 24th-Aug 28th Gina Reaves

Aug. 31st-Sept 4th Toni Zinn

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

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Aug 29: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 4:00 PM

Vickey Jackson - Lector

Teresa Kauffman- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Donna and Tim Barton- Ushers

Keila Sevgi & Susan Watson-Sacristan

Mary Snyder- Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean & Evan Lombardi, Jamie Hurtado, Maria Salomon-AS

August, 30th-Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Sonja Deno- Lector

Mike Cova- Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Cathy Fockele- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister (choir)

John Deno, Mark Proper- Usher

Sonja Deno, Nora Becerra- Sacristan

Terry Hughes- Hospitality

Henry, Tony & Mateo Mancillas, Paul & Sam Maniscalco, -AS

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

Nick Shell - Lector

Mike Cova - Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Ron Johnson, Vinnie Cantavespre-Ushers

Kim Johnson, Darryl Battle - Sacristan

Delinda Garcia - Hospitality

Andrew Cofield, Matthew Andrade, Angela Prince,

Estephanie & Christopher Rodriguez-AS



Grass Cutting Schedule. Aug 16~Aug 29

Team 1 Coordinator-Robbie Morrison

Joe Meier, Mark Proper, Michelle Proper

Britton Proper, Geraldo Mancillas, Henry Mancillas

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Jimmy Jones, given by his family

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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 August 2026

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.