

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
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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)

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.

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“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the mother church of all churches in the world.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

-Vatican News, vaticannews.va

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,

This year, we have the special grace to celebrate an important feast of our Church on a Sunday – the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Many may ask why it is important to celebrate a feast day that commemorates a physical building in Rome, but when we explore the significance of this place, we will understand the spiritual power revealed by Our Lord on this feast.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is one of the four major basilicas in Rome, along with St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, and St. Mary Major. St. John Lateran is considered the first church building in the world where the Christian people were allowed legally to gather with their bishop to celebrate Mass. This is because in the year 313 AD, the Emperor Constantine gave freedom to the Christians in the Roman Empire, and by 324 AD, Constantine had given to the Pope the land of the Lateranii Family, as well as the funds necessary to build a cathedral. To this day, St. John Lateran is where the “cathedra” or throne of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) is kept. But it is not just the physical place that is important, it is the concepts of Church that teach us about what it means to be members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Christ himself gave us the Church and Apostles to be the first bishops. Where there is a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, then his people gather around him to celebrate the mystery of the body in communion with the head. Christ makes Himself present in the Church, despite our human weaknesses, but as long as we remain in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter, we have the comfort of those words spoken to St. Peter by the Christ: “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall never prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

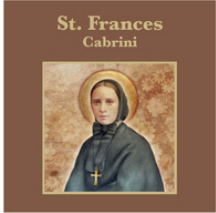
This first cathedral of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Body of Christ throughout the world should be visible, at work, and proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel. Physical places in this world can be sanctified by the presence of Christ, in His Sacraments, His Word, His sacred ministers, and in His holy people. The Basilica of St. John Lateran was the first place that Christians could gather in this way in freedom, and we who are blessed with freedom to gather in our parish church should consider our work of proclaiming the Christ to the world, in union with the Successor of Peter, the Pope of Rome, our own Bishop of Birmingham, and with all the Catholic faithful throughout the whole world.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

Learn the *Credo* with the Choir

The Sacred Heart Choir would like to invite you again to learn the “Credo” with us! We as a Parish will start singing the Creed in Latin during Advent this year and we cannot do it alone! . This is a huge undertaking and requires some practice but will positively impact worship during Mass! Please join us if you can and bring a friend! We will also have two Credo sing-throughs on Nov. 9th and 16th from 9:45am-10:15am. This is not so much a teaching session but more of a run through to get some more practice before we start incorporating it in Mass on November 22nd! Join us!



St. Frances Cabrini

No one would have assumed that a sickly girl from Italy would be accepted into a convent nor travel far from home. Yet, St. Frances went on to prove both assumptions incorrect, becoming a nun and missionary who would establish schools, orphanages and hospitals all across America.

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to get free access to this content and much more!



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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,335,764.99

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

Nov. 2nd: \$3,155.00

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

2:00pm Ladies Guild

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

5:30pm-Rosary

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 23 tháng 11,
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

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Lessons & CAROLS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Sunday, December 14th 6:00 PM

JSU Civic Chorale

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend
this wonderful concert! They will be
performing at our church.

Thursday, Nov. 20th, at 7:00pm



Young at Hearts

Thanksgiving Pot Luck!

Our Retirement age group ministry, Young at
Hearts will meet this upcoming Thursday in
the activity center. They will start with the
rosary, then a Thanksgiving Pot Luck,
followed by fellowship and bingo. Please
come and spend some time with this fun
group and bring a dish to share. Rosary
begins at 10:00am.



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"COR, the Men's group
for our parish will meet
again on November 16th
at 5 PM to build Faith
Formation, Fraternity
and Prayer. Please join
us for this brief monthly
meeting to enhance your
Christian Life. Will meet
in Parish Life Center.

Ladies Guild

All women of the parish are invited to
attend the Ladies Guild meeting this Sunday
at 2pm. Come and join them in the parish
life center parlor.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 8th
4pm-- Friars' Intention

Sunday, Nov. 9th
8:30am-Friars' Intention
11:00am-Friars' Intention
1:00pm- Friars' Intention

Tuesday, Nov. 11th
7am- +Francis Franchuck
+Matt Pepe

Wednesday, Nov. 12th
7am- +Marcy Portuese

Thursday, Nov. 13th
7am-All Souls'

Friday, Nov. 14th
7am- +Albert Beuscher Sr.

Saturday, Nov. 15th
4pm-- Friars' Intention

Sunday, Nov. 16th
8:30am-Friars' Intention
11:00am-Friars' Intention
1:00pm- Friars' Intention

Flowers are offered in
 loving memory of
Sergio Sanchez by his mom,
Guadalupe Sanchez and
Sister.



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Nov 15th, 4:00 PM
Lector-Gretchen Elliot
Eucharistic Minister-Corinne Hopper
Altar Servers-Dean and Evan Lombardi,
Efe Sevgi, Jhonathan Micete
Ushers-Jesse Edwards, Greg Velasquez
Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson
Hospitality-Mary Snyder

Sun, Nov. 16th, 8:30 AM (with Choir)
Lector-Vicky Jackson
Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova
Eucharistic M. (Choir)-Teresa Kauffman
Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,
JChristopher and Estephanie Rodriquez,
Jelany Becerra
Usher-Chuck Sibley, Mark Proper
Sacristan-Michelle Proper, Nora Becerra
Hospitality-sub requested

Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)
Lector-Toni Zinn
Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova
Altar Servers- Andrew and Lindsey Cofield,
Angela Prince, Gabriella Flores, Matthew Andrade
Usher- Vinnie Cantevespre, Josh Cofield
Sacristan-Subs requested
Hospitality-sub requested

Catholic Charities Pledges

Parish Goal: \$60,000.00
 Pledge to Date: \$42,452.00



Hospital Ministry-August

Oct 28th-Nov 3rd Toni Zinn
 Nov. 4th-10th Sarah Seales
 Nov. 11th-17th Richard Curtin

Mass Attendance

Nov 1st & 2nd
 4:00pm- 210
 8:30am- 269
 11:00 am - 270
 1:00 pm - 517

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nov. 15th and 16th
 Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Mal 3:19-20a
 • Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
 • 2 Thes 3:7-12
 • Lk 21:5-19

Weekly Offertory

Off: \$8,888 OL:\$3,462.63
 Total: \$12,350.63
St. Vincent de Paul
 Off: \$150 OL: \$1,700
 Total: \$1,850
All Saints
 Off: \$1,316 OL:\$130.00
 Total: \$1,446.00
All Souls
 Off: \$5,182.00 OL:\$145.00
 Total: \$5,327.00

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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 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, 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, Dianne Kelley, Paul Guyer

NOVEMBER 2025

THE POPE'S
 PRAYER
 INTENTIONS

For the *prevention*
 of suicide



Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.