Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207
Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 4th, 2026 Year A

Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen
Marten van Valckenborch (1535–1612)

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
Reconciliation
Wednesday 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

PARISH WEBSITE
www.sacredheartanniston.org
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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Is 25:6–10a
- Ps 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6
- Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
- Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

Mass Attendance
4:00pm-149
8:30am-267
11:00am- 284
1:00pm- 420
5:00pm-52

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,

Over the past few Sundays, we have been hearing in the Sacred Scriptures a lot of references to the vineyard. It makes sense when we consider that this time of the year, August to October, is the traditional season of the grape harvest in most Mediterranean countries. What is important for us to understand, however, is that the image of the vineyard represents what God desires to accomplish in the souls of His beloved people. God is the owner of the vineyard, and the vines and represent all of us, His beloved people, who have been planted in this world and given every good thing in order to bear forth the best fruits possible.
A great scripture scholar of the Counter-reformation, Cornelius Lapide, says: Everyone's vineyard is his soul. Also, for a pastor it is his parish: for a bishop, his diocese: for a magistrate, the state; [for a parent, the family], that they may bring forth the fruit of good works and virtues. The hedge represents the laws and statutes that govern us in justice: the keepers of the vineyard are the angels who travel back and forth from the throne of God: the tower represents our prayer, meditation, reason, forethought: the wine press represents our tribulation, mortification, the cross. "

Another scholar says: "A servant is sent to us" when the law, a psalm, or a prophecy is read to us in the liturgy. We cast out that servant when we are blaspheming or dismiss the relevance of the Holy Scripture in our ignorance or indifference. The one who kills the heir, who tramples on the Son of God, is the one who acts badly despite the Spirit of grace given in Baptism. Then, what we received from God's love in the vineyard is given to another when a humble person receives the grace which was despised by us in our pride. We can only recover that gift through humility. How can it be that when the loving, hardworking, and caring owner of the vineyard, Our God, comes to find his good produce, He finds nothing but our complaint, our sour grapes, selfishness, rebellion, and violence.

For Catholics, as a continuation of the promise made to the people of Israel, Our Lord Jesus has planted us firmly in the vineyard of the Holy Roman Church. He gives us grace in the Sacraments, He teaches us with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and the never-failing Word we find in the Scriptures. How wonderful to have been given such a vineyard to work in! Increasing our love for that work, serving God in the context of the Church, offering our humble human gifts and time to Him in service that seeks nothing in return, but rather to give is a happy, fulfilling, and consoling way of life laid out before us. We should never turn away from the work given to us, producing good fruits that lead us all to eternal life with God.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. 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: $1,141,660.11
Monthly Payment: $14,825.18
Total Construction: $2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

Sept. 6th. : $ 4,625.00 Sept. 13th : 5,723.00
Sept. 20th $1,840.00 Sept. 27th :$650.00
Total for month of September: $12,838.00

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: $8,489.75 **Online:** $ 1,237.74 **Total:** $9,727.49

This week at Sacred Heart

Sunday
8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass
1:00pm Misa en español
5:00pm-Youth Group
5:00pm-COR men's group

Monday
10:00am- St. Hildegards
6:00pm-Chess Club

Tuesday
7:00 am-Mass

Wednesday
7am-Mass
4:30 pm-5:30 pm-Reconciliation
5:00pm-Rosary
6 pm-PSR

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
2:30pm-Ladies Guild

Sacred Heart Choir

Do you love singing Christmas Carols?
Our Parish Choir is preparing special Music for our upcoming lessons and Carols and Midnight Mass. We would love for you to join us. No prior audition is required-just a joyful heart and a willingness to sing. Rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00pm in the church balcony.
For more information call the Church office at 256-237-3011.

Youth Disciples

Youth in grades 7th-12th will have their first meeting of the fall semester this Sunday, October 4th, from 5 pm-7 pm in the parish life center. We hope you'll plan to come for food, Bible study and Fun!

Chess Club

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. Next meeting is this Monday, Oct.5th at 6pm in the parish life center.

It's not to late to Pledge!

Envelopes and Pledge Cards are in the narthex, or donate online catholicharitiesbhm.org

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Join us on Wednesdays in October, at 5pm to pray the Holy Rosary.

Parish Fall Festival

Join us on Sunday, October 25, from 5–7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center for an evening of fellowship and fall fun! Enjoy games, prizes, a cake walk hosted by the choir, hot dogs provided by the Knights of Columbus, and much more. New this year: a Saint Parade! Children are invited to dress as their favorite saint, march in the parade, and be eligible to win prizes!Bring the whole family and celebrate with our parish community!
The church office is happy to accept donations of candy!

Mass in Vietnamese
Xin thông báo: Cha Thạnh sẽ dâng thánh lễ cho cộng đoàn Việt Nam vào lúc 5:00pm chiều Chúa nhật ngày 25 tháng 10. 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

COR is a Catholic men's gathering rooted in prayer, formation, and fraternity. It's a space where men of the parish come together — not to perform, but to grow. Through honest conversation, shared faith, and brotherhood, Cor calls men to become who God created them to be. Their next meeting is this **Sunday, Oct. 3rd at 5pm**. **All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend**. The meeting will begin with praying the rosary.

Cor

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 3rd
4:00 pm- +Chris Sabens

Sunday, October 4th
8:30am- Parish Family
11:00am- +Margaret Johnson
1:00pm- +Ana Delgado

Tuesday,October 6th
7:00am- +David L. Brown

Wednesday, October 7th
7:00am- +Marcy Portuese
+Anna Bordenca

Thursday, October 8th
7:00am- +David L Brown

Friday, October 9th
7:00 am- JoAnn Lambert

Saturday,October 10th
4:00 pm- +Noa Vera
+Guadalupe Morales

Sunday,October 11th
8:30am- Parish Family
11:00am- Chris Hill
1:00pm- +Gerardo Paredes

Hospital Ministry-
Oct. 5th-9th-Mary Ellen Williams
Oct 12th-Oct 16th-Gina Reaves

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, Greg Green

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 10th Sat, 4:00 PM
Teresa Kauffman Lector
Mary Ellen Williams - Eucharistic Minister
Ric Kelley, Frank Buchanan, Usher
Joe Fox, Second Collection-(one needed)
Keila Sevgi & Susan Watson,Sacristan
Mary Snyder Hospitality
Efe Sevgi, Dean & Evan Lombardi, Javier Ramirez, Luis Ramirez, AS

Oct. 11th **-Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)**
Richard Curtin - Lector
Mike Cova Ordinary Eucharistic Minister
Shari Doyal ExtraEucharistic Minister (choir)
Mark Proper &Ron Johnson, Usher
Audrey Green and Michelle Proper, Sacristan
Yvonne Boothe Hospitality
Henry, Mateo &Tony Mancillas, ,Piper Moreau, Matthew Andrade-AS

Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)
Nan Estes Lector
Mike Cova Ordinary Eucharistic Minister
Jorge Araiza, Maria Ortiz, Lucero Cardoso y Eloisa Barrios Usher
Kelly Matson, Robie Grana-Sacristan
Delinda Garcia Hospitality
Andrew&Melanie Cofield, Ella Flores, Noel Vera
Caleb Foshee-AS

Grass Cutting Schedule. Sept. 27th-Oct. 10th
Team 4 Coordinator
Jose A Medina, Jose Medina, Jose Guadalupe Rodrigues, Cristian Rodrigues, Hector Gonzalez, Luis Torres, Diego Rodrigues, Ramon Ortiz

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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
October 2026

For mental health ministry.
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

"I believe, my God, that I am in your presence, and that you look at me and hear me."

New Class of OCIA

Ladies Guild Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 9th
2:30pm
Parish Life Center

First Friday Adoration

Friday Oct 2nd
7am Mass
Followed by Exposition
6:00pm-Benediction

Please sign up in the narthex for an hour to come and pray in front of the **Blessed Sacrament**.

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 on Wednesday evenings. 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.

Team 2 Coordinator
John Deno
Richard Curtin
Michael Lilly
Sy Nguyen
Dennis DeMarois
David Vu
Stormy Nolen
Gassael Valdivia Zamudio

Apr12~Apr25
Jun21~Jul4
Aug30~Sep12

First Saturday Mass

Saturday, October 3rd, 8:00am
Followed by anointing of the sick

Mar29~Apr11
Jun7~Jun20
Aug16~Aug29

Team 1 Coordinator
Robbie Morrison
Joe Meier
Mark Proper
Michelle Proper
Britton Proper
Geraldo Mancillas
Henry Mancillas

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Team 3 Coordinator

Greg Velasquez
Ric Kelley Apr26~May9
Jason Rollins Jul5~Jul18
Mike Maynor Sep13~Sep26
Juan Morales
Dylan Price
Robert Moreau

Team 4 Coordinator

Jose A Medina
Jose Medina
Jose Guadalupe Rodrigues
Cristian Rodrigues
Hector Gonzalez
Luis Torres
Diego Rodrigues
Ramon Ortis

May10~May23
Jul19~Aug1
Sep27~Oct10

The Parish men's group COR will meet this Sunday, August 2nd at 5:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Team 5 Coordinator

Timothy Kerper
Sun Nguyen
Christian Perez
Justin Brooks
David Cheney
Tom Marvets
Riley Foshee

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Sun Nguyen, Christian Perez, Justin Brooks, David Cheney
Tom Marvets, Riley Foshee

May24~Jun6
Aug2~Aug15
Oct11~Oct24

Young at Hearts – Join Us This Thursday!

All retirees and senior adults are invited to our Young at Hearts gathering this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We'll begin the morning by praying the Rosary, followed by a delicious lunch, wonderful fellowship, and everyone's favorite—Bingo!

Come spend time in fellowship with adults 50+.
Each day will have prayer, spiritual studies, fellowship and a speaker from the community.

There are sessions on bank fraud presented by Noble Bank.
Catholic Family Services will present on
Dynamic Family Relationships.

Chess Club

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!

Parish Fair
June 13, 2026

Ladies Guild Meeting
This Sunday, September 13th
2:30pm in Parish Life Center

A few photos from our parish fair, this past weekend.

All ladies of the parish (age 18+) are encouraged to be part of this active ministry.

Child care available
Children must be fully potty-trained.
They are welcome to bring a game to play with others.