

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor



Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2026 **Year A**



The Parable of the Two Sons in the Vineyard
Georg Pencz (1500–1550)

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

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartanniston.org

Parish Staff: Phone: 256-237-3011

Deacon Mike Cova, Ext. 104

Laura Pratt, Office Manager Ext. 101

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**Sacred Heart Conference of
St. Vincent de Paul Society**
Help Line: 256-485-0275

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Is 5:1–7
- Ps 80:9, 12, 13–14, 15–16, 19–20
- Phil 4:6–9
- Mt 21:33–43

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-196

8:30am-271

11:00am- 309

1:00pm- 449

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,

Recently, I was reading an article written by a person that was speaking about leaving the Catholic Church for a Protestant community because they felt that the Catholic Church could not “receive me as I am.” I have taken this concept to prayer and meditation, because it deeply disturbs me, and I would like to share with you some of the thoughts and meditations of my heart regarding this, especially in context to the Scriptures that are presented to us this Sunday.

In our world today, much emphasis is placed on the individual and personal realities and experiences. Perhaps too much emphasis is placed on the individual, because it can happen that a person of good will can start to believe that the world around him/her needs to conform to that individual’s needs, rather than the idea that the needs of the individual are part of the needs of a community, a society, and in our case, a Church given to us by Christ for the salvation of the world.

The two sons of the father in today’s Gospel both understand their personal needs/wants/desires. They are not evil individuals, but rather they are humans struggling with what humans struggle with every day: trying to do good and avoid evil. The first son fakes being faithful, but is still convinced his way is the best, so he disobeys what his father has commanded for him to do. The second son struggles, knows his personal desires are perhaps not the best, but in the end, conforms his life to the task that will benefit the whole community – to go to the field to work to produce food for all.

Often, I hear my colleagues from other churches say: “Our doors are open to everyone.” It is often said with the insinuation that in our Church there are doors closed to some. This is not, and never has been, and will never be the case. The Catholic Church proposes a teaching given by Christ Himself to the Apostles as a way to live and a path to eternal life in heaven. The teaching cannot change, as the Truth of Christ cannot change, but that is not a means of exclusion, in fact it is the opposite. Our Church offers a Universal Call to Holiness that embraces every condition of the human person, but asks each of us to consider how we can faithfully respond to the Lord with our lives rather than giving Him a bossy ultimatum to “receive me as I am.”

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John



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

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.

**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

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$10,811.00 **Online:** \$ 3,157.29 **Total:** \$13,968.29

***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. Hildegards
6:00pm-Chess Club

Tuesday

7:00 am-Mass

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:00 am-Mass

Friday

7:00 am-Mass
8:00am-6:00pm-Adoration
6:00pm-Benediction

Saturday

8:00am First Saturday Mass
2:30pm-3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday

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

Mass in Vietnamese
Xin thông báo: Cha Thanh sẽ
dâng thánh lễ cho cộng đoàn
Việt Nam vào lúc 5:00pm
chỉều Chúa nhật ngày 27 tháng
9. 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

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.

It's Pledge Sunday

If you have not received a pledge card from the diocese, those cards are available in the narthex.

Please make sure to include our parish name on your pledge card!

2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

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**SEMINARY
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NOVEMBER 12-15, 2026
AGES 18-35

205.838.8318
vocations@bhmdiocese.org
To register visit
bhmdiocese.org/vocations.

**VOLUNTEERS Anniston
NEEDED Soup Bowl**

Sacred Heart is scheduled to volunteer for the Anniston Soup Bowl September 28, 29 and 30th!

We need 5 volunteers for each day.
11am-1pm

Please sign up in the Narthex



Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 26^h

4:00 pm- +Maynard Volkerding

Sunday, September 27th

8:30am- Parish Family

11:00am- Chris Hill

1:00pm- +Gerardo Paredes

5:00pm- Ad Intentionem Dantis

Tuesday, September 29th

7:00am- Wesley Scott Thornton

Wednesday, September 30th

7:00am- Katie Elizabeth Thornton

Thursday, October 1st

7:00am- +Ted Miller

Friday, October 2nd

7:00 am- +David L. Brown

Saturday, October 3rd

4:00 pm- +Chris Sabens

Sunday, October 4th

8:30am- Parish Family

11:00am- +Margaret Johnson

1:00pm- +Ana Delgado

Hospital Ministry-

Sept 28th-Oct. 2nd- Al & Sally Smith

Oct. 5th-9th-Mary Ellen Williams

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

Oct. 3rd Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 4:00 PM

GJesse Edwards Lector - Lector 1

Allen Smith - Eucharistic Minister

Joe Fox & Chuck Sibley, Usher

Keila Sevgi & Susan Watson, Sacristan

Linda Chenard Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean & Evan Lombardi, Noel Vera,

Mateo Fernandez-AS

Oct. 4th -Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Teresa Kauffman Lector - Lector 1

Mike Cova Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Gina Reaves Extra Eucharistic Minister (choir)

John Deno & Ron Johnson, Usher

Adarryl Battle and Michelle Proper, Sacristan

Kim Johnson Hospitality

Henry & Tony Mancillas, Paul & Sam Maniscalco, Piper

Moreau-AS

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

Matthew Poe Lector - Lector 1

Mike Cova Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Riley Foshee, Thom Pratt, Usher

Kristy Cofield, Judy Myers-Sacristan

Lindsay Tyson Hospitality

Andrew & Lindsey Cofield, Angela Prince, Julietta Lopez,

Coleton Saxton-AS



Grass Cutting Schedule.

Sept. 27th-Oct. 4th

Team 3 Coordinator-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 September 2026

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.