

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

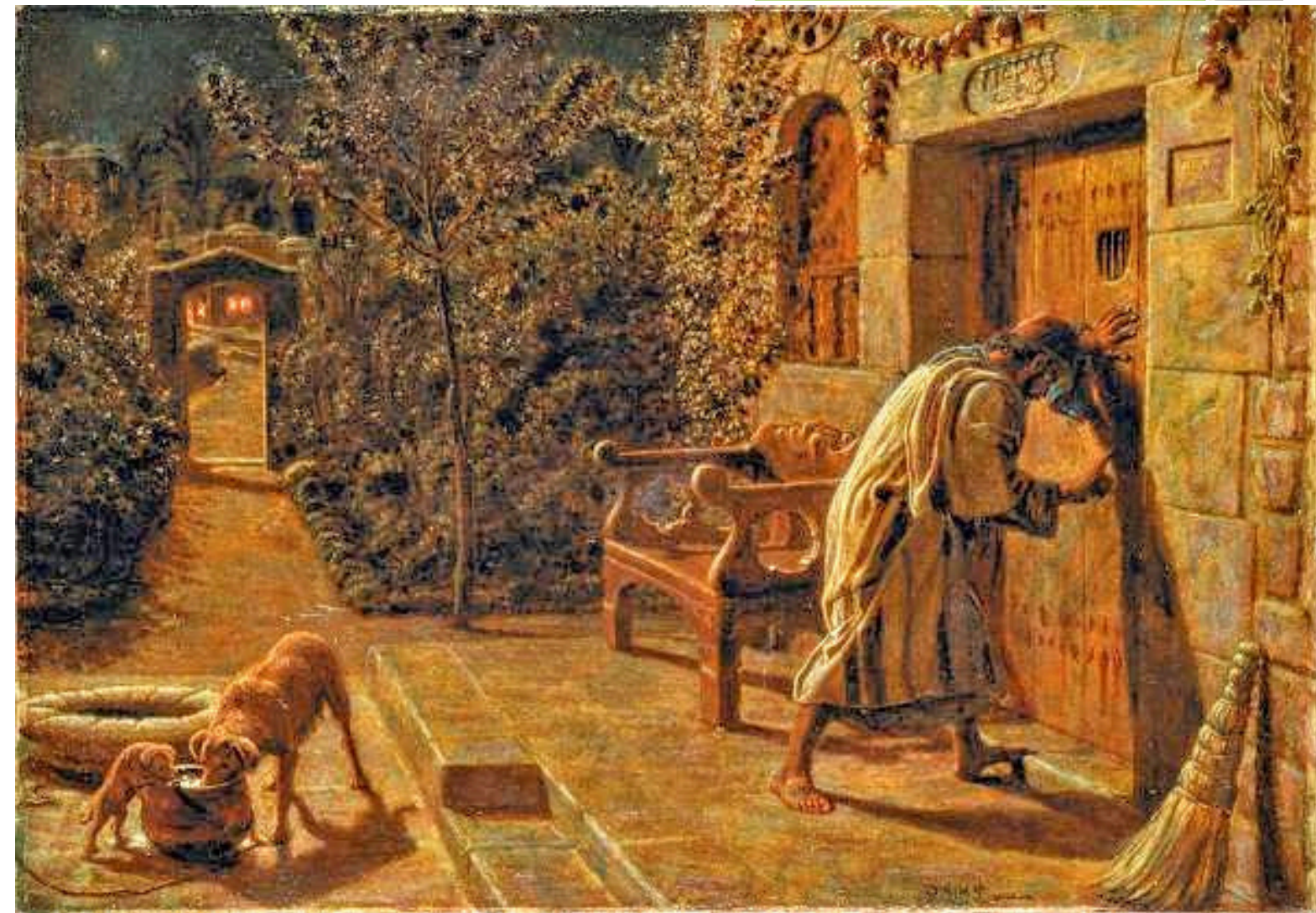
1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor



July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Importunate Neighbour *William Holman Hunt (1827–1910)*

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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)

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,

We speak a lot about prayer. Every time there is a disaster or difficult situation, it is common to hear people say: “I’m praying for you,” or even politicians and agency workers say: “We’re praying for the victims...” But we are often left with an empty feeling when we turn to pray, because we often don’t understand fully the profound nature of that relationship with God. The Scriptures, however, reveal to us many important parts of the beautiful relationship of prayer one can have with God.

The very first thing about prayer is that we must dedicate time and space to prayer. For many, this is a hard step to take. In order to pray, one has to stop other activities. St. Paul’s admonition to “pray without ceasing” does not mean to pray as a decoration to our activities, but rather to cultivate a life of prayer in such a way that our attention is never drawn away from God when we turn from the time of prayer to the time of daily action. All prayer, however, must begin when the human person decides to stop in time and space and turn our hearts, minds, and bodies to God. All the prophets and holy ones in the Bible stop in the midst of their activities to pray to God. They make special efforts to create time and space to speak to Him. Abraham and Jesus both do this, and we must as well.

The Scriptures also show us that prayer is not a passive activity, but rather one that requires intention. Knock, ask, seek... these are intentions presented by the supplicant in prayer. Forming a heartfelt intention in prayer is one of the most beautiful dialogues we can have. We hear that same thing asked by the disciples of Christ: “Lord teach us how to pray.” In response, Jesus gives his disciples seven intentions in the Our Father that can make up a perfect prayer life.

Prayer sanctifies time and space, this created world. When prayers are made in homes, schools, workplaces, and in every conceivable corner of the world, the time and place of those prayers becomes holy. It is a powerful thing to pray in public and in private, to connect heaven and earth with a holy and authentic dialogue with God. As disciples, an essential part of our mission is to be that leaven of prayer in this world, never neglecting our responsibility to pray for the salvation of all.

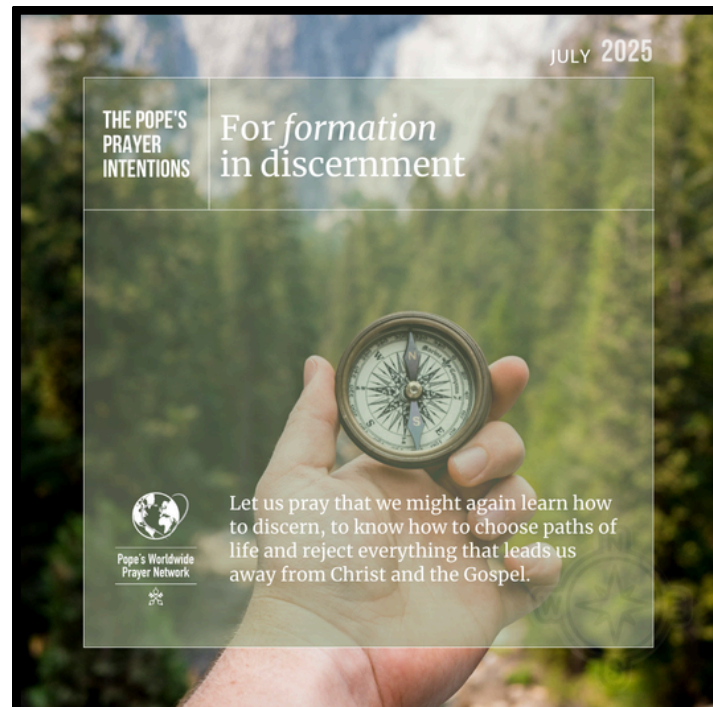
In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

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Weeks second collection is for Seminar Education Fund

The weekend of August 2-3, you are invited to prayerfully consider giving to the Seminar Education Fund Appeal, which directly supports the 21 seminarians who are being formed to become priests serving the people of God within the Diocese. This year, a generous benefactor has pledged to match every gift to the Seminar Education Fund up to \$1 million throughout 2025, doubling the impact of each donation. Thank you for your support!



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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,371,716.67

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections: May

July 6th: \$1,705.00 July 13th: \$ 6,383.00

July 20th: 2,865.33

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

5:00pm-Vietnamese Mass

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-OCIA Classes

Thursday

7:00am Mass

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 20 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

Grass Cutting Schedule

Team 3-July 20 -Aug 2: Jose A Medina

Jose Medina, Jose Guadalupe Rodrigues

Cristian Rodrigues, Hector Gonzalez

Luis Torres, Diego Rodrigues, Ramon Ortis

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Forming Catholics for Life



Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Yard Sale

We will not be taking items for the yard sale during the month of August. We will announce in the bulletin when we begin to receive more items.

Seminarian Justin Brouillette



This is Seminarian Justin's last weekend with us at Sacred Heart Parish. It has been wonderful having him here in Anniston. Please continue to pray Justin as he returns to the Josephinum in Ohio and finishes his final year in seminary.

There is a basket in the vestibule if you would like to leave him a gift or card.

Ministry Training

Are you interested in being a part of one of our parish ministries?

Usher, Sacristan

Eucharistic Minister, Rosary Leader

Hospitality, Lector, Hospital

Please contact the church office and let us know! We will be having upcoming training sessions in **September**. Training will be for current ministers and new ministers.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 26th

4pm-- +Lisa Valieant

Sunday, July 27th

8:30am-Parish Family

11:00am-Parish Family

1:00pm-+Sola T. Gutierrez

Tuesday, July 29th

7am- +Lee Hayslette

Wednesday, July 30th

7am--Pauline Anderson

Thursday, July 31st

7am--+Carma Boswell

Friday, Aug 1st

7am-+Sandra Jackson

Saturday, Aug 2nd

4pm-- +Ignacio Morales

Sunday, Aug 3rd

8:30am-Dian Pepe

11:00am-Claudia Lopez Calderon

1:00pm-Parish Family

The flowers this weekend are offered in loving memory of Maria Auxilio Nuñez, given by her daughter, Nora Becerra. The flowers at the pieta are given in loving memory of Sola T Gutierrez, given by Bernenice Gutierrez.



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Aug 2, 4:00 PM

Lector-Elena Sevgi

Eucharistic Minister-Tim Barton

Altar Servers-

Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi,

Ushers-Joe Fox, Jesse Edwards

Sacristan- Susan Watson, Jorge Martinez

Hospitality-Linda Chenard

Sun, Aug 3rd 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Lector-Emerson Maniscalco

Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova

Eucharistic Minister (Choir)-Allen Smith

Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,

Paul and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau

Usher-Robert Moreau, Tony Moyer

Sacristan-Yvonne Boothe, Lindsay Tyson

Hospitality- Jolene Loescher

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

Lector-Shari Doyal

Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova

Altar Servers- Andrew, Melanie and Lindsay

Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Miranda Alvarez

Usher- Vinnie Cantavespre, Danael Gijon

Sacristan-Kristy Cofield, Kim Johnson

Hospitality- Margaret Roberts

Hospital Ministry-July-Aug

July 22nd-28th-Richard Curtin

July 29th-Aug 4th-Carol Speciale

Mass Attendance
July 19th & 20th

4:00pm-

8:30am-

11:00 am -

1:00 pm -

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 2nd & 3rd
Eighteenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

• Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14
and 17

• Col 3:1-5, 9-11

• Lk 12:13-21

Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$10,237.00

Online: \$2,744.52

Total: \$12,981.52

SCAN ME

Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.



St. Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day, July 31st



"Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you. Do with it as you will, according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; for with this I have all that I need."

Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett 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, JoAnn Nelson, 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