

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter



Christ Appears on the Shores of Lake Tiberias
James Tissot
1836-1902

MASS TIMES

Saturday
Reconciliation 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday
Mass 9:00 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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A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

We hear from the Book of Acts during the Easter season, learning about how the early Church was formed and how the Apostles marshaled all the teachings they learned from the Lord in order to strengthen and build up the new-born Church. But the Gospel we see for this Sunday, the last chapter of John, gives us a stark contrast to consider. In the Book of Acts, we see the Apostles in Jerusalem, making a powerful stand before the Sanhedrin, pledging their obedience to God and dedicating themselves to the preaching of the name of Jesus. But then, in the Gospel, all of a sudden, these same people are 70 miles north of Jerusalem, back in their home place of Galilee. They have gone home, and Peter has even gone back to his old job. One can almost feel the defeat and frustration in the scene. They weren't even catching any fish.

They had forgotten that Jesus had told them: "From now on you will be fishers of men." But Jesus does for them exactly what he does for us. He comes into the midst of them and once again teaches them how to experience His blessing. They change their ways, and immediately, there is a huge catch of fish! But even after that, Jesus invites them to eat and to be filled, and then, in the case of Peter, which is our situation as well, he gives him a beautiful opportunity to be reconciled with the Christ. Jesus helps Peter remember both his betrayals as well as the depth of his love for Jesus, and in that way, Peter was cleansed and renewed for the mission Christ had sent him on – to save souls.

What we know is that from this point, Peter did not stay in his old home place on the Sea of Galilee. Somehow, this aging Palestinian fisherman made his way to the capital of the Roman Empire, the huge metropolis of Rome, and there began to teach the Gospel as the Bishop of Rome, the first Pope. Now, as the conclave begins on May 7th, we will pray to the same Holy Spirit mentioned by Peter "who God gives to those who obey Him." It is the Holy Spirit who will give us a new Roman Pontiff, in apostolic succession. Our mission as Roman Catholic Christians remains the same now as it was then – to share the Truth of Jesus Christ risen from the dead, and to lead souls to encounter that Truth without fear or violence, asking Christ to forgive our sins, and confessing our love for Him as we feed His sheep.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

The 135 cardinals eligible to elect the next pope will enter the Sistine Chapel to begin the conclave May 7.

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming Diaconate Information Session

Men, do you feel God is calling you to serve in a deeper way in your parish and community? Then perhaps you are being called to be a Deacon. The Inquiry period begins August 16th to select a group of men to continue to the Aspirancy formation beginning January 2026. The following information sessions are scheduled:

- May 31st at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4600 Preserve Parkway, Hoover, AL 35226
- June 8th at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at St. Mary of the Visitation, 222 Jefferson St. N., Huntsville, AL 35801 in the Fr. Treacy Hall.

Additional information and requirements to enter diaconate formation can be found at the Office of Permanent Diaconate website - at USCCB.org. You can also fill out the registration form for the Inquiry period at this website. Online registration is open now through July 3rd. If you have questions, contact the Director of Formation, Permanent Diaconate Program, Deacon Jeff Montgomery at jmontgomery@bhmdiocese.org.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Debt Reduction-Beginning April 2025

Loan Amount: \$1,389,421.79 Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

Amount Paid to Date: \$1,286,439.00

April 6: \$4,195.00 April 13: \$6,553.00

April 20th \$2,385.33 April 27th: \$685.00

Total in April: \$13,818.00



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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Beverly Roberts Scholarship

It is time to pick up your application for the Ladies Guild \$1,000.00 scholarship. Applications are in the narthex of the church. Please make sure to return completed applications by the May 12th deadline.

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday

7:00am-Mass

10:00am-Young at Hearts

Friday

7:00am-Mass

Saturday

3:30pm- Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

Sunday

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

2:00pm Ladies Guild Meeting

Grass Cutting Schedule

Team 3-Apr 27th-May 10 Greg Velasquez
Chuck Armstrong, Jason Rollins, Mike Maynor
Francisco Pedro Virves, Dylan Price, Robert Moreau



2025

Graduating Seniors

Upcoming events for our graduating seniors.

Senior Night-Family Night

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 5:00pm-7:00pm

Baccalaureate Mass

Monday, May 19th, 2025 6:00pm

Contact the church office for more information.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

I am pleased to announce the continuation of the scholarship fund that is designated to honor the memory of all deceased Knights of Council 3227 by providing scholarships to the Catholic youth of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anniston, Alabama. One \$1,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship is to be awarded annually. They are competitive scholarships and the applicant must meet the following guidelines:

1. The recipient must be a high school senior who regularly attends Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anniston, Alabama.
2. Submit all pertinent information (completed application) to the scholarship committee no later than May 9, 2025.
3. Attend an accredited high school within Calhoun county to include home school.

Ladies Guild Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to the Ladies Guild monthly meeting. They meet every second Sunday of the month. Their next meeting is Sunday, May 12th at 2pm in the Parish Life Center Parlor.

Young at Hearts

Our adult ministry for those who are of retirement age and older, will gather this upcoming Thursday on May 8th, at 10am in the activity center classroom to pray the Rosary. It will be followed by lunch, bingo and fellowship. If you are new to the parish or just looking to be more involved, please join us!



Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 3rd

5pm-- (Friar's Intention)

Sunday, May 4th

9 am----(Friar's Intention)

11am ---(Friar's Intention)

1 pm ---(Friar's Intention)

Tuesday, May 6th

7am--+Sharon Rauch and +Darryl Murray

Wednesday, May 7th

7am--+Marcy Portuese

Thursday, May 8th

7am--+Bettie Jo Marchi

Friday, May 9th

7am--+Bernadette Thomasson

Saturday, May 10th

5pm-- +Gene Snyder

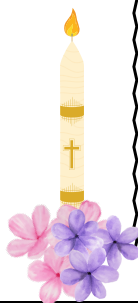
Sunday, May 11th

9 am---Parish Family

11am ---+Evelyn Elmore

1 pm -+Eldia Ortiz

Flowers at the altar and the pieta for
the Santiago Van Brimmer family
given by Luciana Santiago.



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

May 10 - May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sat, 5:00 PM (Second Collection Building Fund)

Teresa Kauffman Lector

Corinne Hopper Eucharistic Minister

Dean and Evan Lombardi Altar Server

Christopher Rodriguez Altar Server

Efe Sevgi Altar Server

Jesse Edwards and Ric Kelley-Usher

Keila Sevgi and susan Watson Sacristan

Kristin Neu Hospitality

Sun, 9:00 AM

Anna Allen Lector - Lector 1

Mike Cova Eucharistic Minister

Richard Curtin Eucharistic Minister (choir)

Henry and Tony Mancillas Altar Server

Paul and Sam Maniscalco Altar Server

Piper Moreau Altar Server

Robert Moreau and Tony Moyer Usher

Nora Becerra and Jorge Martinez Sacristan

Catherine Rossiter Hospitality

Sun, 11:00 AM

Allen Smith Lector - Lector 1

Mike Cova Eucharistic Minister

Andrew Cofield Altar Server

Gabriella Flores Altar Server

Felipe, Joseline, Jesus Gijon Altar Server

Sp. Usher Team Usher

Glori Whitaker Hart Sacristan

Kelly Matson Sacristan

Kim Johnson Hospitality

Hospital Ministry

May 6th-May 12th - Sharon Anderson

May 13th-19th -Sarah Seales

May 20th-26th - Richard Curtain

Mass Attendance

April 26th&27th

5:00pm-180

9:00am-286

11:00 am - 225

1:00 pm -- 392

5:00pm - 84

UPCOMING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 10th & 11th

Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52 • Ps

100:1-2, 3, 5

• Rv 7:9, 14b-17

• Jn 10:27-30

Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$8,640.00

Online: \$1,209.68

Total: \$9,849.00

Home Mission

Offering: \$3,065.00

Online: \$79.00

Total: \$3,144

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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.

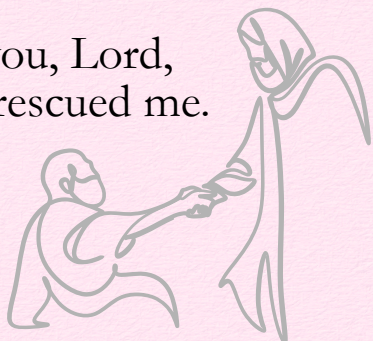


Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, 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, Kim Athon

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

-Psalm 30



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that
never was it known that anyone who fled to thy
protection, implored thy help, or sought thy
intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this
confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my
Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my
petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

