

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor
September 15, 2024
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Get Thee Behind Me, Satan
(Rétire-toi, Satan)
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,

If we call back our lessons from middle school English class, we might remember a word we learned at that time: the protagonist. The protagonist is the leading character in a story or a drama. The protagonist is usually the character in the story that carries the positive action of the story and brings things to a resolution. Of course, it goes without saying that the protagonist par excellence of the story of salvation is Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is, in fact, the only hero in the history of the world that could actually bring perfect resolution to the drama of our existence.

One problem we face in our Christian journey, however, is that often and sometimes without hardly knowing it, we have made ourselves the protagonists of our lives rather than Our Lord Jesus. It can happen that we feel that we are the one carrying the positive action forward, and when we face challenges, obstacles and even fears, we collapse before the task of discipleship because of our own weakness. This problem is called “protagonism,” and it greatly affects our Christian witness, our peace, and is even a great problem in the prevailing society.

Our Lord Jesus is presented to us by the prophet Isaiah as a “suffering servant.” At first glance hardly a protagonist. But this suffering servant joins his life completely to God’s own life, and in that union finds strength, purpose, and fulfillment of all good desires. Our own protagonism leaves us failingly independent and serves to isolate ourselves from God’s divine assistance and prevent us from enjoying the peace and happiness that come from a life lived “through Him, with Him, and in Him” as the chant of the Mass teaches us just before communion.

There is even a moment when St. Peter the Apostle falls into the trap of protagonism. Jesus is teaching His disciples that He must suffer and die, and Peter has a hard time accepting this. Peter wants to run the show and make the drama of salvation unfold in a way that is more comfortable for him. Jesus gives him a stern rebuke and teaches him to join his thought to the mind of God rather than to remain alone in his human worries. Humans love to make themselves protagonists in their own drama, but none of us can bring anything to resolution in our lives or in the lives of others without God’s direct assistance. Rely on the Divine assistance, and may it remain always with us!

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John



Bulletin Announcement to copy and paste:

You are Cordially Invited!

**Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet
“in His hands”**

**Thursday, November, 7, 2024 7:00 PM,
The Club · 1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209**

**Keynote, Alison Centofante
Renowned speaker on abortion, marriage, human dignity, and religious freedom.**

Please, make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope. Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center, the only Pregnancy Help Center in Birmingham proper, exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services.

To register or donate: 205.447.879

- hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org
- www.herchoicebirmingham.org
- 2120 7th Ave. South, Birmingham, Al 35233

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Parish Life Center Pledged: \$531,765.20

Total Collected Last Week: \$5,206.27

Total Collected Overall: \$788,617.27



Grass Cutting Ministry

If Needed:

Robbie Morrison, Joe Meier,
John Deno, Robert Moreau

YARD SALE

We are actively planning our 2nd Annual Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Yard Sale. Thank you to all who have already donated items. October will be the last month we will be collecting items due to the busy holiday months. We will resume collecting items on January 16, 2025. They may be dropped off at the gym at this time. If you have any questions please call or text Pauline Anderson 256.453.1440.

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Monday

10am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am Mass

10:00am-Chrismon Group-Activity Center

6:00pm-Choir Practice-Church

6:00pm-8:00pm-Scouts-Activity Center

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

6:00 pm Parish School of Religion

First Communion

Confirmation Year 1

Confirmation Year 2

OCIA-English

OCIA-Spanish

Parent Classes

Thursday

7:00am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

3:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass

Sunday

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Thanksgiving Applications Are Open

Until Thursday,

October 31st, 2024

Center of Concern

1513 Noble Street, Anniston

For More Information

256-236-7793

Catechetical Sunday

"Lord, when did we see you hungry"
Matthew 25:37

Today we give thanks to God for the dedication and commitment of catechists across the country. Their efforts help people deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church.

The Chrismon Group

A dedicated group of church members, get together weekly and craft Chrismon ornaments that adorn Christmas trees and worship spaces during the holiday season. If you would like to join this group, they will gather on Tuesday, September 17th at 10am in the activity Center. It is a fun way to prepare for the Christmas Season.



The Altar Flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Jimmy Jones, given by Mary Jones Rhodes and their children.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 14th

5pm-----+Barbara Voelkerding

Sunday, September 15th

9 am-----+Jimmy Jones

11am ----- +Jason Graessle

1 pm -----+Antonia Burgos Hernandez

Tuesday, September 17th

7am-----Drew Aaron

Wednesday, September 18th

7am-----Sharon Anderson

Thursday, September 19th

7am-----+Wade Volmer

Friday, September 20th

7am-----+Frances Malone

Saturday, September 21st

5pm-----+Gerard Wasileski

Sunday, September 22nd

9 am-----Parish Family

11am ----- +Noel Finley Murillo
and +Julianna Murillo

1 pm -----+Daniel Lopez Lopez

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sept 7th & 8th

Lectors

5pm-----Sally Smith

9 am ----- Teresa Kauffman

11 am -----Gretchen Elliott

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm --Susan Watson

9 am (choir) -----Richard Curtin

Ushers

5pm -Jesse Edwards, Sub Requested

9 am ---Pat Quillian, Robert Moreau

11am---Matthew Graessle, Vinnie

Sacristans

5pm ---- Susan Watson, Jorge Martinez

9 am -Michelle Proper, Audrey Green

11am---Kristy Cofield, Kim Johnson

Hospitality

5 pm -----Linda Chenard

9am-----Jolene Loescher

11am -----sub requested

Hospital Ministry

Sept 10th-16th-Sarah Seales

Sept 17th-23rd -Richard Curtin

The Sacred Heart Choir

is beginning. to preare for the Christmas Season. If you would like to participate in the choir for Lessons and Carols and Midnight Mass, please join them this Tuesday evening, Sept. 10th at 6:30pm for choir practice.



Mass Attendance

Sept 7&8

5:00 pm-----137

9:00 am -----273

11:00 am -----224

1:00 pm -----464

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept 22nd

Twenty Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17 – 20

• Ps 54:3 – 4, 5, 6 – 8

• Jas 3:16 — 4:3

• Mk 9:30 – 37

Weekly Offertory

Sept 7th and 8th

Collection: \$9,277.20

Online: \$2,500.39

Total: \$11,777.59

Building Fund: \$4,676.27

Online: \$530.00

Total: 5,206.27

Online Giving

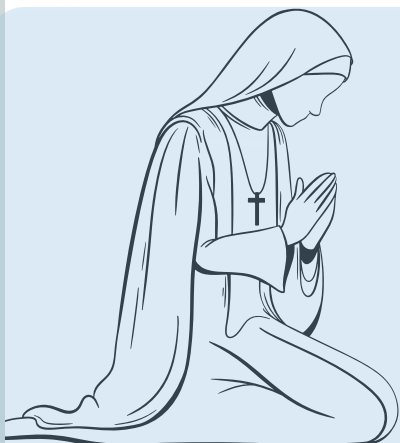
You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.

SCAN ME!



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, Cirilo Vizcaya, Stephanie Velasquez, Dan and Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Brandon Mancillas, Alex Navarro, 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, Mark Scheuring, Beverley Pletcher, JoAnn Nelson, Cameron Chenard, Jo Greathouse, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Micky Zielenski, Jamie Seehafer, Francisco Caballero, Jane Eldemire



**Be Anxious
about nothing.**

**Be prayerful
about everything.**

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention



For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.