

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Year A



The Transfiguration
Raphael 1483-1520

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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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)

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

The disciples of Jesus learned an important thing from their Lord – how to overcome their fears. Fear is a paralyzing thing, often paralyzing good people from doing what they should do to serve God and His Church. Many people fear encountering hardships or heartache, they fear deprivation or struggle. In this country, many people powerfully fear even the slightest thing which challenges their comfort and convenience.

The Lord Jesus took his closest friends, Peter, James, and John, and they went to the top of a steep mountain. It was there that Jesus was transfigured before them. Jesus showed them His glory so that they would have a vision of the promise that would sustain them through the hardships and trials they would experience as His followers. Jesus needed to show them His glory so they would not be lost through fear when He would be tortured, crucified, and then die. Jesus showed them His transfigured glory on Mt. Tabor so that they would be ready to overcome all fears, confident in the promise of the resurrection.

How many of us have been paralyzed in following Jesus by something that we fear? Over the years, I have seen many vocations to marriage, priesthood, and religious life be frustrated because a person feared the call they received from God. They feared the hardships the call might bring, or they feared that they themselves might fail in some way in fulfilling that call.

St. Peter the Apostle gives us courage, because even though he is sometimes slow to pick up on the full meaning of what Jesus is saying. Once he understands, though, St. Peter becomes fearless when he is in communion with the Christ. For this reason, He goes to Rome to be bishop, leading the Church fearlessly until he gives his life on the Vatican Hill. Lent calls us to consider the fears that paralyze us from serving the Lord with our whole hearts. St. John the Apostle, also present at the Transfiguration, tells us in his first letter: “Perfect love drives out fear.” (1 Jn. 4:18) He learned that on Mt. Tabor, in order that he could follow the Lord with his whole life.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

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.

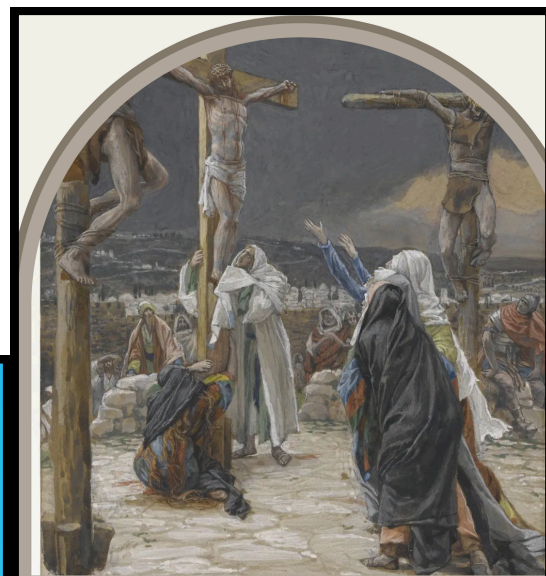
Softball Men's and CoEd Softball League

Registration is now open for our Men's and Coed Softball Leagues! All skill levels are welcome to participate. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, friendly competition, and staying active as a community. Practices begin March 1st. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up!

Penance Service

Thursday evening,
March 5th,
5pm-7pm

There will be five
priests in attendance.



Seven Last Words

*March 22, 2026
6:30pm*

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,208,012.48

Monthly Payment: \$15,717.74

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

February 1st: 2,385.00 February 8th: \$6,266.00

February 15th: \$3,095.00 February 22nd: \$1,453.33

Yard Sale-\$16104.25

Total February -\$29,303.58

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

5:00pm-COR

Monday

10:00am St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass

PSR/OCIA-6 pm

Thursday

7am-Communion Service

Friday

7am-Mass

Adoration

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

Benediction 6 pm

Knights Fish Fry 5pm-7pm

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 29 tháng 3

Cha sẽ ngỏ 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

SAVE THE DATE

It's time to mark your calendars and save the date for the celebration of

Mrs. Mary Rhodes 50th Anniversary
as Organist and Music Director

at Sacred Heart. We will celebrate on Saturday evening, March 21st beginning with Mass at 4:00pm followed by a family night in the parish life center!

Prelude Music begins at 3:30pm

SIGN UP

SCAN ME



It is time to sign-up to bring a dish to our Family Night Celebration for Mrs. Mary Rhodes. You can sign up online, in the narthex, or by calling the church office.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent
5pm-7pm

Sacred Heart Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society is a newly formed charitable organization at Sacred Heart Parish. SVdP Conferences are parish-based groups where caring members—called Vincentians—come together to help neighbors in need. They listen, offer support (sometimes financial), and connect people with community resources that bring hope and dignity during tough times. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors. If you are someone you know might be in need of assistance, please have them call **256-485-0275** and leave a message.

Knights of Columbus Rise Against Hunger
Sat. March 7 from 8 am-Noon. If you wish to volunteer or have questions, contact Ron Barr at RBarr1069@gmail.com.

The Parish men's group COR has is opting to meet bimonthly to strengthen the Fraternal component of the organization. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Our next meeting will be this **Sunday, March 1st at 5:00 pm** in the Parish Life Center.



Cor

During Lent we will reflect on the upcoming Mass readings so we will focus on the Third Sunday of Lent which include Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 ; John 4: 5-42

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 28th
4pm--+Davaransky Family

Sunday, March 1st
8:30am-Parish Family
11:00am-Parish Family
1:00pm- +Jose Luis Martinez

Tuesday, March 3rd
7am-+Ernestine Nugent

Wednesday, March 4th
7am-+Marcy Portuese

Thursday, March 5th
7am-Communion Service

Friday, March 6th
7am-+Chris Sabens

Saturday, March 7th
8:00am-Parish Family
4pm--+Chuck Armstrong

Sunday, March 8th
8:30am-Parish Family
11:00am-Parish Family
1:00pm-+Desiderio Gutierrez

Hospital Ministry-
March 3rd-March 9th -Richard Curtin
March 10th-March 16th -Carol Speciale

Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew and Kathy Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Connie 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, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring, Paul Guyer, Howard Family, Dian Pepe, Thu Nguyen, Robin Woolsey, Bob Patty, Yessica Ramirez

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, March 7th 4:00 PM

Lector-Sally Smith
Eucharistic Minister-Sally Smith
Altar Servers- Melanie Micete, Evan and Dean Lombardi, Jorge Becerra
Ushers-Ric Kelley, Ximena Martinez
2nd Collection Ushers: Jessie Edwards, Frank Buchanan
Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson
Hospitality-Mary Snyder

Sun, March 8th, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Lector-swap requested
Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova
Eucharistic M. (Choir)Sonja Deno
Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas, Matthew Utrera, Jackie Sanchez, Matthew Andrade
Usher-Chuck Sibley, Mark Proper
Second Collection:
Thom Pratt, Pat Quillian
Sacristan-Michelle Proper, Lindsay Tyson
Hospitality-Jolene Loescher

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

Lector-Nan Estes
Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova
Altar Servers- Andrew and Lyndsey Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Angela Prince, Miranda Alvarez
Usher- Hispanic Ministry Team
Sacristan-Mike Kline, Kristy Cofield
Hospitality-Kim Johnson

Mass Attendance

Ash Wed.

7am-141 12 pm-255

6:30pm-778

Feb. 21st & Feb. 22nd

4:00pm-176

8:30am-232

11:00am-313

1:00pm-414

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 7th&8th
First Sunday in Lent

- Ex 17:3-7
- Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
- Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
- Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Weekly Offertory
Ash Wed.-\$3,358.00
One Voice-\$2,865.00
Feb. 21st & 22nd
Offertory:\$12,172.00
Online: \$2,756.91
Total: \$14,928.91

Online Giving

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

SCAN ME



Pope's Prayer Intention

March 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Lent 2026

A Time of Grace and Conversion
Fridays in Lent

Mass 7:00am Exposition 8:00am
Adoration 8:00am-5:30pm
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm. Benediction 6:00pm

Penance Service

Thursday, March 5th, 5-7pm

Seven Last Words

Sunday, March 22nd, 6:00pm

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

Stations 3:00pm Veneration of the Cross 6:30pm

Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday

Saturday, 8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday Mass 8:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm

