

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Year A



The Woman of Samaria at the Well James Tissot 1836-1902

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,

It all started with a simple and practical conversation. Jesus said: “Give me a drink.” Jesus makes a reasonable, normal, and human request at the side of the well in Sychar. But, that simple statement, so unremarkable in many ways, opens the door to a conversation that leads to conversion, of the soul, enlightenment of the mind, and salvation not just for the Samaritan woman, but for her whole people.

The truth is that God created the world and all it contains to help bring the human person into perfect communion with Him. Our sinful state, by contrast, pulls us to misuse this beautiful cosmos, both our bodies and our environment, and the spirit of evil tempts us to even deeper perversion, exploiting the creation rather than respecting its blessed nature and ability to lead us to God.

That is why Jesus begins His conversation with the most simple and powerful element of nature – water. The Book of Genesis tells us that water was at the beginning of creation, just after light. The Samaritan woman, like so many of us, has encountered confusion and difficulty in her life, she has been pulled by sin and lust, and many choices have led her to a place of isolation and shame. That is why she comes to get the necessary water for her day at noon. She doesn’t come at the start of the day like all the other women of the village, because she is rejected and isolated from the others and she fears their harsh words and condemnation.

Jesus, however, does not condemn her, does not judge her, He simply enters into dialogue with her because He knows that there is goodness in her heart. Jesus gently but firmly leads her out of darkness, and through the mystery of water, gives her light to know Him as the Messiah.

The Samaritan woman at the well is the first to recognize Jesus as the Messiah of God. Even the Apostles who Jesus is teaching do not understand this mystery fully yet. This humble woman sees and understands Him to be Messiah because of His compassion. Lent is that time for each of us to realize Jesus is trying to enter into a saving and transforming conversation with us. What are the barriers we are putting up to this dialogue? When can we humbly respond to Him and enter the conversation that leads us to conversion, light, and 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.

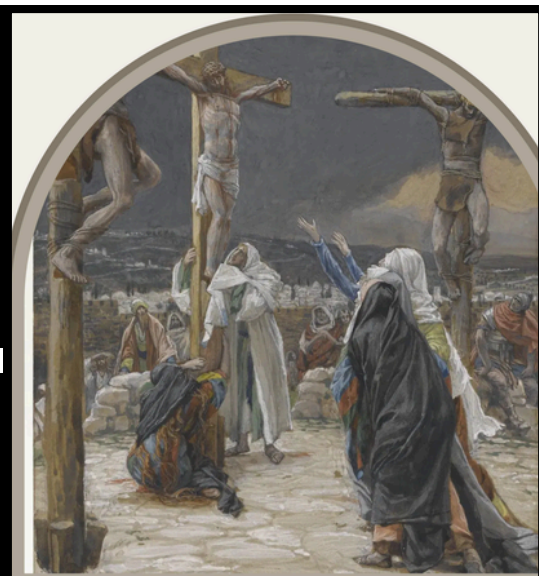
Softball Men's and CoEd Softball League
Registration is now open for our Men's and Coed Softball Leagues! All skill levels are welcome to participate. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, friendly competition, and staying active as a community. Practices begin March 1st. Everyone is encouraged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

Knights of Columbus **Fish Fry**



Fridays during Lent
5pm-7pm

Next Week's Second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.



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: \$1,198,671.30
Monthly Payment: \$15,717.74
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
March 1st: \$4,400.00

**This weeks second collectio is for the
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction**

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

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

Monday

10:00am St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass
PSR/OCIA-6 pm

Thursday

7am-Mass
10:00am - Young at Hearts

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 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

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.

Young at Hearts

Our Young at Hearts ministry meets this upcoming Thursday at 10am for the rosary, pot luck lunch and bingo. Come and join in if you can! It is time spent in fellowship.

Bev Roberts Scholarship Application

There are applications in the narthex for seniors graduating from high school. Application deadline is April 18, 2026. Sponsored by the Ladies Guild.



Rite of Sending

Catechumens and Candidates traveled to Birmingham on Feb. 22nd and celebrated the Rite of the Elect, with Bishop Raica. This event signifies that they have formed their faith and are ready for the final stages of preparation to be received fully into the Catholic faith.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 7th

8am-Parish Family

4pm--+Chuck Armstrong

Sunday, March 8th

8:30am-Parish Family

11:00am-Parish Family

1:00pm- +Desiderio Gutierrez

Tuesday, March 10th

7am-Mary DeCaro

Wednesday, March 11th

7am-+Patrick Slade Boothe

Thursday, March 12th

7am-Yvonne Boothe

Friday, March 13th

7am-+Pete Ransom

Saturday, March 14th

4pm--+Leo Elmore

Sunday, March 15th

8:30am-+Emily Cassidy

11:00am-+Evelyn Elmore

1:00pm-+Gerardo Paredes

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, Noel Glanze

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, March 14th 4:00 PM

Lector-Nan Esters

Eucharistic Minister-Tim Barton

Altar Servers- Efe Sevgi, Javier and Luis

Ramirez, Mateo Fernandez

Ushers-Bill Martin, Sub Requested

Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson

Hospitality-Cathy Little

Sun, March 15th, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Lector-Teresa Kauffman

Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova

Eucharistic M. (Choir)Richard Curtin

Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,

Paul and Sam Maniscalco, Enrique Najera

Usher-Josh Craft, Mark Proper

Sacristan-Yvonne Boothe, Lindsay Tyson

Hospitality-Kathy Hopper

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

Lector-Teresa Scheuring

Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova

Altar Servers- Andrew and Lyndsey

Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Angela Prince,

Jeleany Becerra

Usher- Thom Pratt, Josh Cofield

Sacristan-Kim Johnson, sub requested

Hospitality-Delinda Garcia

All Saints Center of Concern is asking for donations of Dried Beans, Beanie Weanies, Spam, Ramen Noodles, Single Serve Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and Ravioli.

Mass Attendance
Feb. 28th & March 1st

4:00pm-181

8:30am-285

11:00am-331

1:00pm-472

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 15th&15th
Latera Sunday

- 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
- Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
- Eph 5:8-14
- Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Weekly Offertory
Feb. 28th & March 1st
Offertory:\$13,840.00
Online: \$2,619.42
Total: \$16,459.42
Black&Indian Missions \$3,284.00

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

