

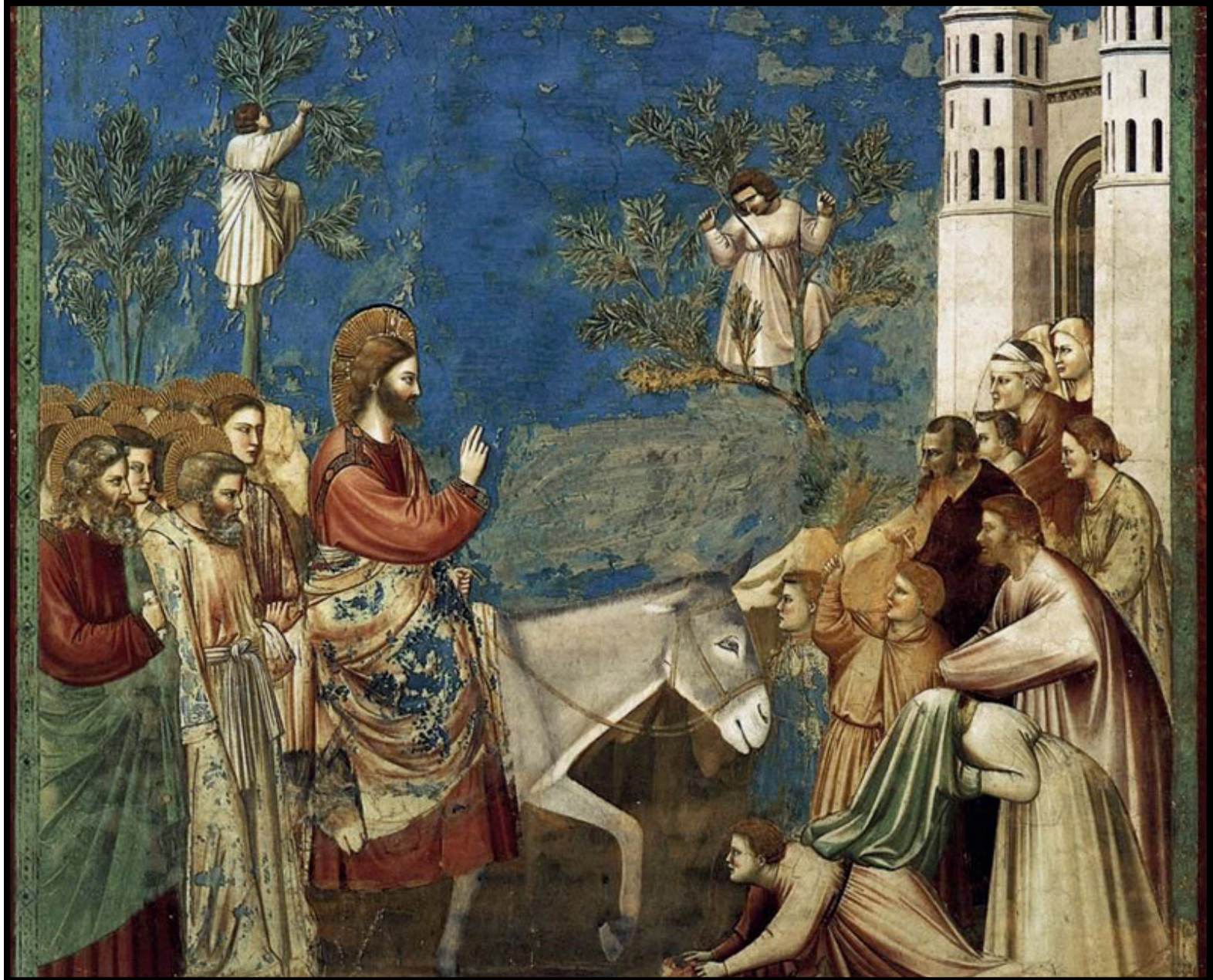
# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

**March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
Year A**



## Entry into Jerusalem *Giotto (1266–1337)*

### 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,

Palm Sunday presents the powerful image of the Lord's passionate desire to enter the Holy City of Jerusalem, where He knew He would suffer and die for the salvation of the human race. In our Catholic household of faith, we call this the **Paschal Mystery**. The same people who welcomed Him with such fervor would then become the people who would shout for His crucifixion after a few days. We are those people, and the city the Lord desires to enter is where we are here and now! These words we will hear proclaimed are words that speak to us a love without conditions. This love calls out for our response and teaches the lesson of patient suffering and communicates to us the beauty of a life lived in obedience to the Father and with total confidence in the Resurrection.

These sacred words are meant to rouse us up, give us strength, and lead us to share in the victory of goodness over sin, violence, and degradation. When these words become ours, when we weave them into the fabric of our own lives, we share in the same strength and power of the Lord who suffered as a patient servant, waiting for us to get roused up to follow His way. The Church gives us this opportunity every year to enter into the eternal mysteries of Jesus' saving love by participating in all the liturgies of Holy Week. Celebrating Holy Week, with its culmination in the Paschal Mystery at Easter, is the best way, this side of heaven, to draw near to the Lord, Body, mind, and soul.

Pope Saint Paul VI said in 1975 that people in modern societies hear so many words spoken every day that often in the flood of words that wash over us, we miss out on the deeply significant Word that is Jesus made present in our midst. These words and actions of Holy Week should not become insignificant for us but should rather give orientation to our whole lives. As a parish, let's pray together this Holy Week for peace and sanctification in the midst of this world, starting with in our own hearts and moving out into the Kingdom.

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.

**Grass Cutting Schedule** Mar 29~ Apr 11  
Team 1 Coordinator, Robbie Morrison  
Joe Meier, Mark Proper, Michelle Proper  
Britton Proper, Geraldo Mancillas,  
Henry Mancillas

**SIGN UP**

It is not too late to sign up to help with the grass cutting ministry! Call the church office!



**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 1<sup>st</sup>: \$4,400.00    March 8<sup>th</sup>: \$4,993.00  
 March 15<sup>th</sup>: \$2,903.33    March 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$1,450.00

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

*Sunday*

8:30am Mass  
 11:00am Mass  
 1:00pm Mass en español  
 5:00pm-Mass in Vietnamese

*Monday*

10:00am St. Hildegards

*Tuesday*

10:00am-Chrism Mass, Birmingham

*Wednesday*

7am-Mass  
 6:00pm-PSR/Religious Education

*Holy Thursday*

6:30pm-Holy Thursday

*Good Friday*

1:30pm-2:30pm Confessions  
 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
 6:30 pm Veneration of the Cross

*Holy Saturday*

8:00am - OCIA practice  
 10:00am-Church decorating  
 8:00pm- Easter Vigil

*Easter Sunday*

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

Mass in Vietnamese

Xin Thông báo, Cha Thanh 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

**The Knights of Columbus**

will be presenting two scholarships this year to two Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church graduating high school seniors. There is one \$1,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship. There are applications available in the Narthex.

The selection of the winning candidate will be made by May 15, 2026 and will be notified shortly thereafter.

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center  
 22nd Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

We Need Golfers and Hole Sponsors  
 Friday, May 15, 2026 - Highland Park Golf Course  
 Registration 7:45AM · SHOTGUN START 9:00AM  
 Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205.447.8796 · golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.

Parish Family, the USPS has not delivered or picked up mail at Sacred Heart in a week. A claim has been opened, we received a response, but still no mail. If you mailed something to us please let us know.

**Help Decorate the Church for Easter**

If you are available, please come and help Yvonne decorate the church for Easter. We will begin at 10am on Saturday, April 4th. There is a lot to do and all help is appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our celebration of Mary J. Rhodes a beautiful and fun event!

**HOLY WEEK 2026**

MASS SCHEDULE

2 APRIL HOLY THURSDAY  
 6:30PM

3 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY  
 3:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 6:30PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS



4 APRIL HOLY SATURDAY  
 8:00PM

5 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY  
 8:30AM 11:00AM  
 1:00PM

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 1301 GOLDEN SPRINGS RD., ANNISTON, AL

**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.



**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.

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4pm--**+ Marcy Portuese

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am**-Parish Family

**11:00am**-+Robert Moore

**1:00pm**- +Bertha Isabel Roblero Rivera

**5pm**--- Ad Intentionem Dantis

**Tuesday, March 31st**

**10:00am**-**Chrism Mass**

**Cathedral in Birmingham**

**Wednesday, April 1st**

**7am**- +Martha George Trask

**Thursday, April 2nd**

**6:30pm**- Holy Thursday

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:30pm**- Veneration of the Cross

**Saturday, April 4th**

**8:00pm**- Parish Family

**Sunday, April 5th**

**8:30am**--+ Marcy Portuese

**11:00am**-Parish Family

**1:00pm**-Parish Family

### Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, 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, Tony Burgess, Sue Clement

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, April 4th 8:00 PM**

**Lector**-Elena Sevgi

**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova

**Altar Servers**- Efe Sevgi, Andrew Cofield,

Henry & Tony Mancillas, Joseline Gijon,

Valeria Garay

**Ushers**- Sp. Usher Team

**Sacristan**- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson

**Sun, April 5th, 8:30 AM (with Choir)**

**Lector**-Richard Curtin

**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova

**Eucharistic M. (Choir)**Cathy Fockele

**Altar Servers**-Henry & Tony Mancillas, Paul

and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau

**Usher**-Felipe and Danae Gijon

**Sacristan**-Audrey Green Nora Becerra

**Hospitality**-

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

**Lector**-Teresa Scheuring

**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova

**Altar Servers**- Melanie & Jonathan Micete,

Matthew Andrade, Gabriella Flores, Angela

Prince, Enrique Najera

**Usher**- Nick Shell, Josh Craft, Robert

Moreau, Vinnie Cantavespre

**Sacristan**-Kelly Matson, Judy Myers

**Hospitality**-

**Hospital Ministry**-

March 24<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup> David Hopper

March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 6<sup>th</sup> Gina Reaves

**Mass Attendance**

**March 21st & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:00pm-321**

**8:30am-191**

**11:00am-305**

**1:00pm-358**

**UPCOMING**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

March 29th

- Acts 10:34a, 37-43
- Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
- Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
- Mt 21:1-11

**Weekly Offertory**

**March 21st & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Offertory: \$6,848.00**

**Online: \$2,988.07**

**Total: \$9,836.07**

**Easter Flowers**

**\$3,579.00**

**Online: \$140.00**

**Total: \$3,719.00**

### 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.

### Prayer for Holy Week

Father in heaven, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how to honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, give me guidance when I am not sure which way to go, and give me wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen.



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