

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Saint Isidore of Sevilla a 7th century Doctor of the Church
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)

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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.

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)

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 beginning Wednesday, July 9. 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.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

In the sacred calendar of the year, we now come into the last four weeks before we begin the Advent season, which means we can begin to think and reflect on our spiritual lives during this past year of grace. There are important questions we should ask ourselves at this time of the year. One important question is: "How have I encountered God over the course of this past year?"

Encounters with God can happen when we put ourselves in His presence. We encounter Him in moments of mental prayer, in moments of crisis, in moments of thanksgiving, when we come to Mass, and also when we make a visit to the church in a special moment to adore His divine presence in the Eucharist. It is important for Christians to reflect on these encounters and become aware of the grace and company the Lord has given us over the past year. When we do so, we often will encounter our own sinfulness, but also the mercy and love that God has shown us, even in our weakness.

The parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee presents us with a moment that contrasts two individuals in the presence of God, looking back over their lives. Jesus teaches clearly that the tax collector, recognizing his sinfulness and weakness, is able to also understand God's love for him in a profound way and move forward in his relationship with God. The Pharisee, who cannot examine his conscience well because he is convinced of his own righteousness, sadly deprives himself of a beautiful encounter with God as well as the gift of God's consolation, and is paralyzed on his spiritual journey.

A life of prayer is characterized by encountering one's own sinfulness and weakness, but then, through understanding our own failures, we can understand more beautifully that God loves us despite all our weakness, and even more beautifully, He gives us gifts of grace that carry us along our path to heaven, the promise of eternal life.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John



Learn the Credo with the Choir

The Sacred Heart Choir would like to invite you again to learn the "Credo" with us! We as a Parish will start singing the Creed in Latin during Advent this year and we cannot do it alone! This is a huge undertaking and requires some practice but will positively impact worship during Mass! Please join us if you can and bring a friend! We will also have two Credo sing-throughs on Nov. 9th and 16th from 9:45am-10:15am. This is not so much a teaching session but more of a run through to get some more practice before we start incorporating it in Mass on November 22nd! Join us!



It's time to start bringing in your photos of loved ones that have passed away. We will display them during the month of November for All Souls

During the month of November, Mass Intentions will be for All Souls.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction**

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,344,821.16

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

Oct. 5th: \$2,061.00 Oct. 12th: \$6,499.00

Oct. 19th: \$2,950.00

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

5:00pm-Vietnamese Mass

5:00pm-Fall Festival

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

5:30pm-Rosary

6:00pm-OCIA Classes,
PSR-First Communion, Confirmation,
parent classes.

Thursday

7:00am Mass

Friday

7:00am-Mass

Saturday

8:00am- Mass with Anointing of the sick

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 26 tháng 10,
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 Sacred Heart Choir warmly invites you to sing with us during this upcoming season. We will be preparing music for Lessons and Carols on

Dec. 14 and Midnight Mass on Dec. 25.

We've noticed some beautiful voices in the congregation, and even if you can't commit to the choir year-round, we'd love to have you join us just for this special season of music and celebration!

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 14, and will be held weekly from 6:00–8:00 PM in the choir loft.

If you're interested or have any questions, please contact the church office at (256)237-3011 or reach out to Mary Rhodes at (256)310-1987.

Come make a joyful noise with us!

THIS SUNDAY

Sacred Heart Fall Festival

Sunday, October 26th 5:00pm-7:00pm

Games, Prizes, Hot Dogs, and Cake Walk!

Come spend time with your
parish family in fellowship!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Lessons &

CAROLS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Sunday, December 14th 6:00 PM

**LUMINARIES for
ALL SOUL'S DAY**

Luminaries dedicated to the memory of deceased loved ones will be put outside the church for the All Soul's Day evening mass on Saturday November 1. Representatives from the Ladies Guild will be in the vestibule every weekend after mass to take names for luminaries. Donations are appreciated.

Cor Men's Group

The Cor's Men group met for the first time on October 19th. They will meet again in November. If interested, please contact the church office for more information.



Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 25th

4pm-- +Christina Besucher

Sunday, Oct. 26th

8:30am-+Jose Oblena

11:00am-Parish Family

1:00pm-Beatriz Andrade and Valente Antemate

5:00pm-*Ad Intentionem Dantis*

Tuesday, Oct. 28th

7am- +Martin Barbour

Wednesday, Oct. 29th

7am- +Wendy Lee

Thursday, Oct. 30th

7am-+Wendy Lee

Friday, Oct. 31st

7am- +Wendy Lee

Saturday, Nov. 1st

8:00am-All Souls

4pm-- All Souls

Sunday, Nov. 2nd

8:30am-All Souls

11:00am-All Souls

1:00pm- +Desiderio Gutierrez

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Nov 1st, 4:00 PM

Lector-Sally Smith

Eucharistic Minister-Tim Barton

Altar Servers-Dean and Evan Lombardi,

Efe Sevgi, Tony Mancillias

Ushers-Jesse Edwards, Ric Kelly

Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson

Hospitality-Linda Chenard

Sun, Nov. 2nd, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Lector-Sonja Deno

Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova

Eucharistic M. (Choir)-Mary Ellen Williams

Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,

Paul and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau

Usher-Mark Proper, John Deno

Sacristan-Michelle Proper, Audrey Green

Hospitality-Terry Hughes

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

Lector-Sub requested

Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova

Altar Servers- Andrew, Melanie and Lindsey

Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Matthew Andrade

Usher- Thom Pratt, Josh Craft

Sacristan-Mike Kline, Sub requested

Hospitality-

Catholic Charities Pledges

Parish Goal: \$60,000.00

Pledge to Date: \$41,452.00



Hospital Ministry-August

Oct 14th-20th David Hopper

Oct 21th-27th Gina Reaves

Oct 28th-Nov 3rd Toni Zinn

Mass Attendance
Oct 18th & 19th

4:00pm- 157

8:30am- 210

11:00 am - 315

1:00 pm - 415

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oct 25th & 26th
Thirtieth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

- Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
- Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
- 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
- Lk 18:9-14

Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$ 8,740.00

Online: \$2,921.04

Total: \$ 11,661.04

World Mission Sunday:

Offering:\$3,260.00

Online: \$0.00

Total: \$3,260.00

SCAN ME

Online Giving

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



The flowers at the altar this weekend are in celebration of the wedding of Beatriz Andrade and Valente Antemate. Given by Patricia Araiza.



The flowers at the Pieta are given in loving memory of Jose Oblena, given by Sonia Oblena and family.

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, Brenda Marcelino, 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, Michael Griffin, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring, Diane Kelley, Paul Guyer

3rd Annual Yard Sale February 6th & 7th 2026



If you have any items for the Yard Sale, please contact Pauline Anderson at 256-453-1440 for drop off. October 31st will be the last drop off until January. Please remember we cannot accept clothing, books, or out of date electronics!

Pope's Intention for October



For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.