



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

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Pastor

April 5, 2020 THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

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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 to all.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We have come to Passion Sunday, or "Palm Sunday" as most of us know it. This is the sacred feast that commemorates how the people of Jerusalem ran out to welcome a man they believed to be the Messiah, but when He didn't produce what they wanted, a few days later, they shouted for him to be crucified. The Mass for Palm Sunday has two gospels read, one at the beginning about the triumphal entry, and then the account of the Passion, death, and sepulcher of the Lord.

Fickle. The people of Jerusalem were fickle. They had a shallow idea of what they wanted from God, and they were not willing to trust Him enough to work the marvels of a different kind of kingdom in their midst. One moment they are filled with joy and welcome, and soon after, they are calling for blood.

Our Christianity calls on us to be steadfast. Not fickle. Both Psalm 57,7 and Psalm 108,1 are praises of those whose hearts are steadfast, firm. That was the motto of my seminary in Rome – "Firmum est Cor Meum." My heart is steadfast. Christians pray, persevere, preserve, and ponder the ways of the Lord. We are also called upon to be steadfast in our discipleship and ministry to others. Just because people don't turn out like we think they should doesn't mean we can leave them behind.

Right now circumstances have placed a challenge before us. Pandemic, economics, social and emotional needs present themselves daily. It is easy to sway when we are faced with challenges, but it is in these moments that we learn to be steadfast, holding on to the beautiful and eternal things our Lord taught us. He taught us to do all that we can do to please the Father, He taught us to speak encouraging things to one another, He taught us to value prayer, and He taught us to take time to speak to Our Father and tell Him our deepest needs.

Let's be steadfast together, especially as we move into the holiest week of the year. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Sacred Vigil of Easter, and Easter Sunday will be celebrated in a different way this year, in order to respect the civil authorities as well as to protect those who are vulnerable to the spread of the virus.

Please know that everyday I am offering the prayers of the Church and the Mass for all of your intentions, for your health and salvation, and even though we cannot all be present together, we are one in Baptism, in Faith, and in the Mystical Body of Christ, truly present in this world!



In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

The Angelus Prayer

Throughout the world, bells of Catholic churches ring three times a day to remind people to stop and offer the Angelus Prayer to God. Our bells ring the Angelus at Sacred Heart at 8 am, 12 noon, and 6 pm. Let's all make a better effort to make our whole day holy by praying the Angelus at work, at school, or at home. The graces will be abundant in our lives for remembering the gift of the incarnation three times during each day! Here is the prayer:



V. The Angel of the Lord
declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived
of the Holy Spirit.
Pray One Hail Mary

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me
according to thy word.
Pray One Hail Mary

V. And the Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Pray One Hail Mary

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Grass Cutting Schedule

April 5 - April 18

Chuck Armstrong, Coordinator
Doug East
Paul Hutchinson
Taylor Robertson
Larry Thibolt
Greg Velasquez

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 4

+Larry Oblena

Sunday, April 5

For the Parish
+Matutina Alindogan (Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, April 7

+Virginia Coson

Wednesday, April 8

+Kim Hayslette

Thursday, April 9

+Gene Snyder

Friday, April 10

Good Friday, Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 11

For the Parish

Sunday, April 12

+Larry Oblena

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Please continue to make your offerings! Ushers will be outside the church on Sundays between 8:30 am and 1:00 pm for you to drop off your envelope.



Weekly Offering ----- \$7810.68

Online Giving ----- \$1670.00

Building Fund ----- \$45.00

Easter Flowers ----- \$90.00

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Thursday, April 9

Thursday of the Lord's Supper — Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Friday, April 10

Friday of the Passion of the Lord — Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 11:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5: 7-9

John 18:1 - 19:42

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9