



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

Reverend John McDonald, Pastor  
Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

**AUGUST 23, 2020**  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS TIMES

Saturday  
Reconciliation  
3:30 - 4:30 PM

Mass  
5:00 PM

Sunday Mass  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM  
1:00 PM (Misa en Espanol)

The Rosary begins 30 minutes prior to mass

Communion Service  
Sundays at 10:15 AM  
in the parking lot near Mary's Garden

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Holy Days  
8:00 AM - School, 12 Noon - Church  
7:00 PM - Church

For weekday mass, see calendar inside



### **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.

### Church Location

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**T**hou art Peter; and upon this rock I will  
build My church, and the gates of hell  
shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16, 18.



# Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions

## Saturday, August 22

5:00 pm-----+Fr. Henry Thorsen

## Sunday, August 23

9:00 am----- +Jimmy Jones

11:00 am ----- For Our Parish

1:00 pm----- +Lourdes Rodriguez

## Tuesday, August 25

7:00 am-+Francisco Covarrubias

## Wednesday, August 26

7:00 am----- +Rosie Torres

+Shirley Messer

## Thursday, August 27

7:00 am-----+Ignacio Morales

## Friday, August 28

7:00 am----- +Ann Morgan

## Saturday, August 29

5:00 pm-----+Matthew Pepe

## Sunday, August 30

9:00 am--- For Our Parish Family

11:00 am ----- +Terry Clement

1:00 pm----- Michael Belew

## ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers this week are in memory of Jimmy Jones, given by Mary Jones Rhodes and her children.

## Communion Service Each Sunday

For those parishioners who are uncomfortable — or unable — to enter the church during this time of COVID19, Father John will lead a brief communion service each Sunday morning at 10:15 am in the side parking lot near Mary's Garden.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parish Family,

On April 11, 1963, His Holiness Pope John XXIII gave the world a beautiful teaching in his encyclical letter, *Pacem in Terris*. In English the title is: "Peace on Earth." It was a revolutionary document at the time, in the midst of the Cold War and heightened tensions over worldwide nuclear destruction. It was a significant document in many ways, but also, it was the first papal encyclical that was addressed to "all men and women of good will" rather than simply to the Catholic faithful. In that way, the Pope was addressing his words about peace in the same way

the host of angels announced to the shepherds about the birth of Jesus: "and on earth, peace to people of good will." (Lk. 2, 14)

Pope John spoke about the importance of the essential dignity of the human person and about respect and work for the common good among all nations and peoples. There is one insight, however, that comes later on in the document, which has always struck me deeply. Pope John says: "There can be no peace between human persons unless there is peace within each one of them, unless each one builds up within himself the order desired by God." If we are to be the "peacemakers" that Jesus calls for in the Beatitudes, we must first begin by building that peace within ourselves as men and women called to worship God and live according to the sacred order He has given us.

I remember a wonderful lesson shared with me by a good Jesuit priest who was my spiritual director. He reminded me not to look to any institution or organization to have a conscience. He pointed out that the conscience resides only in the human person, made in God's image and likeness, and only when those individuals come together, with consciences well-formed and on fire to do the will of God, can we make significant progress in the work of the kingdom. Each one of us has to have in his or her heart the desire for peace in order to become a "peacemaker."

Many of us harbor great conflict in our hearts, and often, we find ourselves fighting an interior battle with ourselves. Sometimes our desires are disordered and harmful, and sometimes we don't feel strong enough to fight for the good, the true, and the beautiful. Sometimes we find violence within our own hearts. It can happen that the lack of peace in our own hearts makes us lash out to condemn or blame the other for our suffering, but Jesus gives us the key that opens every door of goodness – the key of mercy. God loves us and wants us to live in peace. The obstacle is our unwillingness to share His mercy with others, locking doors against them when they seek the treasure of God's love. Let's use the keys given by our Lord to St. Peter to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ

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In His Most Sacred Heart,  
Fr. John

## Loquerisne Latīnē?

Would you like to learn Latin? Latin classes at our Parish will begin at 6:00 pm on Wednesday September 16 with Mr. Alex Harb

Classes will continue every Wednesday until December 2nd (excluding Holiday seasons). Place: TBD

To learn about registration or for more information, please email Alex Harb at aharb@shcards.org.

Cost is \$125 for Parishioners, \$150 For non-Parishioners

### YOUNG at HEART

The Young at Heart group will begin meeting in the activity center on September 10th.

Their day will begin with Mass at the church, followed by lunch and fellowship in the activity center.

They will be playing socially distanced bingo!

### Upcoming Minister's Schedule

#### Saturday, August 29 at 5 pm

Lector ----- Nan Estes  
Ushers ----- David Hopper  
USHER NEEDED

#### Sunday, August 30 at 9 am

Lector ----- Shelly Peed  
Ushers ----- Steven Nguyen  
Pat Quillian  
TWO MORE USHERS NEEDED

#### Sunday, August 30 at 11 am

Lector ----- Lori Snouffer  
Ushers ----- Jorge Cruz-Pavon  
Tom Poindexter  
TWO MORE USHERS NEEDED

### Make a Cyber-Visit to the Knights of Columbus

The new Knights of Columbus website is up and running!

Visit us for updates concerning upcoming events such as fish fries and other council news — kofcanniston.com



### With Our Sympathy

As a community of faith, we pray for the family of —

Francisco Covarrubias

and for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace and may his family and friends be comforted during this sad time.

### Grass Cutting Schedule

August 23 - September 5

Richard Curtin

Dennis Demarois

Tim Kerper

Tom Marvets

Sy Nguyen

Brian Prater, Group Coordinator

Michael Riley

### Special Request from the Center of Concern

Due to COVID19, we've had multiple requests for cleaning supplies from our clients. We are running seriously low and could use donations of dish detergent, spray cleaners, laundry soaps, etc.

Thank you for any help you can provide to us!

### UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS for August 30, 2020

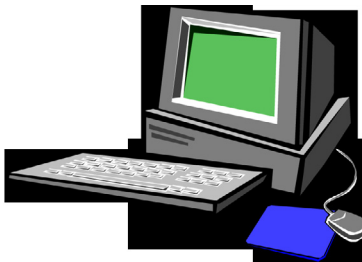
#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



### KEEP US POSTED!

If you move to a new address or change your phone number, don't forget to let us know.

You can email us updated information at church@sacredheartanniston.org or call the office at 256-237-3011.

If you are not receiving parish-wide information and notices by email, but wish to do so, notify Dian Pepe at dpepe@cableone.net. She will add you to the list.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering -----	\$6,071.00
Online Giving -----	\$1,952.00
Solemnity of Mary -----	\$641.00
Building Fund -----	\$60.00

## Pastoral Staff

Reverend John McDonald  
Pastor

Laura Pratt  
Office Manager

Mary Jones Rhodes  
Director of Music Ministries

Keila Sevgi  
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator

Mark Proper  
Principal, Sacred Heart School

Jim Coverstone  
Pastoral Council Chair

Toni Zinn  
Small Christian Communities

Dan Myers  
Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus

Jacqueline Hulsey  
Ladies Guild President

Cathy Little  
Hospital Ministry

Rose Lawley  
Eucharistic Discipleship

Jessie Murray Bearden  
Young at Hearts



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### Office of the Bishop

His Excellency  
Steven John Raica  
By the grace of God and the Apostolic See  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

### DECREE EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION DUE TO COVID-19

In accordance with canons 87 § 1 and 90 of the *Code of Canon Law*, I make the following provision, recognizing that infection rates for COVID-19 remain generally high in the territory of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and that the dispensation I previously extended on June 24, 2020 shall soon expire, on September 6, 2020:

**I hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to assist at Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, November 22, 2020 (inclusive) – the last Sunday of the liturgical year – for all the Roman Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.**

I exhort pastors, parish administrators, school principals, and other leaders of apostolates or ministries to continue exercising vigilance and caution in offering the sacraments and other church activities, following the safety guidelines I previously issued.

Recognizing that restrictions on public activities across different sectors of society have gradually been lifted over the past several months, as well as the need for us to recover a more normal rhythm of life even while taking precautions, I warmly challenge those who have not yet returned to the practice of the sacraments yet have assumed similar risks (such as eating out in restaurants, doing non-essential shopping, going to the beach or on other travel/vacations, visiting more with family and friends, etc.) to begin finding their way back to church also. We need the unique graces that the sacraments offer – now, more than ever.

The moral obligation of keeping the Lord's Day holy remains, even for those who use the dispensation and do not go to Mass. Let us sanctify the Christian Sabbath in our hearts and in our homes. Those who thus far have been unable to fulfill the "Easter Duty" (of confessing all mortal sins in number and kind and receiving Holy Communion worthily at least once a year, during the Lenten or Easter seasons) are urged to do so as soon as reasonably possible.

Given at the Diocesan Chancery in Birmingham on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, the Memorial of Saint John Eudes, in the Year of the Lord 2020.

+ Steven John Raica

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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Very Reverend Bryan W. Jerabek  
Chancellor



## There's an App for That!

Sacred Heart now has an app for iPhone and Android users. You can find it at [myparishapp.com/download](http://myparishapp.com/download).

Once you have it downloaded, simply search for our church by name or location. It's that easy! It will feature our calendar of events, daily readings, Mass schedule and much more.



## Act now to help save Catholic schools!

COVID-19 has contributed to the permanent closure of 130 Catholic schools across 23 states. Additionally, internal surveys show ten percent of Catholic schools are now uncertain if they can open their doors this fall. That means as many as 500 or more Catholic schools could be in jeopardy.

Please join the USCCB in asking Congress to include additional relief for Catholic schools in the next emergency relief package.

Public schools are asking for \$300 billion dollars, and it is important to make sure that hard-hit Catholic school families also receive emergency relief. Please take a moment to contact your Members of Congress to ask for emergency aid to Catholic schools and hard-hit families in the next COVID-19 relief package. We are asking Congress for direct funding to families for education expenses, including Catholic school tuition.