



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

**March 17, 2024**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B**



**Christ Pantocrator – Basilica of Monreale, Palermo, Sicily**

### **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

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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 3:30PM - 4:30PM  
Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM,  
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

### **Holy Days**

7:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:30 PM

## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

If we can remember back to biology class, we all had a lesson in “metamorphosis.” We learned that a tadpole turns into a frog, and that a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. We see the physical change of one thing into another, the adult leaving behind the juvenile form to become something more beautiful more complete. Our Lord is teaching His disciples about this metamorphosis in the Gospel we hear this Sunday.

It is important for us to remember back three Sundays ago, when we heard from Mark’s Gospel that Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John on Mt. Tabor. Jesus gave them a glimpse of what He would become when His body would be glorified after the Resurrection. Jesus did this because He knew that they would need that strength to get through the trials they would have to endure as a part of their transformation into true followers of the Christ.

Jesus teaches about the transformative nature of death. He does not teach that death is an end, but rather a transformation. For many people in the world, death marks a hard stop, and final moment - a period and not a comma. For Christians, however, death is simply a moment of transition on our Journey to the Father, and we must meditate on this fact and live our lives accordingly.

No one enjoys thinking about his/her death, but we must. We must consider that last moment when the grain of wheat that is our mortal body dies and we are transformed by Our Savior into eternal life with Him in heaven. We don’t know much about the future, but one thing is certain – none of us will be able to escape death. But we can embrace it in the way Our Lord intends, by living these moments we have in the light of eternity. As we prepare for the Easter mysteries, we can celebrate them as the foretaste of what God has prepared for those who believe in Him – a radical metamorphosis into a glorified body, given to us by the One who has accomplished this transformation already, Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.

Heartfelt blessings to you all! Keep up your good Lent, right to the end!

*Fr. John*

## Prayer for Charity in Truth

Father, your truth is made known in your Word.  
Guide us to seek the truth of the human person.  
Teach us the way to love because you are Love.  
Jesus, you embody Love and Truth.  
Help us to recognize your face in the poor.  
Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people.  
Holy Spirit, you inspire us to transform our world.  
Empower us to seek the common good for all persons.  
Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family.  
Amen.

## HOLY WEEK

- **Palm Sunday** March 24th  
Normal Mass Schedule
- **Holy Thursday** March 28  
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
6:30pm
- **Good Friday** March 29  
Stations of the Cross 3:00pm  
Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion 6:30pm
- **Easter Vigil** March 30  
8:00pm
- **Easter Sunday** March 31  
Normal Mass Schedule





**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
**Parish Life Center Pledged: \$526,765.20**  
**Total Collected Last Week: \$19,900.00**  
**Total Collected Overall: \$631,948.00**



Catholic Relief Services  
 Please find envelopes in the vestibule or pews and place in basket.



# This Week

## Sunday

Youth Group 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 Activity Center

## Monday

No St. Hildegard's this Week

## Tuesday

Choir Practice 6:00pm-church  
 Scouts 6:00pm-8:00pm-Activity Center

## Wednesday

Spring Break-No Classes

## Thursday

## Friday

Adoration-Exposition 8am  
 Stations of the Cross 5:30pm  
 Benediction 6:00pm  
 Knights of the Columbus  
 Fish Fry 5pm-7pm

## Sunday

Sacred Heart Choir presents

# SEVEN LAST WORDS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 6:30PM

## Easter Flowers

If you would be interested in donation flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please donate on our website at [sacredheartanniston.org](http://sacredheartanniston.org) or complete a form in the vestibule and place it in the purple box. You can also scan the image below to donate digitally. There will be a special insert in the Easter Bulletin listing those names.



## CAMP ST. BERNARD

ST. BERNARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL | CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Camp St. Bernard is chocked full of great times! Every morning, afternoon, and evening gives you a chance to meet new people, try a new experience, or spend time with an old friend.

Located on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey, the campers celebrate Mass as a camp family once a week, open and close the day with prayer, have opportunities to say morning prayers with the monks, and make a rosary to take home.

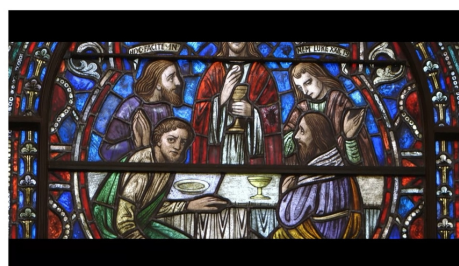
- Ages 6-12      June 2-7
- Ages 8-12.    June 9-14
- Ages 10-14.   June 16-21 and June 23-28

For more information visit [campstbernard.com](http://campstbernard.com) or call the church office.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate candy or plastic eggs, please bring to the church office.



## FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

### An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



## Daily Mass Schedule

### Saturday, March 16th

5pm-----Melody Tudisco

### Sunday, March 17th

9 am ----- Parish Family

11am -----+Emily Cassidy

1 pm -----+Desiderio Gutierrez

(Misa en Español)

### Tuesday, March 19th

7am----- +Christopher Merrill Roberts Jr.

### Wednesday, March 20th

7am----- +Leo Elmore

### Thursday, March 21st

7am-----+Eric Hawkins

### Friday, March 22nd

7 am -----+Evelyn Elmore

### Saturday, March 23rd

5 pm -----+Anna Bordenca

### Sunday, March 24th

9 am -----Parish Family

11am -----+Chris Sabens

1 pm -----+Elidia Ortiz

(Misa en Español)



## Ladies Guild

Beverly Elder Roberts

\$1,000.00 Scholarship

Please see applications in the vestibule.  
Deadline for application to be received  
by is April 20, 2024.

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

### March 23rd and March 24th

#### Lectors

5 pm ---Shari Doyal, Anna Allen

9 am ---Teresa Kauffman, John Valieant

11 am ----Matt Tyson, Teresa Scheuring

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5 pm ----- sub requested

9 am ----- Michelle Proper

9 am (choir) ----- Allen Smith

11 am-----Robie Grana

#### Ushers

5 pm --Jim Coverstone, Joe Fox

9 am ---Catholic Scouting

11am---Thom and Laura Pratt

#### Sacristans

5 pm ---- Susan Watson

9 am ----Audrey Green, Yvonne Boothe

11am--Kelly Matson, Glori H. Whitaker

#### Hospitality

5 pm ----- Mary Snyder

9 am ----- Yvonne Boothe

11am -----Delinda Garcia

#### Hospital Ministry

March 19th-March 25th Shari Doyal

March 26th-April Al and Sally Smith

## Mass Attendance

March 9th-10th

5:00 pm-----140

9:00 am -----195

11:00 am -----201

1:00 pm -----438

## UPCOMING SCRIPTURE

### READINGS

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Is.. 50: 4-7

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Phil 2: 6-11

Mk 14:1-15;47 or 15: 1-39

## Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$9,244.00

Online:\$2,353.33

Total:\$11,597.33

BuildingFund:

\$19,900.00

Online: \$930.00

Total \$20,830.00

## Online Giving

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

**SCAN  
ME!**



## Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Greg Bavonese, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Cirilo Vizcaya, Stephanie Velasquez, Dan and Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Brandon Mancillas, Alex Navarro, 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, Mark Scheuring, Beverley Pletcher, JoAnn Nelson, Manuel Becerra Acevedo, Cameron Chenard, Jo Greathouse

Christ beside me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me.  
-Saint Patrick

## Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention



### For New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.