



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

March 3, 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent, Year B



Expulsion of the merchants from the temple, mosaic. 12th and 13th centuries. Monreale Cathedral, Palermo, Sicily, Italy.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road,
Anniston, AL 36207
Phone: 256-237-3011

E-Mail: church@sacredheartanniston.org

Website: sacredheartanniston.org

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,

Yawning in the early morning, traders and businessmen woke up to begin their daily routine again, setting up tables and weights in the Temple area. I'm sure that daily routine was very much ingrained in those moneychangers as they went about their tasks in life in order to make a little money. I can also imagine that they did not consider themselves to be irreligious – only practical. They knew one important principle of business – location, location, location! I think we can agree that they probably had a lot of “worldly wisdom” about how to go about trade and come out on top economically. The problem that morning though, was that none of them expected Jesus to come into their midst. They didn't reckon with this person who had come to change things.

In the Gospel for this Sunday, we see the dramatic moment when Jesus clears the Temple of the Most High God from all the vendors and moneychangers who had set up shop in the sacred place. It was an unexpected and disturbing moment for them, as Jesus came forcefully and could not be ignored. That is the way of many businessmen – to try to ignore a problem until it is too large to be ignored. And it is the same in our hearts.

Many people interpret this moment as one of anger in Jesus. There is nothing in the scriptures, though, to indicate anger – only a type of presence that refuses to be ignored in the midst of a world dizzied with its own desires. But God desires the human heart to be a sacred dwelling place and a place of prayer and contemplation. Our hearts are often filled with many competing interests, however, and Jesus wants us to be freed from all that. He wants to cleanse our hearts from the commerce and trade that can go on there, when we are more concerned with buying and selling the goods of this world than with simply making a space for prayer and contemplation.

Lent is the sacred time to prepare their hearts for Jesus to dwell within us in a new and profound way. Simply turning one's face to the Lord and moving in His direction is no casual thing. It is a movement of love and power, and each one of us, as a community of faith, is called upon to pray for and support all those who wish to draw closer to Christ. The holiness of the Church is found in the holiness of its members, and it is so important that we support one another as each one of us grows in holiness, making our souls cleansed Temples for the Lord to dwell within.

Heartfelt blessings to you all!

Fr. John



First Sunday Food Sale

Our Spanish Bereavement Committee
will be selling meals after each Mass
Sunday, March 3rd

The proceeds benefit the families in need during a time of loss.

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: \$1,835.00
Total Collected Overall: \$602,453.00



This Week

Monday

St. Hildegard's Health and Wellness group will meet at 10am

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Religious Education Night-6pm

Friday

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

Penance Service

Thursday, March 14th
 6:00 pm



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 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.



FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyyear.com/at-home/>.

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



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and graphic arts press



Congratulations to
 Olivia MariaLuz Cardoso
 on the baptism of her daughter
 Lucero Cardoso Mercado



A prayer to begin a group meeting:

Lord our God, we bless you.
 As we come together to ponder the Scriptures, we ask you in your kindness to fill us with the knowledge of your will so that, pleasing you in all things, we may grow in every good work. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 R/. Amen

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 2nd

5pm-----+Jeannie Brown

Sunday, March 3rd.

9 am ----- Roberta Fippen

11am -----Parish family

1 pm -----+Juan Jose Becerra

(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, March 5th

7am----- +Elfrieda Snow

Wednesday, March 6th

7am----- +Chris Sabens

Thursday, March 7th

7am-----+Anthony Findley

Friday, March 8th

7 am -----Doug Collison

Saturday, March 9th

5 pm ----- Sandra Pasquinelli

Sunday, March 10th

9 am -----+Johnny Frank Turner

11am -----Parish Family

1 pm ----- +Juan Jose Becerra

(Misa en Español)

Grass Cutting Ministry



It's time to sign up to be a member of the grass cutting team! If interested please contact the church office.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

March 9th and March 10th

Lectors

5 pm ----- Elena Sevgi

9 am -----Adele Hill

11 am ----- Gretchen Elliott

Eucharistic Ministers

5 pm ----- Susan Watson

9 am ----- Shari Doyal

9 am (choir) ----- Teresa Kauffman

11 am-----Sonja Deno

Ushers

5 pm --Tim and Donna Barton

9 am --Sun Nguyen, Tony Moyer

11am ----Spanish Usher Team

Sacristans

5 pm ---- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson

9 am ----John and Bess Valieant

11am---Mike Kline, Robie Grana

Hospitality

5 pm -----Kristen Neu

9 am ----- Kathy Hopper

11am -----Kim Johnson

Hospital Ministry

March 5-March 11th--Sharon Anderson

Mass Attendance

February 24th-25th

5:00 pm-----145

9:00 am -----240

11:00 am -----203

1:00 pm -----407

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 10, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ez. 37: 12-15

Psalms 130:1-8

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$9,523.00

Online:\$1,756.14

Total:\$11,279.14

One Voice

Collection: \$2,961.00

Online: \$20.00

Total: \$2,981.00

Online Giving

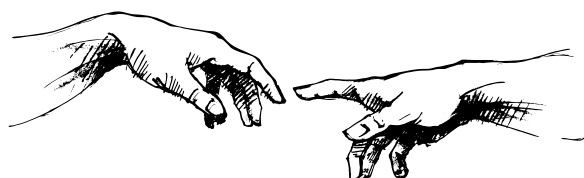
You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.



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

“The one who calculates without figuring in God doesn't know arithmetic.” – Traditional proverb



Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention



For victims of abuse.

Let us pray for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them by members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.