



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

March 31, 2024

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord**



## 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,

More than two thousand years ago, a powerful light shone in this world that gave hope, consolation, and changed how we understand life and death. That light came from a curious place – it came from an empty tomb. In our world, so many people are troubled and suffering with emptiness, seeking to fill their interior emptiness with things that destroy the human person like drugs, pornography, casual relationships, or shopping for unneeded material items.

In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene feels this emptiness, she is crying because she thinks the powers that be have taken away her Lord and her consolation. An angel asked Mary Magdalene why she was weeping when she found the tomb empty. She replied: "Because they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him." But the minute she said this, Jesus became present to her, though she did not immediately recognize Him. He was present to her more than she could imagine, but she only recognized Him when he spoke her name. When Jesus spoke her name, her emptiness left her and she was filled with consolation. She became a missionary, one who has seen and believes.

After two thousand years, we are still trying to understand the depths of this great mystery. Jesus is NOT in the tomb, so where is He? He is close. We see Him and feel Him in the Seven Holy Sacraments of the Church. He is in the Sacred Word proclaimed to the faithful. He is in His ordained ministers, and He is in every member of His Mystical Body, baptized and chosen, throughout the entire universe.

Jesus has many ways to be close to His beloved people, and Mary Magdalene is the first person in the Gospel who received the privilege to see and believe that the Lord rose from the dead. We, as Catholic Christians, follow in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene, sinners redeemed by grace who want to make Jesus known to the whole world. Together, let us make Him known and listen to the angels who guide us. When we feel any emptiness inside, we can fill it with the presence of Jesus who calls us each by name. He wants us to be His missionaries, to see, believe and make Him known. Jesus is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

In His Most Sacred Heart, Risen from the Dead,

*Fr. John*



Thank you to Yvonne Boothe and Evans Florist for all of the beautiful Easter Flowers. Thank you to all of the volunteers that came and worked so dilligently to make it beautiful.

### Membership Forms

You can register online with our ParishSoft Family Suite. Select new user and follow the steps on the screen to complete the registration process. You can update existing parish records with a new account as well. Questions? Call the church office for help  
<https://birmingham.parihssoftfamily.suite.com/Register.aspx>

**ParishSOFT**  
Connecting People and the Church







**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
**Parish Life Center Pledged: \$526,765.20**  
**Total Collected Last Week: \$1,210.00**  
**Total Collected Overall: \$618,498.00**



Heavenly Father, our hearts are so full of joy today. You feel so near to us on this most special celebration of Easter. May the love we feel this morning stay with us the rest of the day and always. Amen.

# This Week

*Monday*

Office Closed

St. Hildegard's 10:00am-Activity Center

*Tuesday*

Scouts 6:00pm-8:00pm-Activity Center

*Wednesday*

Religious Education 6:00-pm7:30pm

*Thursday*

*Friday*

First Friday Adoration  
8am-Benediction 6pm

*Saturday*

No First Saturday Mass

## 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.

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### Anniston Soup Bowl

Sacred Heart will be volunteering at Soup Bowl on April 9th and 10th.

Please sign up in the vestibule after Mass.



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### Graduating Seniors

If you are graduating from high school this year, please contact the church office to be included in senior activities with the parish.

## RECONCILIATION RETREAT

If your child is preparing for First Communion this year, please remember to come to the

**First Reconciliation Retreat on Saturday, April 13th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM!**

This is an important moment for your child to prepare themselves to receive the Eucharist.



### First Friday Adoration

Friday, April 5th is First Friday Adoration in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up for an hour of prayer in the vestibule. Mass begins at 7 am and adoration will continue throughout the day until benediction at 6:00 pm.

### Ladies Guild Baby Shower benefiting the Center of Concern April 6th-21st



A portable playpen will be in the narthex to collect NEW (unused or unopened) items such as baby shampoo, lotion, socks, onesies, bibs, jars of baby food, disposable diapers, diaper cream and anything else you think parents might need for newborns to 24 months. All items will be taken to the Center. Thank you for anything you can give.



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### Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

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



## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, March 30th**

8pm-----Parish Family

**Sunday, March 31st.**

9 am ----- +Marcy Portuese

11am -----Parish Family

1 pm -----+Sergio Sanchez

(Misa en Español)

**Tuesday, April 2nd**

7am----- +Josefa Almestica

**Wednesday, April 3rd**

7am-----+Marcy Portuese

**Thursday, April 4th**

7am-----+Stewart M. Bestwick

**Friday, April 5th**

7am-----+Craig Maddocks

**Saturday, April 6th**

7am-----+Patrick Taffee

**Sunday, April 7th**

9 am -----+Robert Moore

11am -----Parish Family

1 pm --- +Crescencio Araiza

(Misa en Español)

**Church office will be closed on  
Monday, April 1st.**



### Altar Flowers

The flowers in front of the altar are offered in loving memory of Josefa Almestica given by her daughter Janet Griffin.

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**April 6th-7th**

### Lectors

5pm----- Adele Hill

9 am -----Teresa Kauffman

11 am -----Nan Estes

### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm --Corinne Hopper

9 am ----- Sonja Deno

9 am (choir) -----Nick Bonds

11 am-----Margaret Roberts

### Ushers

5pm --James Coverstone, Joe Fox

9 am ---John Deno, Angelo Moreno

11am---Patricia Martinez, Jorge Martinez Sr.

### Sacristans

8pm ---- Audrey Green, Susan Watson

9 am ---Yvonne Boothe, Lindsay Tyson

11am---Kristy Cofield, Kim Johnson

### Hospitality

5pm-----Linda Chenard

9 am -----Cathy Fockele

11am -----Dellinda Garcia

### Hospital Ministry

April 2-April 8 Carol Speciale

April 9-April 15 David Hopper

### Mass Attendance

March 23rd-24th

5:00 pm-----175

9:00 am -----302

11:00 am -----202

1:00 pm -----619

### UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 6th-7th, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts. 4: 32-35

Psalms 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

1 John 5: 1-6

John 20: 19-31

### Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$

Online:\$

Total:\$9,275.00

Online: 2,021.99

Total: 11,296.99

### 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

**“The Mass seems long  
when your devotion is short.”**

**Traditional Proverb.**



## 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.