



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

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

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**  
First Sunday of Lent

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## 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 and 6:30 PM - Church

For weekday mass, see calendar inside



Lent is not a time for useless sermons, but for recognizing that our lowly ashes are loved by God. It is a time of grace, a time for letting God gaze upon us with love and in this way *change our lives*

— Pope Francis

# Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions

## Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm ----- For The Parish

## Sunday, February 21

9:00 am -- +Ana Delgado Salazar

11:00 am ----- +Elfrieda Snow

1:00 pm --- Cole Asher Contreras

## Tuesday, February 23

7:00 am -----+Chris Pasquinelli

## Wednesday, February 24

7:00 am ----- +Richard Belanger

8:15 am ----- +Richard Belanger

6:00 pm ----- RCIA Candidates

## Thursday, February 25

7:00 am -----+Chris Pasquinelli

## Friday, February 26

7:00 am ----- +Noel Harvey

+Guadalupe Morale

## Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm ----- +Chris Pasquinelli

## Sunday, February 28

9:00 am -----Debbie Godfrey

11:00 am ----- For the Parish

1:00 pm ----- Vanessa Contreras



## Lenten Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation every Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 6:30 PM during Lent. This is in addition to Saturday afternoons.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parish Family,

Lent is a sacred and special time of the year to renew oneself spiritually and draw closer to God. Simplicity of life is the central theme, shedding the many, many things which keep us distracted from God and His love, and specially those things in our lives which hinder His loving and purifying touch. Each one of us has unholy attachments to this world, things that we have convinced ourselves we cannot live without, but in truth, they are barriers in our relationship with God.

At the beginning of His earthly ministry, Jesus was called out into the desert by the Holy Spirit. In fact, the Scriptures tell us he was "driven by the Spirit." In that desert place, Our Lord was separated from every daily convenience of life . . . no shelter, no food, no chit-chat, no entertainments, nothing. It is in this place, however, that we hear that the angels, God's messengers, came to minister to Him. What we learn from this is that when we keep a good Lent, in some fashion stripping away all the unnecessary complications we cultivate in our lives, we can encounter God in a new way.

As we move into that "desert place" our attachments become clear and what we find might look different for each Christian. One person may find that he/she is called upon to put down the cell phone that they constantly check during the day. Another person might find that they are called to stop buying their special Starbucks coffee drink every day. Yet another person might find that they are called by the Spirit to spend the evenings playing a game with their children or their spouse rather than watching "The Crown" or something else on Netflix.

Freeing ourselves from these small attachments help us to encounter in a certain way the desert that Our Lord embraced in preparation to teach and save us from the Evil One. We know that He was tempted by Satan in the desert, and we will be tempted too. The grace of our Baptism and the company of Our Good Lord will strengthen us as we resist those temptations and choose the good.

Let us each pray for one another with great intensity this Lent. In our parish, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross at 5:30 and Benediction at 6 pm each Friday, and there will be extra confessions on Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:30pm. Those simple things, above all the prayer and adoration of the Lord, will help us realize more deeply the gift of His Love. Invite a friend, and pray in unity and solidarity for our whole people!

Heartfelt blessings to you all!  
Fr. John

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering -----	\$8,005.00
Weekly Offering - online -----	\$1,715.00
Building Fund -----	\$2,222.00
Building Fund online -----	\$595.00





This Lent, discover the merciful way that God seeks us out when we have sinned and calls us back to himself with FORGIVEN, a five (5) session short video series carefully designed by Augustine Institute to help Catholics more deeply encounter the great gift of God's mercy in the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Simply access the assigned video each week through our parish subscription to FORMED ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)) using our access code: KZQYFX.

Watch the video, assigned in the bulletin for each week, in the comfort of your own home with your family. Then access weekly video reflections from Father John regarding our exploration of this beautiful sacrament via Facebook and our website. Use these opportunities together as a family to recognize and discuss the beauty of Reconciliation and the transformative power of the Grace that God offers us in this sacrament. And remember that Father John will be available during Lent not only on Saturday afternoons, but on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:30 at the church to hear confessions and share in this sacrament with you.

There will also be a designated collection bowl on the narthex table for parishioners to write (anonymously, if you choose) and ask Father John questions about Confession. He will address these questions in his reflections throughout Lent.

So, let's get started this week with Video Session One: Where Are You? as we examine our experience of guilt and how God seeks us out and calls us back to Himself after we have sinned.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Kim Johnson at the church office.

## UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS for February 28, 2021

### Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



## Upcoming Minister's Schedule

### Saturday, February 27 at 5 PM

Lector ----- Mary Strickland

Ushers ----- Chuck Armstrong  
Bill Martin

Sacristan----- Kristin Neu

Hospitality----- Linda Chenard  
Volunteer Needed

### Sunday, February 28 at 9 AM

Lector ----- John Peed

Ushers ----- Angelo Moreno  
Gina Pauluzzi

Sacristan----- Volunetter Needed

Hospitality----- Yvonne Boothe  
Debbie Martin

### Sunday, February 28 at 11 AM

Lector ----- Alex Harb

Ushers ----- Gregorgy Bavonese  
Tom Poindexter

Sacristan----- Kelly Matson

Hospitality---- Volunteers Needed

## VESPERS

### Sunday, February 28 - 6:00 PM

Lector ----- Teresa Kauffman

## What is a Parish?

For all of our youth in the parish, please draw a picture or write an essay around the theme "What is a parish?" Your submission might be selected to be published in our parish newsletter!

## KNIGHTS FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

### TAKE-OUT ONLY

Please call 256-282-7317 to place your order and it will have be ready for you at the door at

Knights Hall, 221 East 13th St.  
OR they will take orders at the door

### \$10 meals

Fish, shrimp or fish / shrimp combo  
Fries or baked potato, cole slaw,  
hush puppies and dessert.

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# LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



## Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

## Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

## How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

## Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).



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## Communion Service Each Sunday

**Tune your car radio to 103.5**

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.

