



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

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

**JULY 19, 2020**  
16th 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

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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

1301 Golden Springs Road  
Anniston, Alabama 36207

### Mailing Address

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### Telephone

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Carla Keith Ext 104

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### E-Mail Address

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## Communion Service Begins This Sunday

There will be a brief communion service held outdoors following the 9 AM mass beginning this Sunday, July 19. This service should not be considered a substitute for attending Mass, but is being done for those who are uncomfortable — or unable — to enter the church during this time of COVID19.

Park in the side parking lot near Mary's Garden. At 10:15 AM, Father John will come out and lead a communion service. Holy Communion will then be brought to each car. "This is a wonderful way for us to still be connected," Father John said. "To understand that Jesus loves us so dearly and wants to be close to us."



## With Our Sympathy

We pray for the family of —

Leticia Jasso Naranjo

and for the repose of her soul.  
May she rest in peace and may  
her family and friends be comfort-  
ed during this sad time.

## Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, July 18

5:00 pm----- +Kim Hayslette

### Sunday, July 19

9 am----- +Helen Pratt

11 am ----- +Jose Larry Oblena

1 pm----- +Paul Brouillette

### Tuesday, July 21

7:00 am----- +Jose Larry Oblena

### Wednesday, July 22

7:00 am----- Ridge Seales

### Thursday, July 23

7:00 am----- Jorge Caballero

### Friday, July 24

7:00 am----- +Kim Hayslette

### Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm----- +Carol Zieske

### Sunday, July 26

9 am----- +Paul Brouillette

11 am ----- +Beatrice Hernandez

1 pm----- For the Parish



## ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers this week  
are in memory of  
Jose Trinidad Reyes  
given by his daughter  
Isabel Reyes

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parish Family,

In a time of difficulty and confusion, it is important never to lose sight of the power of God at work in our midst. Reading in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is trying to teach us what His kingdom is like. He tells us that the Kingdom is like weeds growing among wheat.

Weeds are a constant battle for the gardener. Weeds seem to grow with greater strength than the good plants around them, and they seem to rob nutrients and water, taking, taking, taking, and never bearing fruits of any kind. Weeds can also seem to overshadow the good plants. But what makes a weed a weed and not a desirable plant is the simple fact that the weed takes but does not give. In any society, even communities of believers, there are people who take from others but who do not return value or strength to the community. Jesus points out to us that the weeds grow alongside the wheat but that jerking them out suddenly can even hurt the plants that bear fruit.

What is interesting in this parable is that Jesus does not worry about the health of the good plants, he knows that even in the midst of weeds they will bear fruit, and that it will be so much easier to separate the weeds when it comes time to harvest. The weeds will be evident because there is no fruit on the stem, nothing given, added, multiplied, or offered. The weeds will be there with naked stems and bare leaves, easy to be separated when the moment of truth comes.

This meditation then leads us to consider our own role as one called to bear fruit in a community of believers. The fruits produced by good plants speak for themselves. There is no need to explain why a large harvest of wheat is good, as the abundant harvest gives nutrition, stability, security, and peace to the people who need to eat to live. Stability, security, and peace are things that seem in scarce supply in our world in these days.

Because we are Roman Catholic Christians and have been given strength and grace from Our Lord to do His will, we can work together to provide fruit that will last, working together for the kingdom and building up the peace, security and stability that our beloved community needs.

In His Most Sacred Heart,  
Fr. John

## UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS for July 26, 2020

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52





## COVID-19 UPDATES

Due to the increase in cases in our community, we ask everyone who has traveled outside the state of Alabama to refrain from attending Mass or other parish functions for two weeks after your return. This is effective immediately.

While at Mass, we ask parishioners to maintain 6 ft. social distancing and to wear masks. We do this to protect one another.

Please note that we have sanitizer stations on each side of the aisle that can be used before receiving communion or you are welcome to bring your own sanitizer.

Please contact the church office if you can help clean the church after the 5 pm mass on Saturday evenings.

We are now considering different options for our PSR PROGRAM. Be on the lookout for more information.

YOUNG AT HEARTS will begin meeting again this fall in the parish activity center to accommodate social distancing. Jessie Bearden, our wonderful leader, will be sending out something soon. Please contact our church office if you are new to the group and want to be on our mailing list.



**"Wearing a mask is an annoyance, but it's something we have to bear in our hearts," Father John said. "In order to protect and have a big cause and effect of love and discipleship in our community."**



## CENACLE RETREAT

Members of Sacred Heart's Young Adult Group, Cenacle, enjoyed two days of retreat to grow in community and faith. It was an amazing time of fellowship and fun with a few guests from other young adult groups and parishes.



## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering -----	\$5,255.00
Online Giving -----	\$2,052.50
Building Fund -----	\$1,687.00

## Pastoral Staff

Reverend John McDonald  
Pastor

Carla Keith  
Director of Religious Education

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 Coord.

Dan Myers  
Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus

Jacqueline Hulsey  
Ladies Guild President

Cathy Little  
Hospital Ministry Coordinator

Rose Lawley  
Eucharistic Discipleship Coordinator

Jessie Murray Bearden  
Young at Hearts Coordinator

## Grass Cutting Schedule

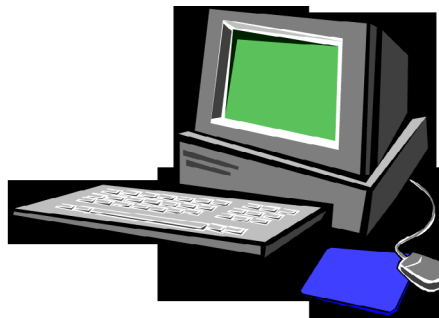
July 12 - July 25



John Deno  
Val Herrera  
Morris Jackson  
Robert & Piper Moreau  
Robbie Morrison  
Chuck Sibley  
Rodrigo Vera  
Andrew Wackerle, Coordinator

### PLEASE NOTE

Any groups that use the church for meetings of any type must contact the church office in advance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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### 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](mailto: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@cablone.net](mailto:dpepe@cablone.net). She will add you to the list.

# 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.