



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

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Pastor

**March 8, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in 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

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Holy Days

8:00 AM - School, 12 Noon - Church

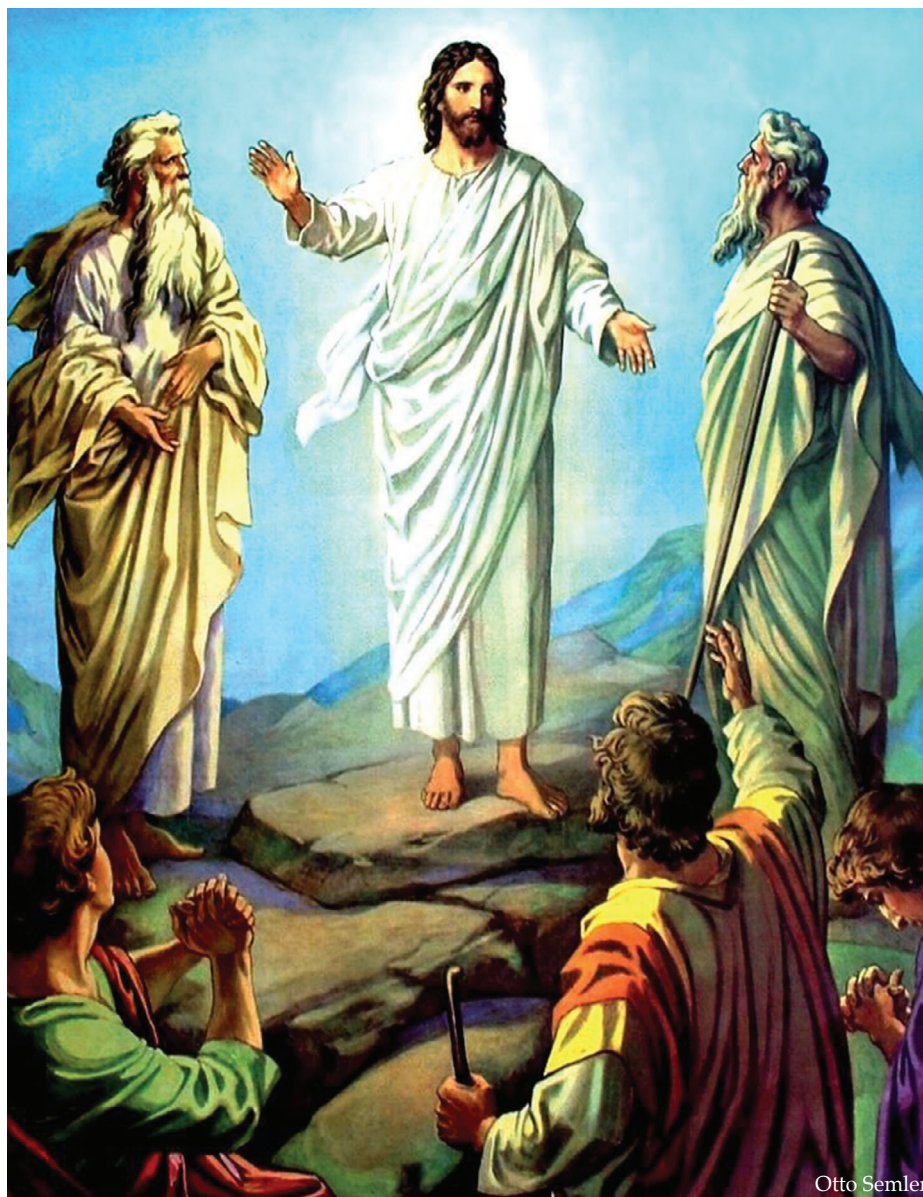
7:00 PM - Church

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.



## FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL READING *THE TRANSFIGURATION*

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On elementary school report cards from my generation, one of the things we were graded on were "listening skills." Our good teachers went about helping us to be good listeners, so that we didn't miss anything of the lesson being given to us. In our society as we experience it, one of the

things I find most striking is how few people there are in the society who are dedicated to listening rather than talking. The proliferation of messages and platforms given through YouTube, Facebook, and so many other social media outlets give a platform for so many to speak out, but how are we listening?

I even remember watching the change of format for talk shows in the late 80's, as they moved from a format like "Donahue" where individuals spoke, and others listened, to formats like "Jerry Springer" and "Geraldo" in which every show seemed to end with everyone speaking and shouting at once.

This Sunday, Our Blessed Lord gives us a model for listening to the most important things as we consider the life of Abraham, our father in faith. Abraham listened to the marvelous promises made to him by God, and though he perhaps did not understand them fully in his lifetime, he received God's Word into his heart, and it became an essential part of his being. This is listening. To take in what we are being told, making a judgment regarding the nature of what we are hearing, and if it is of God, to incorporate it at every level of our being – body, mind, and soul.

Abraham listened to God, and his mind and soul moved his body to go out to a new land to receive new promises, and we owe Holy Abraham a debt of gratitude that he listened so well to the Heavenly Father. With so many competing voices in our world, we must listen more intently to the voice of the Father, especially thorough moments of silent prayer and sacred reading. We must open the Scriptures to encounter the promises of God, making them a part of our being. The Friday Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament that we offer in Lent is an important time to pick up your Bible, come to the Church, and listen to what God is telling you. Without these dedicated moments of prayer, we cannot claim to be the best of listeners. God doesn't issue report cards with a grade for "listening skills," but we do open ourselves to His Divine Grace when we put on our sacred "listening caps" and come before him humbly, in Spirit and in truth

In His Most Sacred Heart,  
Fr. John

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the threat of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the spread of other infectious diseases, Bishop Baker has discontinued the distribution of the Precious Blood until further notice at all Masses. All are reminded that the reception of the Precious Blood is never required for the faithful to make a complete communion: Jesus Christ is really and truly present "whole and entire" under either of the sacred species (host or chalice), even a small particle or drop thereof.

## Adoration in the Sanctuary Every Friday during Lent 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Come spend time with Jesus, who is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule.



## Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent • 6 pm

Friday, March 6th in English  
Friday, March 13th in Spanish  
Friday, March 20th in English  
Friday, March 27th in Spanish  
Friday, April 3rd in English

## Lenten VESPERS

Every Sunday evening  
at 6 pm during Lent



## **Lenten Mission Week . . . Come Out for a Revival — Catholic Style!**

Father Grayson Heenan, of St. Damien of Molokai Parish in Pontiac, Michigan, will be our guest speaker this month for Lenten Mission Week.

Fr. Grayson attended University of Detroit Jesuit High School and studied Philosophy at Boston College. Before seminary, he spent a year on mission in Argentina. He then went on to study theology for five years at the Gregorian University in Rome.

A former hockey player, Fr. Grayson loves reading and spending time with friends and family, especially his older sister living in Texas and her daughter, Grace.

It is Fr. Grayson's goal in life to be a good priest, hopefully even a saint, and to be able to say with St. Paul, *"it is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me."*



### **Lenten Mission Week Schedule March 17 - 20**

#### Tuesday, March 17

5:30 pm Mass followed by speaker

#### Wednesday, March 18

5:30 pm Mass followed by speaker

#### Thursday, March 19

5:30 pm Mass followed by speaker

#### Friday, March 20,

7:00 am Mass followed by Adoration

4:30 pm Stations of the Cross in English

5:00 pm Benediction

5:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Penance Service

### **UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS**

for March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent



Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: 5-42



—> **NATIONAL!** <—

### **ESSAY CONTEST WINNER**

Sacred Heart School Senior Sophia Allen took **FIRST PLACE** in a national essay contest sponsored by Maryknoll Magazine that received more than 2800 entries from across the country. Sophia received a \$1000 scholarship and her essay, entitled "God's Love" will be published in the May/June edition of Maryknoll Magazine.

She is pictured above with her parents, Jim and Anna Allen, Fr. John and Fr. Doug May, a Maryknoll missionary who came to present the award.

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

**We will set up in the vestibule after masses to collect donations for Easter Flowers.  
Donations can be made in memory or in honor of loved ones.**

### **Bishop Baker's Catholic Schools' Emergency Fund Collections**

With the dire situation most of our Catholic schools are facing due to the reductions of scholarship granting organizations (SGO) in the State of Alabama, we are asking all in our Catholic community to come forward to help our schools with your generosity and prayers this weekend of March 7 -8.

There is a shortfall from those funding organizations of over \$3,000,000.00 this year, grant money that was relied upon for needy students. We also ask that in this year's tax cycle everyone specify a tax allotment to one of the SGO's available especially the ones which have helped us in the past. Please give a donation for this critical cause to the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and note that the gift is for Bishop Baker's Catholic schools emergency fund



## From years past, what foods do you remember having with your family on Fridays during Lent?

**Kitty Moore** — My husband is from New Hampshire and every Friday his mother would make something called "Salmon Peawiggle." It was salmon with a white sauce and English peas.

**Michele Lindsey** — My mom would do spinach and egg or asparagus and egg sandwiches on fresh Italian bread.

**Gail Tatton** — We had tuna casserole every Friday during Lent.

**Nancy Cassidy** — We had salmon croquettes from canned salmon (I can still smell it!) or tuna noodle casserole with crushed potato chips on top. Our kitchen smelled of fish until Sunday.

**Terri Pauluzzi** — We had grilled cheese and PB&Js. We don't like fish.

**Laura Forbus** — It was cheese pizza. We kids loved that during Lent because we rarely bought pizza the rest of the year.

**Pat Yates** — We ate creamed peas (white mild gravy) and tuna on toast. We also had tomato soup with milk and grilled cheese sandwiches. Sometimes after a high school football game, we would go to a pizza place and order our pizzas to come out a minute after midnight!

**Nanette Estes** — We had what we called "Lenten Delight." Macaroni and onions fried in butter, vegetarian baked beans, deviled eggs and tuna salad. Sounds wacky and it needs to have all the different foods to taste right. But we always looked forward to having it.

**Teresa Craig-Scheuring** — We ate spinach and potatoes. My gram was Italian and a practicing Catholic. We never ate meat on Fridays all year.



### It's almost that time again!

If you can serve on one of our grass-cutting teams, please contact Tony Moyer or call the church office.



RCIA Candidates and Catechumens at the Cathedral with Bishop Baker for the Rite of Elect last Sunday.

## Hospital Ministry

Mar. 9-15 ----- Gina Reaves

Mar. 16-22 ----- Toni Zinn

## Linen Schedule

March 14-15----- Lynn Babcock

March 21-22----- Cathy Fockele

March 28-29----- Sally Thornton

## YOUNG AT HEARTS

Young at Hearts will meet at the school on Thursday, March 19. The Rosary begins at 9:30 am followed by Mass at 10 am.

## REMINDERS!

### Ladies Lenten Luncheon

Saturday, March 14

Classic on Noble - \$15/person

This is the last weekend to register

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Knights Hall, 221 East 13th St.

Friday nights 5:00 - 7:00 pm

\$10 meals fish / shrimp / combo  
fries or baked potato, cole slaw,  
hush puppies, dessert & drink.

### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Bottles for Sav-a-Life are due  
back next weekend. Thank you!

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