



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

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

NOVEMBER 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

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 - Church
6:30 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

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come."

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"Christ the Redeemer" Statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday, December 4th immediately following 7:00 am mass. Benediction will be at 6:00 pm. Please sign up by emailing or calling the church office or by visiting our website.

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm----- +All Souls

Sunday, November 29

9:00 am----- +All Souls
11:00 am ----- +All Souls
1:00 pm----- +All Souls

Tuesday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 2

7:00 am----- +Gene Snyder
8:15 am* ----- +Larry Oblena
and Chris Pasquinelli
**school students/faculty only*

Thursday, December 3

7:00 am---- +Beatrice Hernandez

Friday, December 4

7:00 am----- +All Souls

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am---- +Maynard Volkerding
5:00 pm-----Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 6

9:00 am-----+Bob Kruse
11:00 am ----- +Tom Militano
1:00 pm-----Mary Elizabeth Reed

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week are in memory of Noel Harvey, given by his wife, Florence Harvey



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,



Happy New Year! With the first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new sacred year, and we can say “bye-bye” to 2020 early! We also begin our Holy Year 2021 with preparation for the Feast of the Incarnation at Christmas. The four weeks of Advent each have a special focus: Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. This week the readings we have from Sacred Scripture focus us on the virtue of Hope. Hope is when we trust in Jesus’ promises rather than in our own strength and look forward to what He will do to bring us blessing and grace.

Once, a priest told me: “Hope dances best on a bald man’s hair!” It was his way of saying that no matter what the circumstances look like, we should always be faithful searchers for the good.

Sometimes we get so focused on the problems of the current moment that we cannot see how God is at work for good all around us. Often in the Scriptures, when a person faces a hard time, we see them turn to God and pray. These prayers usually begin with giving thanks for what God has done for his people throughout history. One beautiful example of this is in Acts 7:2-54. St. Stephen is the first Christian Martyr, and as he faces persecution, he sings the goodness of the Lord and recounts all the things he has done for his people. Interestingly his feast day is the Day after Christmas, Dec. 26th, so he stands in a special place in regards to the hope which was in his heart.

In our own nation we have a person on the way to sainthood: Blessed Solanus Casey. He was a Capuchin Franciscan friar in Detroit, Michigan, and as the doorkeeper of the monastery, he was always ready to listen to anyone at any time, day or night...and to encourage everyone to “thank God ahead of time.” With the virtue of hope we can each make a special effort to be conscious of what God has done for us and what He will do to bless us. He is very much at work in the world, and his work is ALWAYS greater, more powerful, and more significant than the work of the evil spirit.

In His Most Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS for December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, offering amount totals will be updated in next week’s bulletin. Please remember that contributions for the 2020 tax year must be received in the church office by Dec 31, 2020.



Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 20, 2020 following the 9 and 11 AM masses
in the Parish Activity Center

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast for donations.
Bring your camera because Santa Claus will be available for pictures!

Also featuring . . .
the LADIES GUILD ANNUAL BAKE & CRAFT SALE
following each mass Saturday Dec 19 and Sunday Dec 20

We ask EVERY FAMILY in the parish to donate BAKED TREATS or
OTHER HOMEMADE GOODIES SUCH AS JAMS, JELLIES or CANDY
Your donations can be dropped off at the Activity Center between
5:00 and 6:00 pm on Friday evening, December 18

PLEASE PRICE YOUR DONATED CRAFT ITEMS
BUT PLEASE DO NOT PRICE DONATED FOOD ITEMS

Food donations should be covered securely in wrap or inside a disposable
(non-returnable) container. And please note if the item contains nuts or is sugar free.



Proceeds from this Bake & Craft Sale will be used
to fund projects or missions within our Parish such as
the Beverly Roberts Memorial Scholarship and Lenten Ministries
Questions? Call Bonita Moreau at 256-848-9741 or email: somerselse@cablone.net

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Young at Hearts

African-American Saints-To-Be

JULIE GREELEY exact date of birth is unknown. She was born into slavery in Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848. As a young child, her right eye was destroyed by a cruel slavemaster's whip.

She was freed by the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 earned her keep by serving white families in several different states: Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area.

Whatever she could spare, Julia spent assisting poor families in her neighborhood. When she had nothing to give, she begged for food, fuel and clothing to give the needy. To avoid embarrassing the people she helped, Julia did most of her charitable work under cover of night through dark alleys.

Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active within it until her death in 1918.



Upcoming Minister's Schedule

Saturday, December 5 at 5 pm

Lector -----Adele Hill
Ushers - Chuck Armstrong, Bill Martin
Sacristan ----- Volunteer Needed
Hospitality----- Michele Lindsey
Cathy Little

Sunday, December 6 at 9 am

Lector ----- John Peed
Ushers ----- Tim and Donna Barton
Sacristan ----- Laura Pratt
Hospitality----- Jolene Loescher
Debbie Martin

Sunday, December 6 at 11 am

Lector ----- Anna Allen
Ushers Jorge Martinez, Nick Sawyer
Sacristan ----- Kim Johnson
Hospitality----- Cathy Fockele
Patricia Yates

Tuesday, December 8 at 12 Noon

Lector ----- John Valieant
Altar Server-----Melanie Cofield
Ushers ----- Tim and Donna Barton
Sacristan ----- Laura Pratt

Tuesday, December 8 at 7 pm

Lector ----- Teresa Kauffman
Altar Server----- Volunteer Needed
Ushers ----- Two Volunteers Needed
Sacristan ----- Volunteer Needed

TAMALE SALE!
In the Activity Center
Next Sunday, Dec 6
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Vespers will begin
tonight at
6:00 pm



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FISH FRY December 4, 2020

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

Fried fish or lemon pepper baked or fried shrimp dinner or a fish & shrimp combo Dinners come with fries or baked potato, cole slaw, hush puppies, and dessert.



The Knights encourage you to bring an unwrapped gift for TOYS FOR TOTS