

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES

Saturday
Reconciliation 3:30 - 4:30 • 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

Holy Days 8:00 AM - School, 12 Noon and 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.



FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are in honor of the anniversary of Carolyn and Paul Brouillette given by their family.

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions FIRST SATURDAY

Saturday, September 4
8 am-----+ +Scotty Thornton
5 pm -----+ +Barbara Volkerding

Sunday, September 5
9 am-----+ Patrick Werzner
11am-----+ Susan Kallus
1 pm ------ For the Parish

<u>Tuesday, September 7</u> 7am-----Glenn Whisenhunt

Wednesday, September 8
7 am-----+Matthew Reese
8:15 am +Arthur and Catherine Hill
(school only)

Thursday, September 9
7am--+Fred and Lucille Raggluante

Friday, September 10 7am---- +Holy Souls in Purgatory

<u>Saturday, September 11</u> 5 pm ---+Gabriella Papa Piscitelli

Sunday, September 12
9 am----- Our Parish Family
11am-----+ +Kateri Angel
1 pm -----+ Aurora Maria Ruiz



GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE Sept 5 - 18

John Deno Val Herrera

Morris Jackson Robert Moreau and Piper Robbie Morrison, Team Coordinator Chuck Sibley Rodrigo Vera Andrew Wackerle

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parish Family,

Our Gospel this Sunday gives us an intensely beautiful teaching about prayer. Jesus is presented with a man who is deaf and also cannot speak. And while we tend to look at the disability this man suffered in a practical sense, not being able to communicate his needs with others, Jesus focuses on this man's need to communicate his needs and desires with God – the language of prayer. While others in his community had been instructed in the language of prayer in the Temple and in the Synagogue, we can imagine that this man had come

to adulthood isolated from the language most people used to pray to God. In a certain way, it reminds us of the experience of our own Alabama native. Helen Keller.

Jesus, however, the Word made flesh, transcends conventional language to communicate with this man. Jesus uses touch and universal signs to communicate His love and desire to heal this man. Jesus touches the man's ears, and using spit, which even animals know to be a way to heal wounds, he signals He will heal the use of the tongue to speak. Then, Jesus groans. We can imagine that Jesus groans while he has His hand on the man's shoulder, because groaning produces a vibration that the deaf man can feel in his body. In this way, Jesus opens this man's language of prayer to the Father. With a simple groan, Jesus indicates His prayer to the Father for healing, and the man is healed! Somehow, in God's great love, this man who had no way to speak, can now speak to praise God with his voice.

Many of us who can hear and speak still do not have an easy time with the language of prayer. We make such complications out of the act of prayer to God that we "stumble over our words." Often we find ourselves shouting at God what we think He should do, rather than groaning and showing him our own wounds and defects. Our prayer can be formal and intensely beautiful, and it can also be a sigh, a groan, or even a whimper directed towards our loving Father. What makes it prayer is the love and trust we place in God to heal and save us. Many of us remain mute and deaf in a different way because we refuse to speak to Him and listen to Him trustingly. It may be because we are a little afraid of getting that conversation started, because it is an intense conversation.

Later on, Jesus groans again, this time from the Cross, and He gives up His spirit to the Father in fulfillment of His promise. That moment is still felt all throughout the world when we celebrate the Mass and that sacrifice is made present before us. Be free and allow the language of prayer to flow through you easily, through groanings, whispers, and heartfelt words. Then, the sacrifice of the Mass will be the place to offer up all those prayers in union with our whole community and the Universal Church, honoring Jesus who has "done all things well."

In His Most Sacred Heart,



CATHOLIC YOUTH ON MISSION

Members of our Sacred Heart youth group joined other youth around the Diocese to do some projects in restoration at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. A special thanks to our youth and their chaperones.

Upcoming Minister's Schedule

Mary Strickland
Šonja Deno
John Deno, Morris Jackson
Kristin Neu
Linda Chenard, Mary Snyder
Gina Pauluzzi
Teresa Kauffman
Pat Quillian, Luis Rodriguez
Yvonne Boothe
Jane Harris, Jolene Loescher
Mattie Jackson
Nancy Cassidy
Matthew Graessle, Jorge Martinez

Hospitality-----Cathy Fockele, Delinda Rounds

Growing in Faith

Father John will lead an adult education class entitled "Mending Our Nets." It will begin Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6 PM at the church.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

September 7 - 13 Gina Reaves

<u>September 14 - 20</u> Toni Zinn



Meet & Greet

The Ladies Guild will host a meet-and-greet social in the Activity Center next Sunday afternoon at 2 PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to come enjoy refreshments and fellowship, while learning more about the ministry of the Ladies Guild.

Catechetical Sunday

Teachers for RCIA, PSR as well as the Family of Faith programs, and Confirmation classes will be recognized at the 11 am mass on Sunday, September 19.



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> Laura Pratt, Ext 101 Office Manager

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> Jim Coverstone Pastoral Council Chair

Toni Zinn Small Christian Communities

Dan Myers Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus

> DeLinda Garcia Ladies Guild President

> > Carol Speciale Hospital Ministry

Rose Lawley Eucharistic Discipleship

Jessie Murray Bearden Young at Hearts

Youth Group BBQ Kick-Off Sunday, Sept 12 • 4 to 6:30 PM

Parents and students (grades 6-12) come join us to kick-off another year! This is a great opportunity to meet one another and learn about our new program — LifeTeen. There will be plenty of room to spread out and we ask everyone to wear a mask. PLEASE NOTE: This is a mandatory meeting for Confirmation



Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Daniel Moyinhan, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago Many Weathers, Judy Myers, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Chris Clement, Teresa Atkins, Dianne Green, John Winn, Greg Bavonese, Carolyn Brouillette, Ryan Miller, Isabela Gomez, Sarah Dahrens, George Sidloskas, Nan Estes, Lynn Babcock, Michael Chamlee, Telly & Michelle Munn, Sally Thornton and Pat Yates

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS for September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

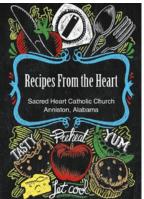
Isaiah 50: 5-9a Psalm 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	\$7,958.68
Weekly Offering - online	\$2,175.00
Soup Bowl	2,403.00
Soup Bowl - online	- \$430.00

Don't forget to share your favorite recipes in the new Sacred Heart Cookbook (by Sept 15.) Books will be available by Christmas –



You may submit up to 5 recipes, but be sure to submit at least one so that all of our parish families will be represented.

To Submit Recipes:

- 1) Go to www.typensave.com
- 2) Click 'Login'
- 3) Enter the User Name: LadiesGuild857
- 4) Enter password: orange318
- 5) Click 'Submit'
- 6) Enter your name, click 'Continue.'
- 7) Click 'Add Recipes' & get started.