

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Year A



“Two Women will be Grinding at the Mill”

Alfred Elmore, 1868

MASS TIMES

Saturday Reconciliation

2:30PM-3:30PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

Mass 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM,

1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

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.

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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments? We invite you to join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes on Wednesday evenings. These sessions are designed for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation. Come explore the Catholic faith in a warm, supportive environment. No commitment is necessary to begin—just curiosity and an open heart! Contact the church office for more information.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

One great sadness we still see in the world is that there are those who do not recognize the Messiah having come into the world. Many people did not recognize his coming proclaimed by the prophets, the last of whom was John the Baptist. And today, many, many do not recognize His presence in our midst. There is a difference between our present day and those ancient days, however...and that difference has to do with the reading of sacred texts.

In ancient days, few people in a society had the ability to read, due to a lack of resources and the social structure of the time. Despite this, those who could read studied the sacred texts they had with great enthusiasm, taking in the sacred words, meditating on them, thinking about them because of their importance. Today, in our society, more than 90% of the population can read, but ignorance of the sacred texts found in the Bible has never been greater. Lately, when I ask people what they like to read, the most common answer is simply: "I don't like to read." What an offense to God who revealed Himself as the Word!

Reading the sacred word found in the Bible teaches us many things. People love to hear Bible stories, but never cease to complain that they don't understand the sacred word, and in many cases, they haven't actually read it. To be able to read is one of the greatest gifts a human can have and reading the Bible should be first among the things we read. Then after reading, we are called to use our minds to meditate on the sacred word so that it becomes part of our lives and enters into our hearts. In this way, we will be better able to recognize the Messiah in our midst.

Then, even the simplest actions of our lives can be lived in context to the mystery of Christ present in our world. Cooking, reading, commuting to work, all of these activities take on a new meaning in the light of Jesus' presence in our world. When, because of our ignorance of His word, we are unable to understand our lives in context to His coming and His presence in the Eucharist we are sadly blinded like those who are left behind in their ignorance. It can happen that we are so focused on ourselves that though the light of God's word is giving meaning to our every move, we refuse to follow that light and instead remain locked in our own darkness.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

SAVE THE DATE *Lessons & CAROLS*
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
Sunday, December 14th 6:00 PM

Christmas Clearing House
SacredHeart Parish will be hosting Interfaith Ministry of Calhoun County's Annual Christmas Clearing House. We will need volunteers to help the week of December 8th-12th with set-up, shopping with families and gift wrapping. We also need wrapping paper, scotch tape and toy donations. Contact the church office for more information. 256-237-3011

SAINT NICHOLAS FAMILY NIGHT
Sponsored by the Ladies Guild
JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING WITH CRAFTS, GAMES, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!
PLEASE BRING AN ENTREE OR A SIDE DISH TO SHARE
SATURDAY | 6 | DECEMBER
Immediately following 4pm mass at the Parish Life Center
for more information please text Lindsay Tyson (256) 473-1712



First Friday Adoration
Friday, Dec. 5th

7am-Mass followed by Exposition
6:00pm-Benediction

Please sign up in the narthex for an hour to come and pray in front of the **Blessed Sacrament.**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction**

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,335,764.99

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

Nov. 2nd: \$3,155.00 Nov. 9th: \$4,520.00

Nov. 16th: \$3,083.33 Nov. 23rd: \$1,950.00

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-OCIA Classes
and PSR Classes

Thursday

7:00am- Mass

5:00pm-7:00pm - Penance Service

Friday

7:00am- Mass

8:00am-6:00pm Adoration

6:00pm-Benediction

Saturday

8:00am-First Saturday Mass

2:30pm- Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Sacred Heart Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society is a newly formed charitable organization at Sacred Heart Parish. SVdP Conferences are parish-based groups where caring members—called Vincentians—come together to help neighbors in need. They listen, offer support (sometimes financial), and connect people with community resources that bring hope and dignity during tough times. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors. If you are someone you know might be in need of assistance, please have them call **256-485-0275** and leave a message.



Season of Advent

Penance Service

Thursday, December 4th, 5pm-7pm

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass-7am, 12pm, 6:30pm

Decorate for Christmas

Tuesday, December 9th, 10am

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 12th, 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

5pm, 7pm Misa en Espanol

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

12am (Midnight Mass), 9am

Anniston Soup Bowl

Our parish will be serving at the Anniston
Soup Bowl

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd & Wednesday, Dec 3rd

Please sign up to volunteer on the sign-up
sheets in the narthex following Mass.

Mass in Vietnamese

Xin Thông báo, Cha Thánh sẽ dâng Thánh
Lễ cho cộng đoàn Việt Nam vào lúc
5:00pm chiều Chúa Nhật ngày 23 tháng 11,
Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giải tội từ 4:15pm-4:50pm.
Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh vào cộng đoàn
thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

The Second Collection this
weekend is for
Christmas Flowers.



Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 29th

4pm-- +Merle Whitaker

Sunday, Nov. 30th

8:30am-All Soul's

11:00am-All Soul's

1:00pm- +Maria de los Angeles Perez

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

7am- +Charlie Kirk

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd

7am-+Marcy Portuese

Thursday, Dec. 4th

7am-+Rolf Johnson

Friday, Dec. 5th

7am- +Rolf Johnson

Saturday, Dec. 6th

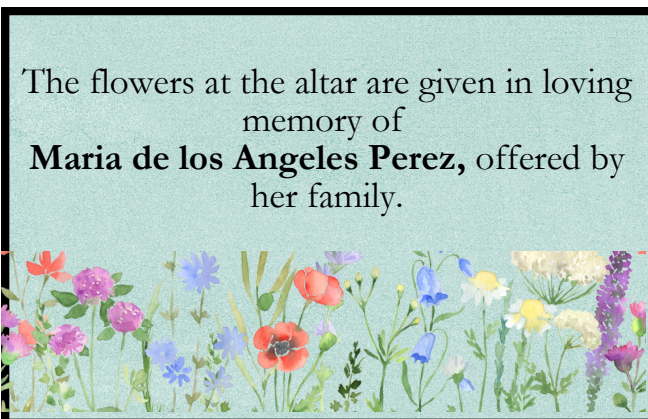
4pm-- +Patty Andrade

Sunday, Dec. 7th

8:30am-Parish Family

11:00am-+Robert Moore

1:00pm- +Maria Perez



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Dec 6th, 4:00 PM

Lector-Vicky Jackson

Eucharistic Minister-Donna Barton

Altar Servers-Dean and Evan Lombardi,

Efe Sevgi, Tony Mancillas

Ushers-Joe Fox, Chuck Sibley

Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson

Hospitality-Linda Chenard

Sun, Dec. 7th, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Lector-Richard Curtin

Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova

Eucharistic M. (Choir)-Teresa Kauffman

Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas, Paul and

Sam Maniscalco, and Piper Moreau

Usher-Robert Moreau, Mark Proper

Sacristan-Audrey Green, Yvonne Boothe

Hospitality-Terry Hughes

Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)

Lector-Teresa Scheuring

Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova

Altar Servers- Andrew Cofield, Matthew Utrera,

Jackie Sanchez, Gabriella Flores, and Angela Prince

Usher- Ron Johnson, Thom Pratt

Sacristan-Kelly Matson, Judy Myers

Hospitality-Laura Pratt

Mass Attendance

Nov. 22nd & 23rd

4:00pm- 290

8:30am- 216

11:00 am - 238

1:00 pm - 415

5:00pm -56

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec. 6th & 7th
Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$8,463.00

Online:\$2,480.01

Total: \$10,943.01

SVdP

\$903.72

SCAN ME

Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.



Catholic Charities Pledges

Parish Goal: \$60,000.00

Pledge to Date: \$44,332.00



Hospital Ministry-August

Nov. 25th-Dec 1st: Shari Doyal

Dec. 2nd-Dec.8th: Al & Sally Smith

Dec. 9th-Dec. 15th: David Hopper

Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew and Kathy Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Stephanie Velasquez, Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Elizabeth-Anne Heathcock, Diane Seales, Debbie Buzan, Julianne & Oliver Semmes, Tom Beam, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring, Dianne Kelley, Paul Guyer, Howard Family, Dian Pepe

NOVEMBER 2025

THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

For the *prevention*
of suicide



Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.