

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor



May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter



"The Good Shepherd"
Bernhard Plockhorst
(1825--1907)

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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.

MASS TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday

Mass 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM,

1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Pope Leo XIV



Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, the 69-year-old Chicago-born prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops under Pope Francis, was elected the 267th pope May 8 and took the name Pope Leo XIV. He is the first North American to be elected pope. When he came out onto the balcony to greet the crowds in St. Peter's Square, he spoke of Christ's peace, the call to be missionary disciples and his commitment to continue to build a more synodal church.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

It can happen that when things do not seem to be going our way, when we encounter suffering and resistance in our Christian journey, that the spirit of evil will lie to us and tell us that we have chosen wrongly when we choose Christ. Advertising and social media thrive on showing us how perfect and joy-filled our lives can be if we only purchase what they are selling, or if we change our lives to be like theirs. This is never true. The happiness that Jesus promises us comes from being one of his flock, one of the beloved lambs of the Good Shepherd – foundational happiness comes from belonging.

Christianity is unique among the religions of the world because Our Savior does not ever propose an escape from suffering. Other religions teach that certain actions and prayers can free the follower from suffering in this life, but Jesus never promises that. What Jesus promises is that He will remain with us and that He will give us eternal life with Him in heaven. Jesus promises that He will transform our suffering into love if we permit Him to do so. This is one meaning of the “robes made white in the blood of the Lamb.” John has a vision of those who have “survived the time of great distress.” It is a vision of those followers of Jesus who have persevered in their love of Him even in the face of suffering and pain.

It is a hard sell. No one wants to suffer or experience pain. Some of the largest industries/activities on earth exist to either to numb pain and suffering or distract us from it. Somehow, though, in the end, we don't find the total relief we are looking for. Jesus, however, through His teachings, His Sacraments, His Church, and His grace, does give us a way out of our sufferings. St. John gives us a powerful promise: “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes...” Our pain might produce tears, but Our God wipes them away with great tenderness when we turn our faces to Him. The transformative love of Christ led the Apostles out in mission, and they encountered suffering, but in the end, they were given eternal life with God in heaven, led by a Good Shepherd who walked with them the whole way to heaven.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

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New Mass Times

starting on **June 14th**, 2025

Saturday

Reconciliation 2:30pm-3:30pm

Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Sunday

8:30am, 11am and 1pm

Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,389,421.79

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections: May

May 4th \$3,510.00

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

**Ladies Guild will meet next week due to
Mother's Day.**

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-Choir Practice

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday

7:00am-Mass

Friday

7:00am-Mass

Saturday

3:30pm- Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

Sunday

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

2:00pm Ladies Guild Meeting

Grass Cutting Schedule

Team 4-May 11-May 24th Jose A Medina

Jose Medina, Jose Guadalupe Rodrigues

Cristian Rodrigue, Hector Gonzalez, Luis Torres

Diego Rodrigues, Ramon Ortis



2025 Graduating Seniors

Upcoming events for our graduating seniors.

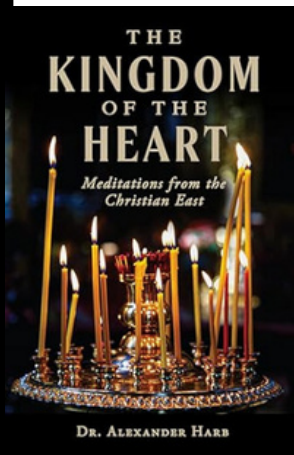
Senior Night-Family Night

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 5:00pm-7:00pm

Baccalaureate Mass

Monday, May 19th, 2025 6:00pm

Contact the church office for more information.



Family Night

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

Dr. Alexander Harb, author and former Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School Teacher will join us at Family Night on May 18th to celebrate our High School Seniors. (Some are his former students). He will talk to us about his new book, "The Kingdom of the Heart, Meditations from the Christian East." Join us for a fun family night. Bring your favorite dish to share!

LAST CHANCE!

Our last photo days for the parish directory are

**Thursday, May 17th, Friday, May 18th and
Saturday, May 19th**

**Please sign up after Mass this weekend. You get
one free family picture for participating. There
is no obligation to buy.**

Ladies Guild Meeting

New Time this month because of Mother's Day. All women of the parish are invited to the Ladies Guild monthly meeting. They meet every second Sunday of the month. Their next meeting is Sunday, **May 18th** at 2pm in the Parish Life Center Parlor.

Diaconate Inquiry.

Men, do you feel God is calling you to serve in a deeper way in your parish and community?

Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm: St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 2061 Patton Chapel Road, Hoover, AL

Saturday, June 8th at 1:00 PM – 3:00 pm at St. Mary of the Visitation, 222 Jefferson Street N., Huntsville AL 35801

Additional information:

<https://www.bhmdiocese.org/office-of-permanent-diaconate>. Online registration is open now through July 3rd.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 10th

5pm-- +Gene Snyder

Sunday, May 11th

9 am---Parish Family

11am ---+Evelyn Elmore

1 pm -+Eldia Ortiz

Tuesday, May 12th

7am-+Jimmy Digby

Wednesday, May 13th

7am--+Patricia Seehafer Taylor

Thursday, May 14th

7am-+Maria Del Refugio Peralta

Friday, May 15th

7am-+Micky Zielinski

Saturday, May 16th

5pm-- +Jack Haley

Sunday, May 17th

9 am----Parish Family

11am ---+Sara L. Sheehy and

+Maria Del Refugio Peralta

1 pm -Our Nations Leaders

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, 5:00 PM

Lector-Anna Allen

Eucharistic Minister-Donna Barton

Altar Servers-Jorge Becerra, Dean and Evan Lombardi,Efe Sevgi

UshersXimena Martinez and Jorge Martinez, Sr.

Sacristan-Jorge Martinez and Susan Watson

Hospitality-Cathy Little

Sun, 9:00 AM (with Choir)

Lector-Matthew Poe

Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova

Eucharistic Minister (Choir)-Teresa Kauffman -
Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,Piper Moreau,Estepahnie and Christopher Rodriguez

Usher-Mark Proper , Chuck Sibley

Sacristan-Audrey Green, Michelle Proper

Hospitality- Terry Hughes

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

Lector-Toni Zinn

Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova

Altar Servers- Geraldine, Jorge and Allison Araiza,Andrew Cofield,Gabriella Flores

Usher-Felipe and DanaelGijion

Sacristan-Kristy Cofield and Kim Johnson

Hospitality- FILLED

Hospital Ministry

May 13th-19th -Sarah Seales

May 20th-26th - Richard Curtain

Mass Attendance
May 3rd & 4th

5:00pm- 150

9:00am- 287

11:00 am - 242

1:00 pm - 384

UPCOMING
SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 17h & 18th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

• Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 •

Rv 21:1-5a

• Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Weekly Offertory

Offering:\$16,405.00

Online:\$3,206.77

Total: \$19,611.77

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Online Giving

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

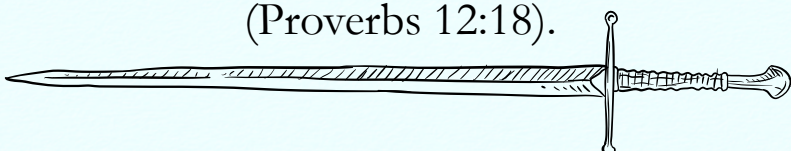


Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett 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, JoAnn Nelson, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Michael Griffin, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Kim Athon, Linda Chenard



“The babble of some people is like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise is healing”
(Proverbs 12:18).



The flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Elida Ortiz given by her granddaughter, Sandra Rios.

The flowers in front of the altar are given in loving memory of Gene Snyder by his wife, Mary Snyder.

