

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026 **Year A**



Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Possibly Rembrandt or Gerard Dou - circa 1630

First Saturday Mass

Saturday, Aug 1st, 8:00am

Followed by anointing of the sick.

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 2:30PM-3:30PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

Mass 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM,

1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday-Friday 7:00am

First Saturday Mass and

Anointing 8:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartanniston.org

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St. Vincent de Paul Society**
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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
- Rom 8:35, 37-39
- Mt 14:13-21

Mass Attendance

4:00pm- 145

8:30am- 265

11:00am- 297

1:00pm- 309

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

The conscience of the human person is where our intellect, together with the true good willed by our Creator, helps us to choose the right and reject the wrong in conformity with God's teachings. It is only in an individual human person where conscience resides. There is no conscience that resides in machines, computers, or even in institutions, teams, or groups. The ability to choose good and reject evil resides only in the individual human person, made in God's image and likeness. For this reason, our holy father, Pope Francis, warns us in his encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitatis*, about the dangers of trying to conceive of a type of humanity that gives technology the upper hand in making a moral choice.

Pope Leo says: "...the key issue is not the use of technology as such, but the vision that underlies it. If the human being is treated as something to be perfected or surpassed, it becomes easier to accept that some lives are less useful, less desirable, or less worthy." (117) He highlights out how prophetically Pope Saint Paul VI pointed out this point in his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, saying that when scientific and technological advances are detached from moral and social progress, they end up "turning against humanity." Already, we see the advancement of AI in such a way that technological advances bypass moral and religious norms to achieve their own aims. It is a terrible and scary vision for the future.

Christians, however, thankfully have a conscience and can choose the good God teaches and reject the evil that seeks destruction. Our consciences must be well-formed, however, because a badly formed conscience is also a dangerous thing. Through history, we see the terrible consequences of individuals who deaden their consciences to the right thing, and even worse, those who teach others to do wrong. Jesus Himself speaks strongly about this: "but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matt. 18:6)

In our parish, we have many ways to learn more about the teaching of the Christ, and to form our consciences. Take advantage of all the offerings that are there so that together, all choosing in our own hearts to do good and avoid evil, we might help our community, our people, and our world make progress for the good in Christ Our Savior.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

New Class of OCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. New classes started on **June 17th.**, but it is not too late to sign-up. Signing up is easy! Just scan the QR code, contact the church office, or see someone in the Narthex following Mass. 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.



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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66
Current Loan Balance: \$1,171,120.64
Monthly Payment: \$14,825.18
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
July 5th : \$ 1,670.00 **July 12th :** \$5,694.00
July 19th : \$2,223.00

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$10,615.00 **Online:** \$2,735.17 **Total:** \$13,350.17
Disaster Relief: \$2,058.00



Many of you have asked, "What can I donate to the Yard Sale?" I have compiled a list of SUGGESTED items. You can pick up one of the lists in the Narthex at the hospitality desk. The front desk in the office will also have copies available. Thank you to those of you who have already donated next year's yard sale. The sale will be the weekend of February 5th & 6th.

This week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 1:00pm Misa en español
 5:00pm-Mass in Vietnamese

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass
 6pm-OCIA

Thursday

7:00 am- Mass

Friday

7:00 am-Mass

Saturday

8:00am First Saturday Mass
 2:30pm-3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 1:00pm Misa en español

**Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola
July 31, 2026**



"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your holy will. Amen

Mass in Vietnamese

Xin Thông báo, Cha Thanh sẽ dâng Thánh Lễ cho cộng đoàn Việt Nam vào lúc 5:00pm chiều Chúa Nhật ngày 26 tháng 7 Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giảng từ 4:15pm-4:50pm. Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh vào cộng đoàn thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

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Every donation directly supports the formation & education of our future priests!

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 25th

4:00pm-Rosa Reyes, Levi Anthony Rosas

Sunday, July 26th

8:30am-+Chris Winn

11:00am-Chris Hill

1:00pm- Parish Family

5pm-- *Ad Intentionem Dantis*

Tuesday, July 28th

7:00am- +Chris Winn

Wednesday, July 29th

7:00am- +Maria del Perpetuo Socorro Gutiérrez

Thursday, July 30th

7:00am- +Maria del Perpetuo Socorro Gutiérrez

Friday, July 31st

7:00 am- +Maria del Perpetuo Socorro Gutiérrez

Saturday, Aug. 1st

8am-- For the Parish

4:00 pm- +Maria del Perpetuo Socorro Gutiérrez

Sunday, Aug. 2nd

8:30am-- +Maria del Perpetuo Socorro Gutiérrez

11:00am- Parish Family

1:00pm- +Maria Perez

Hospital Ministry-

July 27th-31st -Richard Curtin

Aug 3rd-Aug. 7th-Carol Speciale

Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Jim Roberts, Andrew and Kathy Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Connie Pollard, 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, 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, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring, Paul Guyer, Howard Family, Dian Pepe, Thu Nguyen, Robin Woolsey, Bob Patty, Yessica Ramirez, Noel Glanze, Tony Burgess, Chris Hill, Tasha Carter, Charlie Miller, Katy Fortner, Ellen Tibbetts Hurst, Jorge Vasquez

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Aug 1: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 4:00 PM

Teresa Kauffman - Lector

Richard Curtin- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Tim Barton, Bill Martin- Ushers

Keila Sevgi & Susan Watson-Sacristan

Cathy Little - Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean & Evan Lombardi, Charlie Hodges, Jorge Becerra-AS

Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Joshua Craft- Lector

Mike Cova- Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Shari Doyal- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister (choir)

Dylan Price, Mark Proper- Usher

Adarryl Battle, Nora Becerra- Sacristan

Jolene Loescher- Hospitality

Henry, Tony Mancillas, Paul & Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau-AS

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

Nick Shell - Lector

Mike Cova - Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Jorge and Patricia Martinez-Usher

Kristy Cofield, Judy Myers - Sacristan

Lindsay Tyson - Hospitality

Andrew Cofield, Geraldine&Angel Araiza, Coleman Saxton,

Matthew Andrade-AS



Grass Cutting Schedule. July 19~Aug. 1

Team 3 Coordinator-Jose A Medina

Jose Medina, Jose Guadalupe Rodrigues, Cristian

Rodrigues, Hector Gonzalez, Luis Torres, Diego Rodrigues

Ramon Ortis

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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.

Pope's Prayer Intention July 2026

For respect for human life.
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

