

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

**October 5, 2025**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year C**



*“The Mulberry Tree”  
Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890)*

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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 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

Mass 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM,  
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

### **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 beginning Wednesday, July 9. 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,

The psalm we hear proclaimed in this Sunday's liturgy is Psalm 95, which is the way the prayer of the Church begins every day in the Liturgy of the Hours. When we begin the day, we acknowledge three important things: That a new day is possible because God is Lord and Creator, and in His presence, we find joy; that to worship Him is to let Him be our guide, shepherd, and friend; and that we should not let the circumstances of this world harden our hearts against God and make us faithless.

The Christian people are called by God to live by the gift of faith, and to be courageous in trusting God. The Prophet Habakkuk is speaking God's word in a dark time for the people. They are besieged by the Babylonians, and they are filled with fear and dread. Despite this, the prophet tells them to make their faith their stronghold, not the walls and ramparts of Jerusalem. This is exactly what the people do during their captivity in Babylon, and when they finally return to the treasured city of Jerusalem, they are better and holier for the faith they strengthened while they suffered.

This is true for us as well, but we must understand that the Babylonian captivity of the Jewish people is a clue in the Old Testament to our whole life here on earth. In this life we are threatened and held captive by sin and violence all around, but we let our faith be our refuge, and because of God's promise, we will come to the safe place of refuge in heaven. It is a powerful concept to realize that in this life, there is no other refuge from danger other than faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. We must cultivate our faith in this context, and not seek earthly things as a refuge or strength.

The faith that Christ speaks of in the Gospel is to have confidence in God's promise. So many wonderful things are accomplished by God day in and day out, all in the perfection of His plan for our salvation. We are often frightened by the things we see and experience in this life, but we are safe when we soar in faith with God, serving Him faithfully with our whole lives.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

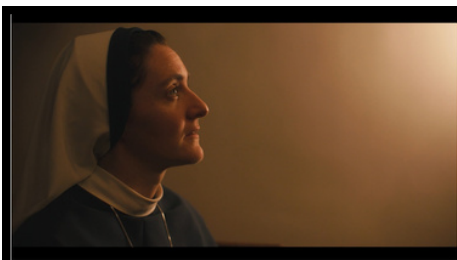
*Fr. John*



## Learn the Credo with the Choir

The Sacred Heart Choir would like to invite you again to learn the "Credo" with us! We as a Parish will start singing the Creed in Latin during Advent this year and we cannot do it alone! We will meet in the choir loft on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for a crash course! This is where we will go over the pronunciation of the Latin and teach the notes. This is a huge undertaking and requires some practice but will positively impact worship during Mass! Please join us if you can and bring a friend! We will also have two Credo sing-throughs on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:45am-10:15am. This is not so much a teaching session but more of a run through to get some more practice before we start incorporating it in Mass on November 22<sup>nd</sup>! Join us!

Join the Sacred Heart Choir for the upcoming Season!





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Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!





Pray the Rosary  
for Peace.  
Wednesdays in October  
5:30-6:00 pm

Call: 256-237-3011

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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,353,831.68

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

Sept 7th: \$2,025.00    Sept 14<sup>th</sup>: \$9,324.33

Sept 21<sup>st</sup>: \$1,425.00    Sept 28<sup>th</sup>: \$450.00

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

*Sunday*

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

*Monday*

10:00am-St. Hildegards

*Tuesday*

7:00am-Mass

*Wednesday*

7:00am-Mass

5:30pm-Rosary

6:00pm-OCIA Classes,

PSR-First Communion, Confirmation,  
parent classes.

*Thursday*

7:00am Mass

*Friday*

7:00am-Mass

*Saturday*

2:30pm- Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

*Sunday*

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

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 26 tháng 10,  
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 Sacred Heart Choir warmly invites you to sing with us during this upcoming season. We will be preparing music for Lessons and Carols on Dec. 14 and Midnight Mass on Dec. 25.

We've noticed some beautiful voices in the congregation, and even if you can't commit to the choir year-round, we'd love to have you join us just for this special season of music and celebration! Rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 14, and will be held weekly from 6:00–8:00 PM in the choir loft. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact the church office at (256)237-3011 or reach out to Mary Rhodes at (256)310-1987.

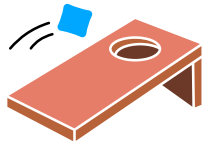
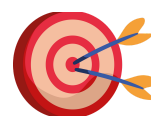
Come make a joyful noise with us!



**Sacred Heart Fall Festival**

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-7:00pm**

Games, Prizes, Hot Dogs, and Cake Walk!  
If you are interested in helping with the Fall Festival, please contact the church office.



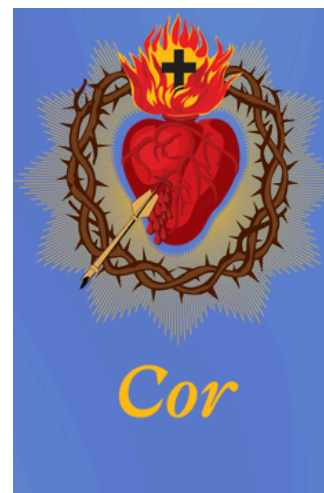
It's not too late to submit your Catholic Charities pledge cards. You can return them in the offertory basket, go to [www.bhmdioocese.org](http://www.bhmdioocese.org) or by mail. If you have misplaced your card or did not receive one, they are available in the narthex.



**Family of the Month**

Pauline Anderson

Cor: A Men's Group for Prayer, Fraternity and Faith Formation available to any and all men of our parish. Please join us on October 19th at 5:00 PM for 90 minutes and learn more about this. Further meetings scheduled on the 3rd Sunday of each month.





## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, Oct. 4th**

**8am---**Parish Family

**4pm--** +Alice Birdener

**Sunday, Oct. 5th**

**8:30am-**Parish Family

**11:00am-**Parish Family

**1:00pm-**+Aurea Hernandez

**Tuesday, Oct. 7th**

**7am-** +Anna Bordenca

**Wednesday, Oct. 8th**

**7am-** +John Luscinski

**Thursday, Oct. 9th**

**7am-** +Patricia Andrade

**Friday, Oct. 10th**

**7am-** +Patricia Andrade

**Saturday, Oct 11th**

**4pm--** +Gene Snyder

**Sunday, Oct 12th**

**8:30am-**Parish Family

**11:00am-**Parish Family

**1:00pm-**+Crescencio Araiza



The flowers at the altar are given in the loving memory of **Dorothy Sawyer**, given by her daughters, Kathy Hopper and Terry Hughes.  
The flowers in front of the altar are given in loving memory of **Gene Snyder**

## Catholic Charities Pledges

Parish Goal: \$60,000.00

Pledge to Date: \$15,265.00



## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, Oct 11th, 4:00 PM**

**Lector-Shari Doyal**

**Eucharistic Minister-Sally Smith**

**Altar Servers-**

Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi,

Jorge Becerra

**Ushers-Joe Fox, Ric Kelley**

**Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson**

**Hospitality-Linda Chenard**

**Sun, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM (with Choir)**

**Lector-Gretchen Elliott**

**Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova**

**Eucharistic Minister (Choir)-Teresa Kauffman**

**Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,**

Christopher and Estephanie Rodriguez

**Usher-Mark Proper, Pat Quillian**

**Sacristan-Michelle Proper, Audrey Green**

**Hospitality-Cathy Fockele**

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

**Lector-Sub Requested**

**Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova**

**Altar Servers- Andrew and Lindsey Cofield,**

Gabrielle Flores, Angela Prince, Jonathan and

Melani Micete

**Usher-**

**Sacristan-Robie Grana, Kelly Matson**

**Hospitality-Lindsay Tyson**

## Hospital Ministry-August

Sept 23rd-29<sup>th</sup> Carol Speciale

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Shari Doyal

Oct 7th-13<sup>th</sup> - Allen and Sally Smith

Oct 14th-20<sup>th</sup> David Hopper

**Mass Attendance**  
**Sept. 27th & 28th**

4:00pm- 153

8:30am- 212

11:00 am - 300

1:00 pm - 380

5:00pm- 61

## UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

• Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

• 2 Tm 2:8-13

• Lk 17:11-19

## Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$ 8,489.00

Online: \$1,477.67

Total: \$ 9,966.67

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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, 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, Michael Griffin, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring, Diane Kelley

## 3rd Annual Yard Sale

**February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2026**



If you have any items for the Yard Sale, please contact Pauline Anderson at 256-453-1440 for drop off. October 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last drop off until January. Please remember we cannot accept clothing, books, or out of date electronics!

## Pope's Intention for October



**For collaboration between different religious traditions**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

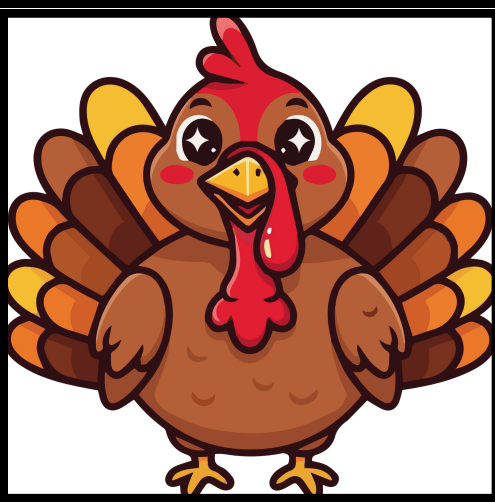




**Members of the Knights of Columbus at the Silver Rose Ceremony**



**Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**  
 Father John celebrated the Feast Day by inviting police from surrounding counties to lunch. They also received a blessing and Father blessed their vehicles. Each office was presented with a prayer card and St. Michael medal.



### **Center of Concern**

The countdown to the holiday season is beginning. Each year, Sacred Heart helps the Center of Concern in Anniston to purchase Thanksgiving Turkeys to be distributed with thanksgiving meals to those in need. You will find envelopes in the narthex. Please take an envelope from the table and return it in the offertory basket or in the mail it directly to the Center of Concern.



### **The Month of November**

The month of November is dedicated to Holy Souls. In an act of remembrance we will be displaying photos of loved ones who have passed in the narthex. Please begin to bring your photos to the church office or leave them in the basket in the narthex.