

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

September 28, 2025

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



“The Poor Lazarus at the Rich Man's Door”

(Le pauvre Lazare à la porte du riche)

James Tissot (1836–1902)

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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 Prophet Amos speaks powerful words to the People of God. What is characteristic of Amos, however, is the clear household imagery he uses to paint a picture of the laziness and impiety of the people, a people drunk on their own comfort and ease of life. What we know about the Prophet Amos is that he was a rural person, a type of gardener, whose lifelong job was to trim trees so that they would bear more fruit. He was likely a person who would have worked outside most of the time, and who would not have had a lot of formal education. This does not mean, however, that the Prophet Amos was not intelligent, however. In fact, the simplicity of his life is what allows him to see so clearly the sinfulness of the People of God, who have grown accustomed to their rich way of life.

Wealthy people first seek to use their money to separate themselves from those poorer than they are. We see this throughout human history and in our own day. First-class plane tickets, five-star hotels, etc., all show us that money is used to separate people and to provide a protected and special experience for those who have wealth. The danger of that wealth is that through separation from the harsher realities of this life, a person is fooled into thinking that they are “doing just fine” and that “everything is O.K.,” especially in regard to the things of God.

That type of isolation is what Our Lord speaks of in the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man, who tradition tells us was called “Dives,” is blissfully unaware of the suffering and poverty right on his doorstep, because he lives serenely in his palace, separated not only by space, but also by attitude, from the dying man at his gate. God, however, is always aware of the suffering of His children, and the work of Christians, as we are told by St. Vincent DePaul, is to “See the face of Christ in the other and then be the face of Christ for the other.” This means to look with compassion, desiring the salvation of the other person, and then sacrifice for that salvation with the Christ.

Considering oneself separate or in a different class from the less fortunate is not the Gospel message. There is no such thing as “the deserving poor” in the eyes of the Christ. We are called to be active in love and charity and to reach out in the ways we can to those who cry out for mercy and love.

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 14th 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. 9th and 16th 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 22nd! Join us!

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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,353,831.68

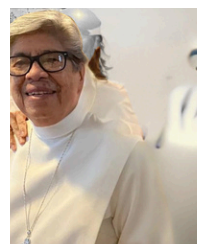
Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

Sept 7th: \$2,025.00 Sept 14th: \$9,324.33

Sept 21st: \$1,425.00



***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

5:00pm- Vietnamese Mass

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-OCIA Classes,
PSR-First Communion, Confirmation,
parent classes.

Thursday

7:00am Mass

Friday

7:00am-Mass

Adoration

Saturday

8:00am-Mass First Saturday

2:30pm- Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

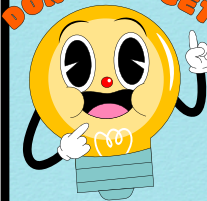
1:00pm Mass en español

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 28 tháng 9,
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

On September 29, 2020, the Feast of the Archangels Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael, the mission of the Guadalupe Missionaries of the Holy Spirit was inaugurated in our parish. Now, we are celebrating the five-anniversary of the work of the sisters in our parish. Our sisters work in catechesis, in outreach to the poor, in pastoral ministry to the grieving, pastoral counselling, and in many, many more ways. Above all, simply having the presence of consecrated religious women in our parish is a blessing that helps us all to understand better our commitment to our baptismal covenant. As a parish, we celebrate the presence of Sisters Obdulia, Manuela, and Juventina among us, and we pray for many more vocations to the consecrated life from among our young Catholic people!

DON'T FORGET!



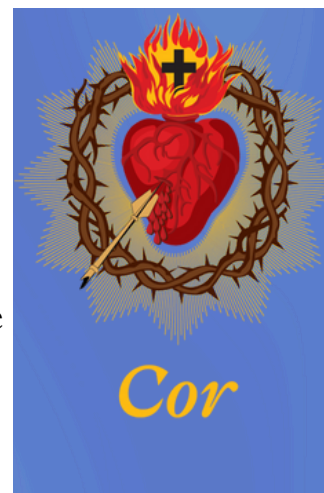
It's not too late to submit your Catholic Charities pledge cards. You can return them in the offertory basket, go to www.bhmdioocese.org or by mail. If you have misplaced your card or did not receive one, they are available in the narthex.



**First Friday
Friday, October 4th**

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8am. Adoration will continue until benediction at 6pm. Please sign up in the narthex to spend an hour in prayer.

Cor is a men's group fostered to encourage and strengthen prayer, formation and fraternity in all men of our parish. We will have an initial meeting in the evening on Sunday, October 19th. There will be more information to come. Please contact the church office if you would like more information.



Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 27th
4pm-- +Alice Birdener

Sunday, Sept 28th
8:30am-Parish Family
11:00am-Parish Family
1:00pm-+Ana Delgado

Tuesday, Sept. 30th
7am- Jim Roberts

Wednesday, Oct. 1st
7am--+Marcy Portuese

Thursday, Oct. 2nd
7am--+Alice Birdener

Friday, Oct. 3rd
7am-+Alice Birdener

Saturday, Oct 4th
8:00am-Parish Family
4pm-- +Alice Birdener

Sunday, Oct 5th
8:30am-Parish Family
11:00am-Parish Family
1:00pm-+Aurea Hernandez

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Ana Delgado, given by her parents, Mario and Esperanza Delgado and family.

Catholic Charities Pledges

Parish Goal: \$60,000.00
Pledge to Date: \$9,865.00



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Oct 4th, 4:00 PM

Lector-Jesse Edwards

Eucharistic Minister-Donna Barton

Altar Servers-

Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi,

ITony Mancillas

Ushers-Greg Velasquez, Ric Kelley

Sacristan- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson

Hospitality-Cathy Little

Sun, Oct 5th, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Lector-Nan Estes

Eucharistic Minister-Deacon Cova

Eucharistic Minister (Choir)-Vicky Jackson

Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,

Paul and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau

Usher-Tony Moyer, John Deno

Sacristan-Sonja Deno, sub requested

Hospitality-Kathy Hopper

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

Lector-Matthew Poe

Eucharistic Minister-Mike Cova

Altar Servers- Andrew and Lindsey Cofield,

Luis and Javier Rameriz, Miranda Alvarez

Usher- Thom Pratt and Ron Johnson

Sacristan-Kim Johnson, Mike Kline

Hospitality-

Mass Attendance
Sept. 20th & 21st

4:00pm- 155

8:30am- 259

11:00 am - 275

1:00 pm - 495

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oct 4th & 5th
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

• Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

• 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

• Lk 17:5-10

Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$11,177.00

Online: \$2,914.40

Total: \$14,091.40

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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.



Hospital Ministry-August

Sept 23rd-29th Carol Speciale

Sept 30th -6th Shari Doyal

Oct 7th-13th - Allen and Sally Smith

Oct 14th-20th 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 & 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, 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

SEPTEMBER

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our *relationship* with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God worthy of love and respect.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network