

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

**August 17, 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**



*Jeremiah on the Ruins of Jerusalem*  
Horace Vernet (1789–1863), Amsterdam Museum

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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,

Many people fear change. They fear the uncertainty, they fear that having to do something “differently” will cause them pain. Some people fear change because they fear being led astray or led into danger. Facing the fear of change, many people prefer just to remain static, the same, doing things “because we’ve always done it this way.”

Our Lord Jesus came into this world to bring about a radical change. Not so much a change in the externals of life like decorations, buildings, processes, laws, but rather radical change in the interior life of the soul – radical change in the way we love and in what we love.

The prophet Jeremiah brings the Word of God to the king and to his people which calls them to worship God more purely or experience the destruction of their kingdom at the hands of foreigners. Because the king fears the change he will have to make in his own interior life, he chooses rather to blame the holy prophet as a “demoralizer” rather than a bringer of the word of truth.

Our Lord Jesus is tortured and crucified because many feared the change He ushered in with His presence in the world as the Word of God. We remain intimidated today when we consider the radical changes Christ calls us to make in our lives of faith, and in our moral lives in Christ. The Eucharist is that grace-filled sacrament that gives us courage to change. Many people run away from the Eucharist because it challenges them to change, and others try to diminish the Eucharist by treating it casually as something less than it truly is. The faithful Catholic Christian, however, will revere and live the Eucharist as the Divine Presence of Christ in this world, calling us to change for the good.

Only cowards fear change in the interior life of the soul. The only things that do not change are already dead. A Christian should not be a coward, he/she must be valiant and courageous in seeking the powerful change that begins in the human heart by grace, and which gives life to the one who does not fear.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

*Fr. John*

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is when we come to adore Jesus Christ, truly present under the appearance of bread in the Holy Eucharist. We should deeply desire many opportunities to spend time with our Lord. He is waiting there in the tabernacle for our visits. Kneeling before Him and pouring out our hearts can melt away our concerns and fears. Nourished by His love, we leave with grace, renewed hope, and peace.

If you are interested in becoming an adorer or learning more about our perpetual adoration program, please see Samantha and Shelton Brown following Mass. Or you can email them at [sacredheartadores@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartadores@gmail.com)

## Knights of Columbus Families of the Month



Tony and Sandy Moyer



Brian and Vicki Prater

**Knights of Columbus**  
Fraternl Benefit Event

Learn more about how you can align your finances with your faith.

Knights of Columbus Faith and Finance

Date: 08/25/25 Time: 6:00PM

Location: Sacred Heart Parish Activity Center

Sponsor: Council 3227 Contact: Adrian Rauch

RSVP: [adrian.rauch@kcf.org](mailto:adrian.rauch@kcf.org) RSVP by: 08/29/2025

Open to members & non-members.



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

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,362,796.77

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$1,475.00 August 10<sup>th</sup>: \$12,819.00

***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

6:00pmPSR Kick-Off

*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

5:00pm-Mass in Vietnamese

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 24 tháng 8, 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

**Grass Cutting Schedule**

**Team 4-Aug 3 -Aug 16 : Brian Prater**

Tom Marvets, Richard Curtin

Michael Riley, Sy Nguyen,

Dennis DeMarois, David Vu



**formed**  
Forming Catholics for Life

The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4  
Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Our parish school of religion will be celebrate their opening night with a kick off party on

**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Come and spend time in fellowship.

Dinner will be provided. If you haven't registered already, you can do so after Mass or on Wednesday night!



**Fifth Sunday Fellowship  
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a coffee and donuts fellowship opportunity following the 8:30am Mass.



Join us in the activity center!

Sunday, Aug. 31

9:30am-11:00am

The Sacred Heart Choir would like to invite you to learn the "Credo" with us!! We will all start singing the Creed in Latin during Advent this year and we would love if you were able to start singing it with us! If you are interested in learning with us please come to the Choir Loft on August 26th at 6:30 pm!! This is a huge undertaking and requires a bit of practice but will positively impact worship during Mass once we get the hang of it! Light refreshments and fellowship following rehearsal! Please join us if you can! Now is time to join the choir if you're interested! Contact the church office for more information.

**Ministry Training**

Training for current and new ministers!

**Eucharistic Minister:** Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-Church

**Altar Servers:** Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:00am

**Lector Training (2 sessions) First Session:**

September 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm -Classrooms

September 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm-Church

**Usher Training:** Sept 25, 6pm-7pm, Church



## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, Aug 16th**  
4pm-- Ad Intentionem Dantis

**Sunday, Aug 17th**  
8:30am-Parish Family  
11:00am-+Dan Myers  
1:00pm-++Gerardo Paredes

**Tuesday, Aug. 19th**  
7am- +John Winn

**Wednesday, Aug. 20th**  
7am--Elena Sevgi

**Thursday, Aug. 21st**  
7am--+Lisa Valicant

**Friday, Aug 22nd**  
7am-Pauline Anderson

**Saturday, Aug 23rd**  
4pm-- +Walter Loescher

**Sunday, Aug 24th**  
8:30am-+Jerry Teel  
11:00am-Parish Family  
1:00pm-+Francisca Ortiz

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, Aug 23, 4:00 PM**  
**Lector**-Sally Smith  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Allen Smith  
**Altar Servers**-  
Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi,  
**Ushers**-Greg Velasquez, Ximenia Martinez  
**Sacristan**- Susan Watson, Keila Sevgi  
**Hospitality**-Linda Chenard

**Sun, Aug 24th 8:30 AM (with Choir)**  
**Lector**-Matthew Poe  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova  
**Eucharistic Minister (Choir)**-Teresa Kauffman  
**Altar Servers**-Henry and Tony Mancillas,  
Estephanie and Christopher Rodriguez, Matthew Andrade  
**Usher**-Mark Proper, Dylan Price  
**Sacristan**-Lindsay Tyson, Yvonne Boothe  
**Hospitality**- Suzanne Johnson  
**Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)**  
**Lector**-Teresa Scheuring  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Mike Cova  
**Altar Servers**- Andrew, Melanie, Lindsey Cofield  
Felipe, Jesus and Joseline Gijon  
**Usher**- Jorge and Patricia Martinez  
**Sacristan**-Mike Kline and Robie Grana  
**Hospitality**- Margaret Roberts

**Hospital Ministry-August**  
August 19th-25<sup>th</sup> David Hopper  
August 26th-Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Gina Reaves

**Mass Attendance**  
**Aug 9th&10th**  
4:00pm-152  
8:30am- 243  
11:00 am - 292  
1:00 pm - 387

**UPCOMING**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
Aug 30th & 31st  
Twenty-Second Sunday  
of Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
• Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11  
• Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a  
• Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Weekly Offertory**  
Offering: \$10,707.00  
Online: \$2,112.78  
Total: \$12,829.78  
**Building Fund**  
Offering: \$11,814.00  
Online: \$1,005.00  
Total: \$12,819.00

SCAN ME

**Online Giving**

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



The altar flowers this weekend are offered in loving memory of Francisco Covarrubius. Given by his family.

## Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, 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, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Kathy Wackerle, Mark Scheuring

THE POPE'S  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

For mutual  
coexistence

AUGUST 2025



Pope's Worldwide  
Prayer Network

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.