

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

**August 31, 2025**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C**



## *The Parable of the Wedding Feast*

Franz Francken the Younger (Flemish 1581-1642)

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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,

Humility, as Our Lord Jesus exemplifies, is to desire to be together with others, to be present to God and to neighbor. The Catholic faith teaches us that Jesus' greatest desire is to BE with us as a **people** - not as a collection of individuals. From the moment God manifested His presence to Moses in the burning bush, saying "I AM WHO AM," He accompanied His people in every experience of their lives...and he is our company now. We are not complete as a human community without Him and the Communion He offers us. Without God, without the Eucharist, the community is never whole.

The opposite of humility is that pride that tells us to separate ourselves from our people, treating ourselves as if there are things that we deserve that others don't. It is that separation that creates division in the human race, and as a result of that division, so many tragic human consequences have borne out. The Lord Jesus challenges us to remove that type of pride. Our Catholic faith, our universal faith., calls us out of our isolation into a Holy Communion that transcends all human divisions. Jesus abolishes high and low places, and makes a place for the outcast at the holy table.

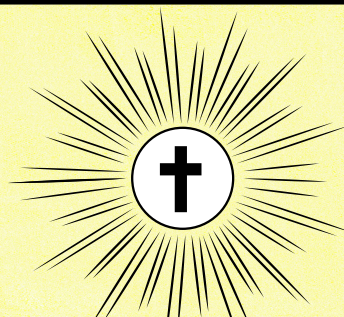
There are many Christians in the world who see themselves in special categories, separated from others, either by ideology, race, class, language, or nationality. But the Eucharistic Mystery destroys those foolish divisions and brings us all together, shoulder-to-shoulder, before the altar of God. As long as we all remain faithfully kneeling together humbly before the altar, it should never occur to us to put ourselves in a higher or separate position, to build a fortress around ourselves, or stockpile goods to be self-sufficient, but rather to live as a people dedicated to the mission of the Gospel and the common good of our neighbor, as Christ taught us.

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)



### First Friday

Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
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.

## First Saturday Mass

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 8am.

Anointing of the sick will follow immediately after Mass.



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

August 17<sup>th</sup>: \$1,740.00 August 24<sup>th</sup>: \$598.33

August 31<sup>st</sup>:

*This Week* at Sacred Heart

*Sunday*

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

*Monday*

Office Closed

**LABOR DAY**

*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

*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 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 2-Aug 31 -Sept 13: Tim Kerper,  
Tony Moyer, Sun Nguyen, Bert Collison,  
Vinnie Cantavespre, Chris Strott

St. Hildegards will not meet this Monday due to the  
labor day holiday. They will resume meeting next  
Monday at 10:00am in the parish life center.

The church office will be closed on Monday,  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, for the Labor Day Holiday.

**WORK IN PROGRESS** **Painting in Progress!**  
**On Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Painters will begin to paint the sanctuary wall behind the  
altar. Work will start at 8am and go until 5pm. The  
Blessed Sacrament will be in the daily chapel during this  
time. The church will remain open for prayer. Work will  
pause on Friday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> for Adoration and begin again  
on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The project should be completed by the end  
of the week of that week.

Also, on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will begin repainting the lines  
on our parking lots. This should be a quick process but  
please be mindful of any cones that are out to keep you  
from entering spaces that may be wet with paint.

**Anniston Soup Bowl**

The Anniston Soup Bowl is a free meal service for  
individuals and families in need, particularly the homeless  
and low-income community, operating in Anniston,  
Alabama. It is a community effort run by volunteers,  
serving lunch Monday through Friday between 11:30 am  
and 1:00 pm. It is our parishes time to serve at the  
Anniston Soup Bowl. We will be serving on September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
& 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-in sheets in the narthex to sign  
up to serve.

**YARD  
SALE**

Beginning in September, we will continue  
to collect items for the 2026-yard sale  
scheduled for February 6th-7<sup>th</sup>. Please  
contact Pauline Anderson @  
256.453.1440 for drop off of your items.



**formed**  
Forming Catholics for Life

**Mother Teresa: No Greater Love**

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a  
powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who  
seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film  
reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to  
serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries  
of Charity today.

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

**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 30th**

**4pm**--Maynard and Barbara Voelkerding

**Sunday, Aug 31st**

**8:30am**--Jack and Sheila Thrasher

**11:00am**--Parish Family

**1:00pm**--Steve Guerra Martinez

**Tuesday, Sept. 2nd**

**7am**--+Constance Lombardi

**Wednesday, Sept 3rd**

**7am**--+Marcy Portuese

**Thursday, Sept 4th**

**7am**--+Lisa Valieant

**Friday, Sept 5th**

**7am**--+Lisa Valieant

**Saturday, Sept. 6th**

**4pm**--+Gene Snyder

**Sunday, Sept 7th**

**8:30am**--Parish Family

**11:00am**--Family of William Glass

**1:00pm**--Parish Family

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Manuel Becerra Acevedo, given by his family.

The flowers in front of the altar are given in honor of Abigail Pratt, given by her family.

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, Sept 6, 4:00 PM**

**Lector**--Gretchen Elliott

**Eucharistic Minister**--Donna Barton

**Altar Servers**--

Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi,

**Ushers**--Frank Buchannon, Bill Martin

**Sacristan**--Susan Watson,

**Hospitality**--Linda Chenard

**Sun, Sept 7th 8:30 AM (with Choir)**

**Lector**--Allen Smith

**Eucharistic Minister**--Deacon Cova

**Eucharistic Minister (Choir)**--Shari Doyal

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

**Usher**--Mark Proper, Chuck Sibley

**Sacristan**--Michelle Proper,

**Hospitality**--Catherine Rossiter

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

**Lector**--Nan Estes

**Eucharistic Minister**--Mike Cova

**Altar Servers**--Andrew Cofield, Geraldine, Jorge

and Allison Araiza, Gabriella Flores

**Usher**--Ron Johnson, Josh Cofield

**Sacristan**--Kristy Cofield, Kim Johnson

**Hospitality**--sub requested

**Hospital Ministry--August**

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Toni Zinn

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sarah Seales

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Richard Curtin

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

**Mass Attendance**  
**Aug 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm**--158

**8:30am**--242

**11:00 am** - 240

**1:00 pm** - 413

**Vietnamese 5pm**--62

### UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Twenty-Third Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

• Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14  
and 17

• Phlm 9-10, 12-17

• Lk 14:25-33

### Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$9,099.00

Online: \$2,353.79

Total: \$11,452.79

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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 & 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, Mark Scheuring, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates

## Pope Leo's Prayer Intention September 2025

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 and worthy of love and respect.

*Thine* to number  
out our days:

*Thine* ours to give them  
to thy praise.

