

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor



Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 18th, 2026 **Year A**



The Tribute Money - Tissot

James Tissot (1836–1902)

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

Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartanniston.org

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Deacon Mike Cova, Ext. 104

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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Ex 22:20–26
- Ps 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51
- 1 Thes 1:5c–10
- Mt 22:34–40

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-218

8:30am-258

11:00am- 282

1:00pm-422

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.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

The Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus in a question of money. They wanted to trap him between the Roman government and the hatred the Jewish people had for that government. This trap did not work because Jesus was perfectly indifferent to money. Jesus desires above all that his beloved people be not divided among themselves in relationship to God. So Jesus asks them: “Show me the coin that pays the census tax.” What is amazing is that these Pharisees immediately produce this Roman coin of great value. One among them already had it in his pocket, which shows how mixed up in the world of Roman money they already were. These Pharisees were not indifferent to money – they craved it and wanted to ensure their supply of it from the Romans. They were supposed to be opposed to the Romans as pagan rulers, unclean pagans who did not worship the One True God, but yet, the Roman coin is right in the pocket.

Jesus, on the other hand, does not have the question of money on his mind, he has the question of unity and communion in God. All things belong to God who created them. Money (and its use) have no real meaning unless it is in right relationship to the will of God. St. Matthew also records Jesus’ teaching: “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” St. Matthew also records in chapter 17 that in the question of the Temple tax, Jesus sends St. Peter to catch a fish and look for a valuable coin in its mouth to pay the tax for them both. God wills that everything in His creation be for the flourishing and salvation of His beloved children. Even the most powerful of rulers on earth is called to respect this divine will, and so should we, rendering unto God what belongs to Him – our undivided devotion and worship, putting Him first in all aspects of our life. Money causes controversy, but Eucharistic worship of the Lord Jesus can bring peace to all who believe in Him.

We see in human relationships that things can be going along very well until the question of money comes up. Then, almost immediately, controversy starts. Who should pay? Why should I pay? Where is my fair share? Why don’t you pay me what I deserve? The fact is that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they relate to money. We feel that money (and its use) gives power, control, and value to the things of the earth. But the origin of all value and power is to be found in the Lord God himself. All that is in creation receives its value from the Creator, and finds it meaning and fulfillment in the Creator. Jesus points us in that direction with His teaching.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

Knights of Columbus

Interested in becoming a member of our Knights of Columbus? There will be members of the Knights in the narthex after all Masses this weekend. Members will be able to answer any questions you might have or sign you right up! Please consider joining this ministry.

World Mission Sunday

This year’s theme—“Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples”—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction
Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66
Current Loan Balance: \$1,124,393.43
Monthly Payment: \$14,825.18
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
Oct. 3rd: \$1,695.00. Oct. 11th: \$5,967.00

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$9,031.00 Online: \$ 2,405.08 Total: \$11,436.08

2027 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Parish Update

Goal: \$63,900.00

Total Pledged to date: \$22,257.00

Total Parish Families: 1,023 Total Families Pledged: 36

2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal

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FORWARD

CATHOLIC
CHARITIES & COMMUNITIES

Sacred Heart Choir

Do you love singing Christmas Carols? Our Parish Choir is preparing special Music for our upcoming lessons and Carols and Midnight Mass. We would love for you to join us. No prior audition is required-just a joyful heart and a willingness to sing. Rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00pm in the church balcony. For more information call the Church office at 256-237-3011.

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Misa en español

5:00 pm COR and Youth Group

Monday

10:00am- St. Hildegards

6:00pm-Chess Club

Tuesday

7:00 am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass

4:30 pm-5:30 pm-Reconciliation

5:00pm-Rosary (English)

6:00pm-PSR-Religious Education

Thursday

7:00 am-Mass

Friday

7:00 am-Mass

Saturday

No Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Misa en español

Luminaries for All Souls Day



In remembrance of those we love on the occasion of All Soul's Day, The Ladies Guild will display luminaries after the Oct. 31st 4pm Mass. You can write the name of a loved one on a luminary in the narthex. Donations are welcome.

Anniston Soup Bowl



Sacred Heart Parish is scheduled to serve the Anniston Soup Bowl. Volunteer shifts are from 11am-1:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex after Mass.

Monday, Oct. 26th

Tuesday, Oct. 27th

Wednesday, October 28th.

Center of Concern

The Center of Concern is running low on the following items. You can bring them to the church and place it in the basket provided. The basket is located under the coat rack, near the restrooms.

Saltine crackers, Mac & Cheese, Canned Sweet peas, Canned mixed vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Personal hygiene items, Deodorant, Midsize toothpaste.



COR is a Catholic men's gathering rooted in prayer, formation, and fraternity. They will meet this Sunday, October 18th at 5pm in the parish life center.

Parish Fall Festival

Join us on Sunday, October 25, from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center for an evening of fellowship and fall fun! Enjoy games, prizes, a cake walk hosted by the choir, hot dogs provided by the Knights of Columbus, and much more. New this year: a Saint Parade! Children are invited to dress as their favorite saint, march in the parade, and be eligible to win prizes! Bring the whole family and celebrate with our parish community! **The choir is happy to request donated sweet treats for the cake walk! The church office is happy to accept donations of candy!**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Join us on Wednesdays in October, at 5pm to pray the Holy Rosary.



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 25 tháng 10. Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giải tội từ 4:15pm đến 4:50pm. Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh vào cộng đoàn thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gene Snyder, given by his wife, Mary Snyder

The flowers in front of the altar are given in celebration of the wedding of Anibal Perez and Marilou Morales



Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 17th

4:00 pm- +Gene Snyder

Sunday, October 18th

8:30am- Parish Family

11:00am- +Margaret Johnson

1:00pm- +Maria Perez

Tuesday, October 20th

7:00am- +Mike Griffin

Wednesday, October 21st

7:00am- +Lcpl Cody Watson

Thursday, October 22nd

7:00am- +Keith Robertson

Friday, October 23rd

7:00 am- +Virginia DiMucci

Saturday, October 24th

4:00 pm- Elena Sevgi

Sunday, October 25th

8:30am- +Jose Larry Oblena

11:00am- Chris Hill

1:00pm- Parish Family

5:00pm-pm-- Ad Intentionem Dantis



You can help provide a Thanksgiving Turkey to a family this year. Envelopes are in the narthex for a \$30 donation. This donation will be used by the Center of Concern to give vouchers for turkeys along with all the fixings! You can mail your envelope or return it in the offering basket next week.

Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Jim Roberts, 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, 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, Katy Fortner, Ellen Tibbetts Hurst, Jorge Vasquez, Cesar Augusto Gonzalez, Greg Green, Wes Thornton

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 24th Sat, 4:00 PM

Richard Curtin -Lector

Deacon Mike Cova-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Joshua Craft, Joe Fox- Usher

Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson- Sacristan

Cathy Little -Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean&Evan Lombardi, Jaime Hurtado, Mateo

Fernandez

Oct. 25th -Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Teresa Kauffman- Lector

Deacon Mike Cova-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Sub Requested -Eucharistic Minister (choir)

Dylan Price, Mark Proper-Usher

Kim Johnson, Michelle Proper-Sacristan

Terry Hughes -Hospitality

Henry & Tony Mancillas, ,Givanni Serano, Piper Moreau,

Matthew Andrade-AS

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

Toni Zinn-Lector

Deacon Mike Cova -Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Vinnie Cantavespre, Josh Cofield- Usher

Kelly Matson, Subrequested-Sacristan

Delinda Garcia -Hospitality

Andrew&Melanie Cofield, Angela Prince, Coleton Saxton, Ella

Flores-AS

Hospital Ministry-

Oct 19th-Oct 23rd-Toni Zinn

Oct 26th -Oct 30th -Sarah Seales

Nov. 2nd-Nov.6th-Richard Curtin

Youth Disciples

Youth in grades 7th-12th will meet this Sunday, Oct. 10th, from 5 pm-7 pm in Parish Life Center. We hope you'll plan to come for food, Bible study and Fun!



Grass Cutting Schedule.

Oct. 10th -Oct. 24th

Team 4 Coordinator

Timothy Kerper, Sun Nguyen, Christian Perez

Justin Brooks, David Cheney, Tom Marvets,

Riley Foshee

SCAN ME



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 October 2026

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.