

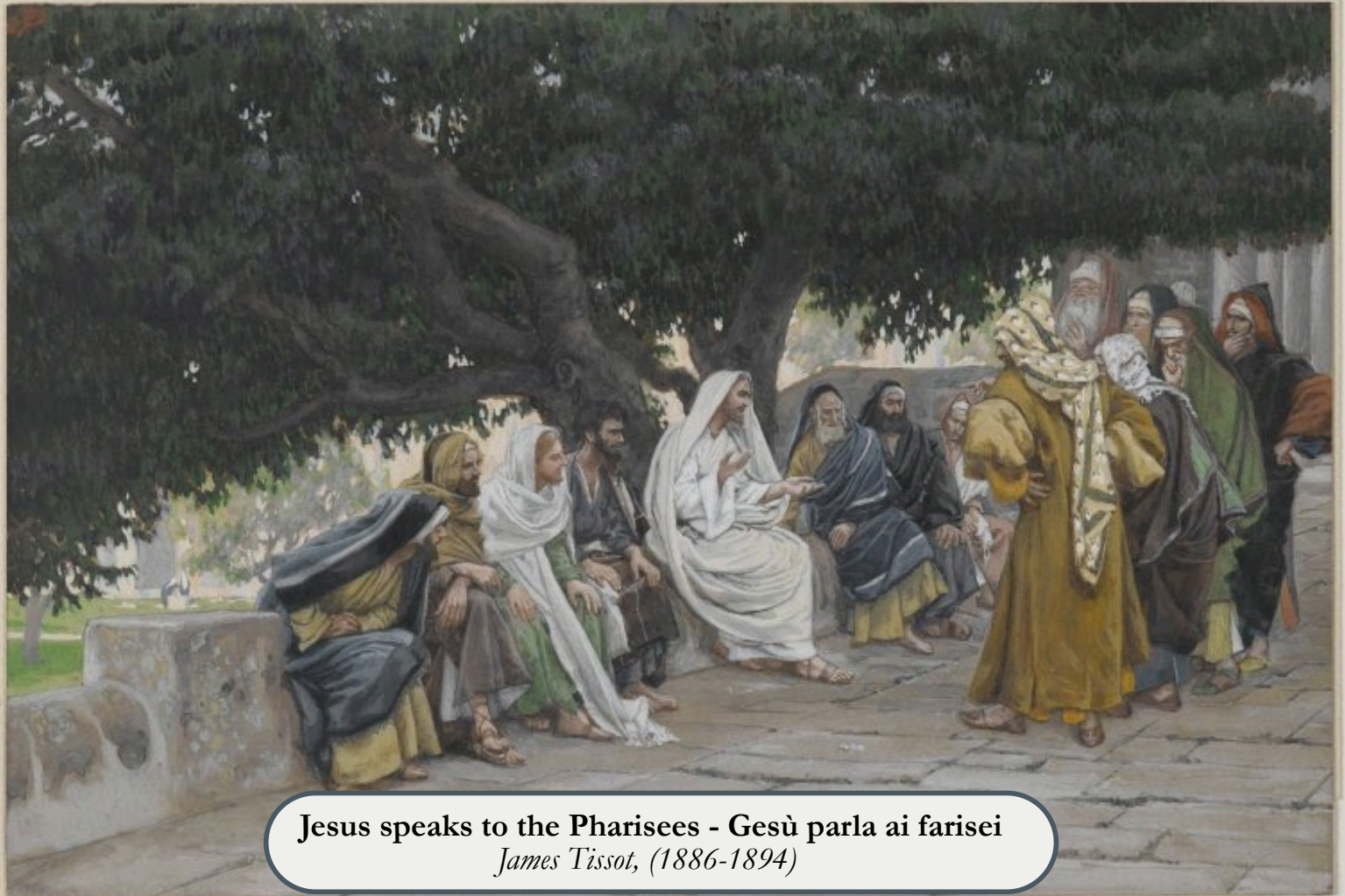
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor



Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 25th, 2026 **Year A**



Jesus speaks to the Pharisees - Gesù parla ai farisei
James Tissot, (1886-1894)

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

Parish Staff: Phone: 256-237-3011

Deacon Mike Cova, Ext. 104

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St. Vincent de Paul Society**
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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
- Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
- 1 Jn 3:1-3
- Mt 5:1-12a

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-165

8:30am-262

11:00am- 290

1:00pm-388

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,

Jesus' teaching is situated in context to the mandate to love. In our Gospel this Sunday, we do not find the formulation of the commandments: "Thou shalt not..." We find a more radical formulation: "You shall love..." This is a command, and it is oriented towards future action...love for God...and the same kind of love for our neighbor. The difficult question that remains for us as Christian disciples, however, is this: "Do I know what my loves are?" It can happen that without the practice of prayer and deep examination of conscience, we are not always aware of the movements of our hearts.

Many people find themselves caught up in waves of performances, preferences, attractions, and pleasures, but do not understand what truly fulfills their desires. By not seeking to understand the kind of marvelous love that has been placed in our hearts by God, (Psalm 16:3) we can easily be led in dark places and fooled terribly by the evil spirit.

Today, however, I am afraid to say that many do not even ask themselves the questions about what is required to follow the law of God and His Church. The divine law for many people is simply a happy suggestion about "how to live a better life" and if it becomes inconvenient, one can discard it easily. What Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, however, is that observance of His saving teaching is intimately connected to the kind of love that is in our hearts.

Living our Catholic life fully means working to love the things God loves with great passion and purpose and seeking to understand them more profoundly. God loves His people assembled before Him in worship. (Psalm 35:18) God loves the sacrifice of a humble heart. (Psalm 51:17) God loves us as the crowning glory of His creation. (Psalm 8:5) When we can understand better the mandate to love one another as God loves us, then we will be better disciples of Christ and members of His Mystical Body, the Church.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

**The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
All Soul's Day**

There will be Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

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
Oct. 18th: \$783.33

Weekly Offertory
Offertory: \$12,614.00 Online: \$2,969.92 Total: \$15,583.92
World Mission Sunday: \$3,197.00

2027 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Parish Update
 Goal: \$63,900.00
 Total Pledged to date: \$43,126.00
 Total Parish Families: 1,023 Total Families Pledged: 76



This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 1:00pm Misa en español
 5:00pm-Mass in Vietnamese
5:00 pm-Parish Fall Festival

Monday

10:00am- No St. Hildegards

Tuesday

7:00 am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass
4:30 pm-5:30 pm-Reconciliation
 5:00pm-Rosary (Spanish)
 6:00pm-PSR-Religious Education

Thursday

7:00 am-Mass

Friday

7:00 am-Mass

Saturday

2:30pm-3:30pm-Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass-Luminaries

Sunday

8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 1:00pm Misa en español

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

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.



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.

Parish Fall Festival

Join us **this 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!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered for our grass-cutting ministry! The church grounds have looked beautiful all year.

Should Catholics
CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN?



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 Forming Catholics for Life

What Catholics Believe About Halloween | All Saints, All Souls

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.

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



Daily Mass Schedule

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- *Ad Interionem Dantis*

Tuesday, October 27th

7:00am- +Arthur Graves

Wednesday, October 28th

7:00am- +Michelle DiChiara

Thursday, October 29th

7:00am- Rev. Daniel Sessions

Friday, October 30th

7:00 am-Rev. Daniel Sessions

Saturday, October 31st

4:00 pm- +Ignacio Morales

Sunday, Nov. 1st

8:30am- All Souls

11:00am- All Souls

1:00pm- +Desidero Gutierrez



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 Sehafer, 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, John Dupont

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 31st Sat, 4:00 PM

Nan Estes -Lector

Vicky Jackson-ExtraOrdinary Eucharistic Minister

Frank Buchanan, Ric Kelley, Usher

Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson- Sacristan

Linda Chenard -Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean&Evan Lombardi, Jaime Hurtado, Maria Salomon

Nov. 1st -Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Teresa Kauffman- Lector

Deacon Mike Cova-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Mary Ellen Williams -Eucharistic Minister (choir)

Ron Johnson, Mark Proper-Usher

Kim Johnson, Michelle Proper-Sacristan

Catherine Rossiter -Hospitality

Henry, Tony & Mateo Mancillas, ,Paul & Sam Maniscalco-AS

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

Teresa Scheuring-Lector

Deacon Mike Cova -Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Riley Foshee, Thom Pratt- Usher

Kristy Cofield, Subrequested-Sacristan

Laura Pratt -Hospitality

Andrew Cofield, Miranda Alvarez, Givanni Seriana, Ella Flores, Caleb

Foshee-AS

Nov. 2nd -Mon., 12 pm-All Soul's Day (w/o Choir)

Richard Curtin -Lector

Deacon Mike Cova-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Mark Proper, Pat Quillian-Ushers

Judy Myers-Sacristan

Linda Chenard-Hospitality

Mon., 6:30pm-with Choir

Teresa Kauffman-Lector 1

Roman Contreras-Lector 2

Sandra Rodriguez y Jose Santana-ExtraOrdinary Eucharistic Ministers

Maria Ortiz, Maria y Esperanza Deglado y Paty Araiza-Ushers

Silvia Escarano-Sacristan

Efe Sevgi, Valeria Garay, Osvaldo de Leon, Luis A. & Javier Ramirez-AS

Hospital Ministry-

Oct 26th -Oct 30th -Sarah Seales

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

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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.

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.