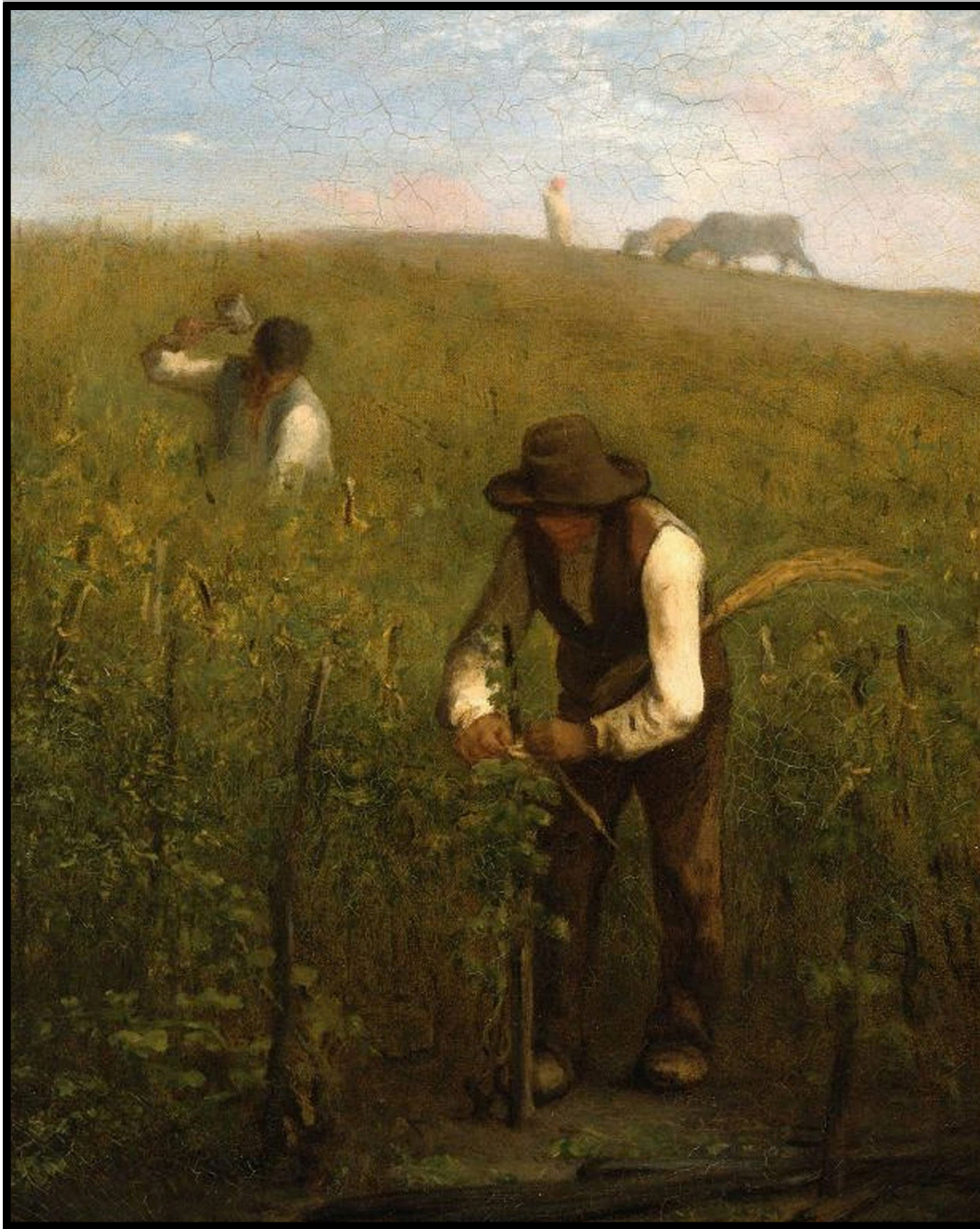


Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 20th, 2026 **Year A**



In the Vineyard
Jean François Millet (1814-1875)

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)

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

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartanniston.org

Parish Staff: Phone: 256-237-3011

Deacon Mike Cova, Ext. 104

Laura Pratt, Office Manager Ext. 101

Keila Sevgi, Hispanic Ministry Ext. 103

Kristy Cofield, DRE, Ext 102

Missionary Sisters, Ext 106

Mary Rhodes, Music Director

Mark Proper, Facilities Manager

E-Mail:

church@sacredheartanniston.org

**Sacred Heart Conference of
St. Vincent de Paul Society**
Help Line: 256-485-0275

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Ez 18:25–28
- Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9
- Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
- Mt 21:28–32

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-190

8:30am-270

11:00am- 289

1:00pm- 439

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

As we make the turn to finish the last three months of the year, the readings at Mass turn our thoughts to how we have lived and how we have worked for the kingdom over the last nine months, the same time it takes to give birth, the time it takes to bring into this fallen world some measure of the love of God given to us in Christ. Jesus sets His teaching in the context of a garden, the same garden where we as his workers have been called to cultivate.

Cultivation is a type of work that helps to grow virtue in the human heart alongside the living plants. Ancient sources tell us that when we see a garden presented in the Scriptures by Christ, it is calling us back to the Garden of Paradise in Eden, a place where we were protected from all harm by God's perfect love. It was the desire to control their own destiny and to measure everything in terms of themselves that was the original temptation of our first parents to sin, and here we see this weakness presented again by Christ.

Each worker is given the wage that is fair and just for the day's work. They have nothing to worry about. They are able to cultivate the vineyard and use their energies to produce fruit, grapes, wine, and to make a beautiful thing flourish in the midst of the community. The workers are able to use their common effort to accomplish something wonderful together, but they are so powerfully bothered by being equal to one another when the master of the vineyard gives the wage.

The fallenness and lack of virtue in the workers prevents them from loving the wonderful thing they are producing together. They have cultivated a vineyard, and their work will bring joy to the whole community. Somehow, being involved in this way, taking joy in the work, loving the people who work with them, feeling the warmth of the sun that gives energy and growth the world is not enough for them to be satisfied. They think that if they get more individual recognition, they will be happier and more justly treated. But they haven't considered that they can accomplish nothing at all without the generosity of the master of the vineyard, without what He has first given for the happiness of all.

So as we turn the corner in this last three months of the year, it is now time for each of us to assess what we have done to contribute to the work of the Kingdom, and how each one of us has appreciated the blessings of God in having invited us to this sacred work.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

SEMINARY LIVE-IN

ST. MEINRAD SEMINARY
ST. MEINRAD, IN

NOVEMBER 12-15, 2026
AGES 18-35

205.838.8318
vocations@bhmdioocese.org
To register visit
bhmdioocese.org/vocations.

The Office of Vocations will host a Seminary Live-In at Saint Meinrad Seminary November 12-15, 2026. This event is for men 18-35 years of age. The weekend is an opportunity for men to experience daily life in the seminary, attend classes, and meet current seminarians. There is no fee to attend, but registration is required.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Anniston
Soup Bowl

Sacred Heart is scheduled to volunteer for the Anniston Soup Bowl September 28, 29 and 30th!

We need 5 volunteers for each day.
11am-1pm

Please sign up in the Narthex



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66
Current Loan Balance: \$1,141,660.11
Monthly Payment: \$14,825.18
Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00
Building Fund Collections:
Sept. 6th : \$ 4,625.00 Sept. 13th : 5,723.00

This week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass
1:00pm Misa en español
5:00pm-COR Men's Meeting

Monday

10:00am- St. Hildegards
6:00pm-Chess Club

Tuesday

7:00 am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass
4:30 pm-5:30 pm-Reconciliation
6 pm-PSR

Thursday

7:00 am-Mass

Friday

7:00 am-Mass

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass
1:00pm Misa en español
5:00pm Mass in Vietnamese



The altar flowers are in
celebration of the wedding of
William Glassen *and*
Katherine Moore

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 27 tháng 9. 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

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$10,475.00 Online: \$ 2,722.79 Total: \$13,197.79

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.



COR is a Catholic men's gathering rooted in prayer, formation, and fraternity. It's a space where men of the parish come together — not to perform, but to grow. Through honest conversation, shared faith, and brotherhood, Cor calls men to become who God created them to be. Their next meeting is this **Sunday, Sept. 20th at 5pm.** Their regular meeting schedule is the first and third Sunday of the month in our parish life center. **All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.** The meeting will begin with praying the rosary.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 4th & October 18th, all at 5 pm.

2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal

THE
**WAY
FORWARD**

**CATHOLIC
CHARITIES & COMMUNITIES**

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Next Weekend! Pledge Sunday

If you have not received a pledge card from the diocese, those cards are available in the narthex.

Please make sure to include our parish name on your pledge card!

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 19th

4:00 pm- Parish Family

Sunday, September 20th

8:30am- +Mike Griffin

11:00am- +Margaret Johnson

1:00pm- +Bertha Isabel Roblero Rivera

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:00am- +Howard Patrick Brown

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:00am- +Howard Patrick Brown

Thursday, September 24th

7:00am- +Howard Patrick Brown

Friday, September 25th

7:00 am- +Chris Sabens

Saturday, September 26^h

4:00 pm- +Maynard Volkerding

Sunday, September 27th

8:30am- Parish Family

11:00am- Chris Hill

1:00pm- +Gerardo Paredes

5:00pm- Ad Intentionem Dantis

Hospital Ministry-

Sept 21st-25th -Carol Speciale

Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Jim Roberts, Andrew and 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, Charlie Miller, Katy Fortner, Ellen Tibbetts Hurst, Jorge Vasquez, Cesar Augusto Gonzalez, Greg Green

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sept 26th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 4:00 PM

Gretchen Elliott - Lector 1

Mike Cova Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Donna Barton and Tim Barton-Usher

Keila Sevgi and Susan Watson- Sacristan

Mary Snyder -Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean & Evan Lombardi, Jamie Hurtado,

Mateo Fernandez-AS

September 27th -Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Pat Quillian -Lector

Mike Cova Eucharistic Minister

Michelle Proper Eucharistic Minister (choir)

John Deno, Dylan Price- Usher

Nora Becerra and Audrey Green- Sacristan

Yvonne Boothe -Hospitality

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

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

Richard Curtin -Lector

Mike Cova -Eucharistic Minister

Josh Cofield, Kim Johnson- Usher

Robie Grana and Mike Kline-Sacristan

Lindsay Tyson Hospitality

Andrew&Melanie Cofield, Ella Flores, Matthew Utrera,

Jackie Sanchez-AS



Grass Cutting Schedule.

Sept. 13th-Sept 26th

Team 3 Coordinator-Greg Velasquez

Ric Kelley, Jason Rollins, Mike Maynor, Juan Morales

Dylan Price, Robert Moreau



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Pope's Prayer Intention September 2026

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.