

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Aug 9, 2026

Year A



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartanniston.org

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Is 56:1, 6-7
- Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
- Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
- Mt 15:21-28

Mass Attendance

4:00pm-181

8:30am-231

11:00am- 230

1:00pm- 370

Saint Pierre tentant de marcher sur les eaux - Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water

François Boucher (1703-1770)

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,

Prayer in the midst of chaos is an image of what we do as a Church, as a body of Christians who make the Body of Christ present in this world. When we speak of the Body of Christ, most commonly and correctly we think of the Eucharist, the Most Blessed Sacrament that makes Christ present in our midst. Sometimes, however, we forget that the Body of Christ is a praying Body. Christ came into this world to purify and renew the prayer of the people of God to the Father. In his gospel, St. Matthew gives beautiful contextual details that help us to understand how the prayer of the whole Church, the Sacred Liturgy, is the powerful way that order can come into the chaos of our world.

First, we find Jesus separating Himself from His people in order to go to the mountain and pray to the Father. Here we see the communion of love in the Holy Trinity – The Son in communion of prayer with the Father through the Holy Spirit. This reminds us of the time Moses went up the mountain to pray and was face to face with God the Father, and he came down the mountain with the covenant made in the Ten Commandments. He went up the mountain so that He could come down with the love of the Father for all people. Then, we see the disciples distressed in the chaotic sea, with the winds against them, and they are filled with fear. There is a sense of impending doom.

Jesus senses this fear, even in His prayer, but the gospel tells us that he does not come to them until the fourth watch of the night, which is about 3:00am. He gives them time to feel the chaos of the sea. It is important to note that until this point, they have not called upon Jesus from the boat. But then, Jesus comes to them in a mystical way, over the waters, as if through baptism and the Red Sea, and through a conversation with the Holy Apostle Peter, the faith of the little flock is built up, and when Jesus comes into the boat, the chaos of the waves and wind cease, and the little group is brought to the other side. All this models the action of the Sacred Liturgy. When the disciples of the Lord gather in the boat (which is the ancient symbol of the Church) and they pray, not individually, but fortified by the gift of faith given to St. Peter, they make their common supplication united to the Christ, present in their midst. This is the power of the prayer of the whole Church, and this is what we do every Sunday in the Holy Mass which we celebrate for the salvation of the whole world.

When an individual prays it is good, because the lifting up of the heart, mind, and voice to God prepares the person for encounter with the Lord, but the prayer of the individual is never a replacement for the prayer that is offered by the whole Church. One can sit at home and pray all day – rosaries, novenas, spontaneous prayer, hymns, etc....but none of that is the same as when we engage an act of prayer of the whole Church, the whole mystical Body of Christ. The prayer of the Church has at its summit the Holy Mass, the perfect prayer of the Son to the Father. For this reason, Catholics pray liturgically, according to the rites and prayers given to us, rooting out individualism and selfishness in our prayer, and making it a pure and holy prayer to the Father, one that brings stability, peace, and love into our hearts and into a troubled and chaotic world.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 am <i>(not a day of obligation this year)</i>
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**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:
Aug 2nd : \$1,735.00

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$ 14,169.00 **Online:** \$2,783.66 **Total:** \$16,952.66
Seminarian Fund: \$5,586.00 **Online:** \$ 2,760.00 **Total:** \$8,346.00

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

Sunday

8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass
1:00pm Misa en español
2:30pm-Ladies Guild

Monday

10:00am-St. Hildegard's

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7am-Mass
6pm-OCIA

Thursday

7:00 am- Mass

Friday

7:00 am-Mass

Saturday

8:00 am-Mass Assumption of Mary
2:30pm-3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday

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

Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 9th

2:30pm

Parish Life Center

**All ladies of the parish (age 18+)
are encouraged
to be part of this active ministry.**

Young at Hearts – Join Us This Thursday!

All retirees and senior adults are invited to our Young at Hearts gathering this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

We'll begin the morning by praying the Rosary, followed by a delicious lunch, wonderful fellowship, and everyone's favorite—Bingo!

Whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, we'd love to welcome you. Come enjoy faith, friendship, laughter, and a fun afternoon together.

We hope to see you there!

Come laugh, pray, eat, and make new friends.

We can't wait to see you!

**Sacred Heart Catholic Scouting
Fundraiser Breakfast – Traditional Pancake or Super Burrito Meal**



August 15th ** Sacred Heart Activity Center ** 7:00AM–11:00AM

Proceeds are for Sacred Heart Scouts Outing Expenses

Breakfast Options: Traditional Pancake Breakfast with Sausage
OR Super Burrito with Salsa Selection -- Multiple Drink Options



REGISTER
NOW

New Class of OCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. New classes started on **June 17th**, but it is not too late to sign-up. Signing up is easy! Just scan the QR code, contact the church office, or see someone in the Narthex following Mass. 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.



Registration opens next weekend for our Parish School of Religion



New! K-1st grade (Sunday mornings)

First Communion

Confirmation

OCIA in Spanish



The flowers at the altar this weekend are
in loving memory of Charlotte Graves,
given by her family.



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 23 tháng 8 Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giảng từ 4:15pm-4:50pm. Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh vào cộng đoàn thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 8th

4:00pm- +Marian Elmore

Sunday, August 9th

8:30am- +Charlotte Graves

11:00am- Parish Family

1:00pm- +Maria del Socorro Gutierrez

Tuesday, August 11th

7:00am- +Fr. Charles J Merrill

Wednesday, August 12th

7:00am- +Fr. Charles J Merrill

Thursday, August 13th

7:00am- +Fr. Charles J Merrill

Friday, August 14th

7:00 am- +Fr. Charles J Merrill

Saturday, August 15th

4:00 pm- +Fr. Charles J Merrill

Sunday, August 16th

8:30am- Parish Family

11:00am- Chris Hill

1:00pm- +Juan Jose Becerra

Hospital Ministry-

Aug. 10th- 14th Al and Sally Smith

Aug. 17th-Aug 21st Mary Ellen Williams

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

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Aug 15: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 4:00 PM

Richard Curtin - Lector

Tim Barton- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Ric Kelley, Bill Martin- Ushers

Keila Sevgi & Susan Watson-Sacristan

Cathy Little- Hospitality

Efe Sevgi, Dean & Evan Lombardi, Charlie Hodges, Enrique Najera-AS

Sun, 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Shari Doyal- Lector

Mike Cova- Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Vicky Jackson- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister (choir)

Joshua Craft, sub requested- Usher

Yvonne Boothe, Lindsay Tyson- Sacristan

Cathy Fockele- Hospitality

Henry&Tony Mancillas, Sam&Paul Maniscalco, Piper Moreau-AS

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

Matthew Poe - Lector

Mike Cova - Ordinary Eucharistic Minister

Ron Johnson, Nick Shell-Ushers

Mike Kline, Kelly Matson - Sacristan

Kim Johnson - Hospitality

Andrew Cofield, Givanni Seriana, Colton Paxton, Angela Prince,

Noel Vera-AS



Grass Cutting Schedule.

Aug 2~Aug 15

Team 5 Coordinator-Tim 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 August 2026

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.