



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass: 8:30am Rosary: 8:00am

Wednesday Mass: 8:00am Rosary: 7:30am Confession Before all Masses

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet are open Mon, Wed. & Fri. 10:00-12:00 for residents of the 35212 zip code; registration is required.

Bringing Jesus Christ to Gate City, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, since 1889 and with the help of the Salesians from 1955-2014



12/23/18 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Prayers Go Out

For the sick especially: Mr Bill, Katie White, Wyatt, Bo, Robert Barchue, Edna Towns who is over pneumonia & improving, Sheila, Terry, Traci, Connie & David.

For Elfriede and Romel who still need God's help.

Contact Mike at 266-3065 or mhfgerts@gmail.com with anything for the bulletin.

Please join in the Youth Center After Mass for a Discussion Based In Pope Francis' Catechesis of Eucharistic Liturgy

We will begin, *Formed and Sent - Missionary Discipleship...* in the new year.

Holy Rosary Masses

Christmas Day 8:30



May your spirit be light and may your heart be filled with God's love. Merry Christmas!

New Year's Day- The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30 (So you can be ready!)

1/12/19 Saturday- The Annual Respect Life Mass 9:00 AM- Then Rally & March (SBOC)

Mass will be at St. Paul, the rally begins at 10:45 AM in Brother Bryan Park @ 22nd & 10th Ave. www.BirminghamMarchforLife.org - 205-447-8796

2/2/19 Spiritual Reflection Retreat - Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Tuscaloosa (SBOC)

The guest speaker will be Dr. Ray Guarendi of EWTN's "Living Right with Dr. Ray". The retreat theme is "Spiritual Battle." the welcome reception starts at 8:00AM, lecture from Dr. Ray with Q&A, lunch, breakout small group sessions, adoration and reconciliation, and Holy Mass closing at 5:30 P.M. Registration is \$20 www.bit.ly/hs2019retreat or call (205) 210-9210.

The Bishop Released His Statement on Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors on 12/14 (SBOC)

Volunteers are Needed to Capitalize on Food Donations for the Pantry and Lighten the Load.

We still need a Coordinator of Runs who would work by phone. See Sr. Jackie.

Holy Rosary Calendars are to arrive before Christmas Day. (The day planners are here)

Additional Thoughts from of Saint Teresa of Calcutta:

"I repeat the poor, the sufferers from leprosy, the rejected, the alcoholics, whom we serve, are beautiful people. Many of them have wonderful personalities. The experience which we have by serving them, we must pass on to people who have not had that experience."



Please Rejoice and Give Thanks For the Reading Center Volunteers!

Monday –Thursday, they drive to Holy Rosary to work with our children and share their time and talent.

As they enjoy a break from driving to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Reading Center, pray that their work is rewarded in the children's lives and theirs!

Wed. 12/26 Feast of Saint Stephen

Did you know that the Feast of one of the First Martyrs and Deacons is celebrated on 12/26 because of when his relics were rediscovered? Per a National Catholic Register Blog, Gamaliel (a teacher of St Paul and long since dead) came to a priest named Lucian in 415, and told him where he was to find the remains of St Stephen, Nicodemus (The man who sought Jesus in darkness and came into the light and provided for His burial) and Gamaliel. It took two visits to convince him to look. The reason given; God wanted the relics enshrined in churches where, he said, "through their means, God might open to many the gates of His mercy."

Fri. 12/28 Feast of the Holy Innocents,

Despite the Wise Men avoiding King Herod, he attempted to control destiny; killing innocents in an attempt to end Jesus' Kingship. Especially today, pray for victims of genocide & abortion.

12/30/18 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st Reading: Sir. 3:2-4 & 12-14

Responsorial: Ps. 128

2nd Reading: Col. 3:12-21

Lk. 2:41-52

Lector's Schedule

1) Roger Coffield

2) John McPherson

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

Baptisms Contact Father Jon to make arrangements as soon after birth as possible.

Weddings Contact Father Jon at least six months in advance, to begin preparations.

Anointing of the Sick For those who begin to be in danger of death due to serious illness and/or old age - discuss the situation with Father Jon.

PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACTS

Volunteers Are Always Needed

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Learning Center–

Sister Mary Robert 837-5117

Holy Rosary Youth Soccer–

Coach Harri Haikala 492-4245

Youth Program–

Coach Murphy 835-7769

Food Pantry–

Your Name and Number Here

Clothes Closet–

Delores Jackson 527-6988

Knights of Columbus -

Mike Geerts 508-3070

The light continues to build as we light the fourth candle in anticipation of Christ's coming.

Advent Prayer: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

