



Make a Pilgrimage to

The **SHRINE** of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

3224 County Road 548
Hanceville, Alabama 35077
256-787-4121 | olamshrine.com



Dear Pilgrim,

Thank you for your interest in making a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville and to EWTN in Irondale. Although we are about sixty miles apart, we are united in our purpose of adoring our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and teaching the faith, in order to draw each of our pilgrims closer to Jesus. The Shrine has an emphasis on Eucharistic Spirituality. Catechesis, in order to present and preserve our faith, is the primary focus at EWTN. As you open yourself to the Holy Spirit, you will know God more fully, love Him more faithfully, and have an increased desire to serve Him more zealously.

Please read the enclosed information that will help you plan for and enjoy your pilgrimage. Highlighting a few things from the packet may be useful to you:

EWTN PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION: Please contact LeAnn Kientz at 205-271-2971, ext. 3733.

LODGING: Hotels near the Shrine are listed. To receive the discount rate, you must tell them when you register that you are a Shrine pilgrim. There are also guest houses listed that are one mile from the Shrine.

TRANSPORTATION: If you prefer not to drive to Alabama, you may fly into the Birmingham International Airport, come on the Amtrak train, or use the Greyhound Bus service. You will need to set up your own transportation from/to these terminals.

DAILY ACTIVITIES: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in making your own personal pilgrimage each day. He is the Perfect Guide on our journey of faith. You are welcome to participate in all activities planned for each day. The daily schedule is posted at the Shrine's reception desk and inside Castle San Miguel. Also, you can visit our website: olamshrine.com.

GROUPS: If you would like to bring your church, school, or family group, please visit our website to fill out our group reservation form **at least one month prior to your visit**. There are different activities that can be offered for groups of 10 or more such as tours, a spiritual talk, or healing service. These are all listed on pages 5 and 6 of the packet.

GIFT SHOP of EL NIÑO: Our gift shop has a unique selection of beautiful statues, crucifixes, rosaries, books, videos, and many other "holy reminders" to nurture your faith. The Shrine's gift shop is open Monday through Saturday, 8AM to 4:45PM. Closed on Sundays.

“MOTHER SAYS...”: In order to show respect to Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament, as well as to show a spirit of charity to the Nuns, the Friars, and the other pilgrims who are adoring our Lord, we request the following:

1. Please observe SILENCE when you enter the Shrine.
2. We encourage you to dress comfortably, but modestly. Please do not wear sleeveless tops, tank tops, shorts, or mini-skirts/skirts above the knee. Ladies may wear slacks.
3. If at all possible, please do not leave Mass before the Blessed Sacrament has been exposed and the Nuns have finished singing at the Shrine.
4. Please do not take pictures inside the Shrine. There are many lovely pictures and postcards which you may purchase at the Gift Shop of El Niño in Castle San Miguel.

Our Lord loves you perfectly, unconditionally, and eternally. As you make your arrangements to come here on pilgrimage, invite the Holy Spirit to guide you and to prepare your heart to commune with our Lord Jesus, Who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. When you have responded to His call to come away and rest awhile, in order to be refreshed and renewed in His Living Presence, He will no doubt reveal His love to you in new ways. As you empty yourself and open your soul to Him in childlike faith, He will meet you where you are, draw you to His Sacred Heart, and bless you with every spiritual blessing that you need. He will comfort you where you hurt, heal your woundedness, forgive your sins, strengthen your faith, give you a sense of purpose, encourage you in good works, and send you back into your world with the confident assurance that He will never leave you or forsake you. He will be with you always, as you share the Good News of His Truth and love with those around you. Daily He desires to renew His Covenant with you and keep His promises to you, which were sealed with His Precious Blood. His Mercies are new and fresh each morning. What a faithful and loving God we are privileged to serve!

The Nuns, the Friars, and many of us here are praying for you. God bless you, as you strive to live a holy life, pleasing to Him in a world that so desperately needs His Light, His Love, His Truth, and His Peace. We are looking forward to your coming...in God's time.

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Daily Schedule

Open:

Monday – Saturday 6:00 AM- 8:00 PM (CT) Sunday 6:00 AM- 6:00 PM (CT)

*****Special Seasonal Hours: Oct - Feb 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM (CT)*****

*Lower Church Hours: Mon-Sat 8AM-6:30PM; Sun 8AM-5PM

*Castle/Gift Shop Hours: Mon-Sat 8AM-4:45PM

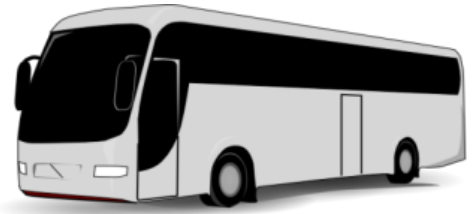


- 6:00 a.m.** Shrine Gate Opens
- 6:05 a.m.** Divine Office (*Office of Readings/Morning Prayer*)
- 7:00 a.m.** Monastery Mass
- 8:00 a.m.** Confessions
- 8:00 a.m.** Divine Office (*Mid-Morning Prayer*)
- 10:30 a.m.** John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour (*MONDAY-SATURDAY*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Divine Office (*Mid-Day Prayer*) and Holy Rosary & Angelus
- 12:00 p.m.** Holy Mass in the Lower Church
(*10 a.m. on Sundays & NO 12:00 PM on MONDAYS*)
- 2:00 p.m.** John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour (*ONLY ON SATURDAYS*)
- 3:00 p.m.** Confessions (*except Mondays and Sundays*)
- 3:00 p.m.** Divine Office (*Mid-Afternoon Prayer*) & Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 5:00 p.m.** Divine Office (*Evening Prayer/Night prayer*)
- 7:45 p.m.** Main Church Closes
- 8:00 p.m.** Shrine Gate Closes (*Shrine Closes on Sundays & Oct-Feb at 6:00 p.m.*)

---All Times are Central Time Zone--- Everything listed above is open to the public. Other events as announced.

Group Pilgrimage

The Shrine is the perfect place to bring your group to experience renewal and to grow together in friendship and community. We welcome churches, schools, family groups and organizations of all denominations and backgrounds. Plan a tour of the Shrine or a full pilgrimage schedule that includes spiritual talks, tours, Mass, adoration and more.



Please review the following sample options below as well as the description of each activity on the following page to help plan your day(s) schedule. To arrange, please fill out our group reservation form on our website. Once you have submitted the online form, you will receive an email confirmation. Our Pilgrimage staff will then create an itinerary for you based on your preferences.

For any questions, call the Shrine Pilgrimage Office at 256-787-4121 or email us: info@olamshrine.com.

Group activities need to be scheduled by the 20th of the month prior to your group's visit.

***Sample Options for groups of 10 or more:**

Option 1

- 7:00 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM Divine Office/Confessions
- 8:30 AM Breakfast or Gift Shop
- 9:30 AM Spiritual Talk
- 10:30 AM Shrine Tour or JPPII Center Tour
- 11:30 AM Divine Office/Rosary
- 12:05 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Free Time
- 2:00 PM Healing Service
- 3:00 PM Confessions/Divine Mercy Chaplet

Option 2

- 7:00 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM Divine Office/Confessions
- 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:15 AM Gift Shop/Free Time
- 10:30 AM JPPII Center Tour
- 11:30 AM Divine Office/Rosary
- 12:05 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Shrine Tour

Option 3

- 9:00 AM Arrival
- 9:30 AM Spiritual Talk
- 10:30 AM Shrine Tour or JPPII Center Tour
- 11:30 AM Divine Office/Rosary
- 12:00 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Lunch/Free Time
- 2:00 PM Healing Service
- 3:00 PM Confessions/Divine Mercy Chaplet

Option 4 (half day)

- 7:00 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM Divine Office/Confessions
- 8:30 AM Breakfast or Free Time
- 9:30 AM Spiritual Talk
- 10:30 AM Shrine Tour or JPPII Center Tour
- 11:30 AM Divine Office/Rosary
- 12:00 PM Depart

Description of Different Activities

Spiritual Talk (*1 hour duration*) – given by a priest, deacon, or professed brother. Takes place in one of the Conference Rooms inside Castle San Miguel or the Lower Church. ***(Groups must be 10 or more to request a talk.)***

Shrine Tour (*1 hour duration*) – walking, standing and sitting. Begins in Castle San Miguel or the Reception Area. Tour includes Castle San Miguel, Crèche (Nativity Scene), Main Church, Shroud of Turin, Lower Church, etc.

John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour (*approximately 1 hour duration*) – Tour is usually guided by a Shrine staff member. The Center is located on the grounds of the Shrine. Tour includes visuals of Old Testament and New Testament scenes with short scriptural videos; timelines of Church history; videos of Eucharistic Miracles; and an interactive area.

Eucharistic Center Capacity: *Due to limited space in the Eucharistic Center, we are **only able to admit a group of 30 people per tour.** If your group is 30 or more persons, please let us know, and we will setup additional Eucharistic Center tours for your group.*

Healing Service (*1 hour duration*) – presided over by a priest or deacon. This service consists of devotional prayers, Scriptural reading and homily/meditation, Benediction, and individual blessing with the Eucharist, and Divine Praises. ***(Groups must be 10 or more persons to request a healing service)***

Divine Office (*10-20 minutes duration*) – These are the daily prayers, psalms, scriptures, etc. that the Nuns chant together 5 times a day in the Main Church.

Confessions – Offered twice a day at 8AM and 3PM. (No 3PM confessions on Monday and Sunday)

Catering - We have caterers who can offer breakfast and lunch for your group. These meals take place in the Castle's St. Raphael Dining Hall. ***(We do not offer catered meals on Sunday.)***

CATERING OPTIONS for GROUPS of 10 or MORE

(Contact caterer directly to arrange a meal)

- **Seven Winds Kitchen**
1011 County Road 222 Logan,
AL 35098
256-734-0246
sevenwindskitchen.com
- **Rumor's Deli**
105 First Avenue
Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-0911
rumorsdeli.com
- **Luna's BBQ**
105 Main St NW
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-1950
- **Carina's Pizza and Grill**
202 Main St. NE
Hanceville, AL 35077
**Please ask Pilgrimage
Department for phone number.*
- **Stone Bridge Farms**
281 County Rd 717
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-9765
stonebridgewedding.com
- **Jack's**
103 Styles Street
Hanceville AL 35077
256-392-6268
eatatjacks.com
- **Chick-fil-a**
1830 Cherokee Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-735-1650
cfarestaurant.com/cullman/home
- **Jim 'N Nick's BBQ**
1851 Cherokee Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055
205-637-2977
*northalacatering@jimnnicks.com
jimnnicks.com*

St. Bernard Abbey Retreat & Conference Center

1600 St. Bernard Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055

(15 miles from Shrine)

Br. Marion and /or Diann

256-734-3946

www.stbernardabbey.com

Room Rates:

Individual: \$60.00 - \$70.00

Groups *(10 rooms or more)**

(Mon-Thurs): \$60.00

(Fri-Sun): \$70.00

**Groups rates vary depending on whether or not you want to use the conference room.*

Large Conference Room *(per day, up to 3 days, then no charge):* \$300.00 (includes: chairs, tables; access to bar & kitchen; glasses, coffee service)

Small Conference Room *(per day, up to 3 days, then no charge):* \$75.00 (includes: chairs, tables; glasses, coffee service)



Ave Maria Grotto

1600 St. Bernard Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055

256-734-4110

www.avemariagrotto.com

Known throughout the world as "Jerusalem in Miniature," is a beautifully landscaped, four-acre park designed to provide a natural setting for the 125 miniature reproductions of some of the most famous historic buildings and shrines of the world. The masterpieces of stone and concrete are the lifetime work of Brother Joseph Zoettl, a Benedictine monk of St. Bernard Abbey.

Open daily 9am -5pm

Lodging in Hanceville/Cullman Area

PLEASE CALL FOR RATES

Tell the reservation clerk you are a Shrine pilgrim.

QUALITY INN

Near Wallace State College

(8 miles from the Shrine)

810 Main Street NE

Hanceville, AL 35077

256-352-0151

*Continental breakfast / No pets

BEST WESTERN HOTEL

(19 miles from the Shrine)

I-65, Exit 310

1917 Commerce Ave

Cullman, AL 35055

256-737-5009

*Continental breakfast

*Pets are allowed (\$10-20 fee)

QUALITY INN

(19 miles from Shrine)

I-65, Exit 310

5917 Hwy 157 NW

Cullman, AL 35058

256-734-1240

*Continental breakfast / No pets

SLEEP INN & SUITES

(19 miles from Shrine)

I-65, Exit 310

2050 Hwy 157

Cullman, AL 35058

256-734-6166

*Continental breakfast

*Pets are allowed (\$15 fee)

COMFORT SUITES

(19 miles from Shrine)

I-65, Exit 310

2048 St. Joseph Drive NW

Cullman, AL 35058

256-255-5999

*Continental breakfast / No pets

HAMPTON INN

(19 Miles from Shrine)

I-65, Exit 310

6100 Hwy 157

Cullman, AL 35058

256-739-4444

*Continental breakfast / No pets

DAYS INN

(18 miles from the Shrine)

I-65, Exit 308

1841 4th Street SW

Cullman, AL 35055

256-739-3800

*Continental breakfast

*Pets are allowed with fee

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

(19 miles from the Shrine)

I-65, Exit 310

2052 Hayes Drive NW

Cullman, AL 35058

256-736-1906

*Continental breakfast / No pets

ECONO LODGE

(15 miles from the Shrine)

I-65, Exit 304

1655 County Road 437

Cullman, AL 35055

256-734-2691

*Continental breakfast

*Pets are allowed (\$10 free)

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES

(19 miles from the Shrine)

I-65, Exit 310

2054 St Joseph Drive NW

Cullman, AL 35058

256-775-9500

*Continental breakfast

*Pets are allowed

Guest Houses near the Shrine in Hanceville

Please contact the following Guest Houses for availability. Privately owned and operated.

No pets allowed

Saint Michael's Guest House (1 Mile from the Shrine)

1725 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

(256) 531-2368 / saintmichaelguesthouse.net / saintmichaelguest@gmail.com

Entire House: 3 Bedrooms (2 Queens, 2 Twins), 2 Baths, Kitchen, Living Room, Laundry Room, Private Deck, Private Entrance: \$100.00 per night, \$110 with tax.

Saint Bernadette's Guest Room: 2 Doubles and a Queen Sofa Sleeper, Efficiency Kitchen, Laundry Room, Private entrance: \$75 per night, \$82.50 with tax (*St. Michael & St. Bernadette can be opened to each other for additional space*)

Saint Anthony's Guest Room: (*Handicapped Accessible*)

Queen Bed and Twin Sofa Sleeper, Private Entrance: \$55 per night (\$60.50 w/ tax)

**Special weekly and monthly rates available!*

St. Clare Guest House (1 Mile from the Shrine)

1716 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

Contact: Maria Ferra (256) 527-2433 / queenofpeace retreatlodging.com

1-2 adults: \$75 per night, plus tax (add \$10 for 3rd adult)

**No smoking.*

Our Lady of Lourdes (1 mile from the Shrine)

1750 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

Contact: Maria Ferra (256) 527-2433 / queenofpeace retreatlodging.com

Entire House: 1-4 adults: \$100 per night, plus tax (add \$20 for each additional adult, sleeps 5)

Saint Faustina (2nd floor): 1-2 adults only: \$65 per night, plus tax

Saint John Paul II: Private Suite, Kitchenette: 1-2 adults: \$65 per night, plus tax

**No smoking.*

Saint Mary Guest House (1 Mile from the Shrine)

1707 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

Contact: Hale & Rhonda Wilson / (256) 352-0271 / (877) 778-2374 Toll Free / saintmarysguesthouses.com

Entire House: 1-4 adults (1 night stay): \$105 per night, plus tax (add \$20 for each additional adult; children stay free)

1-4 adults (2+ night stay): \$85 per night, plus tax (add \$20 for each additional adult; children stay free)

St. Francis Guest Room: Private Suite: Kitchenette, Queen and Full Beds

Up to 2 adults (1 night stay): \$65 per night, plus tax (add \$10 for each additional adult; children stay free)

Up to 2 adults (2+ night stay): \$55 per night, plus tax (add \$10 for each additional adult; children stay free)

St. Benedict (Log) Guest House (1 Mile from the Shrine)

1651 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

Contact: Michael & Laura Wilson or Hale & Rhonda Wilson / (256) 352-0271 / (877) 778-2374 Toll Free / saintmarysguesthouses.com

Entire House: Queen Bed, Sofa Bed, Deck, Fireplace

1-4 adults (1 night stay): \$99 per night, plus tax (children stay free)

1-4 adults (2+ night stay): \$89 per night, plus tax (children stay free)

St. Vincent Guest Room: Private Suite: Queen Bed, Futon, Kitchen, Living Room, Deck

1-4 adults (1 night stay): \$89 per night, plus tax (children stay free)

1-4 adults (2+ night stay): \$79 per night, plus tax (children stay free)

St. Paul's Mission Hamlet (1.5 Miles from Shrine)

1220 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

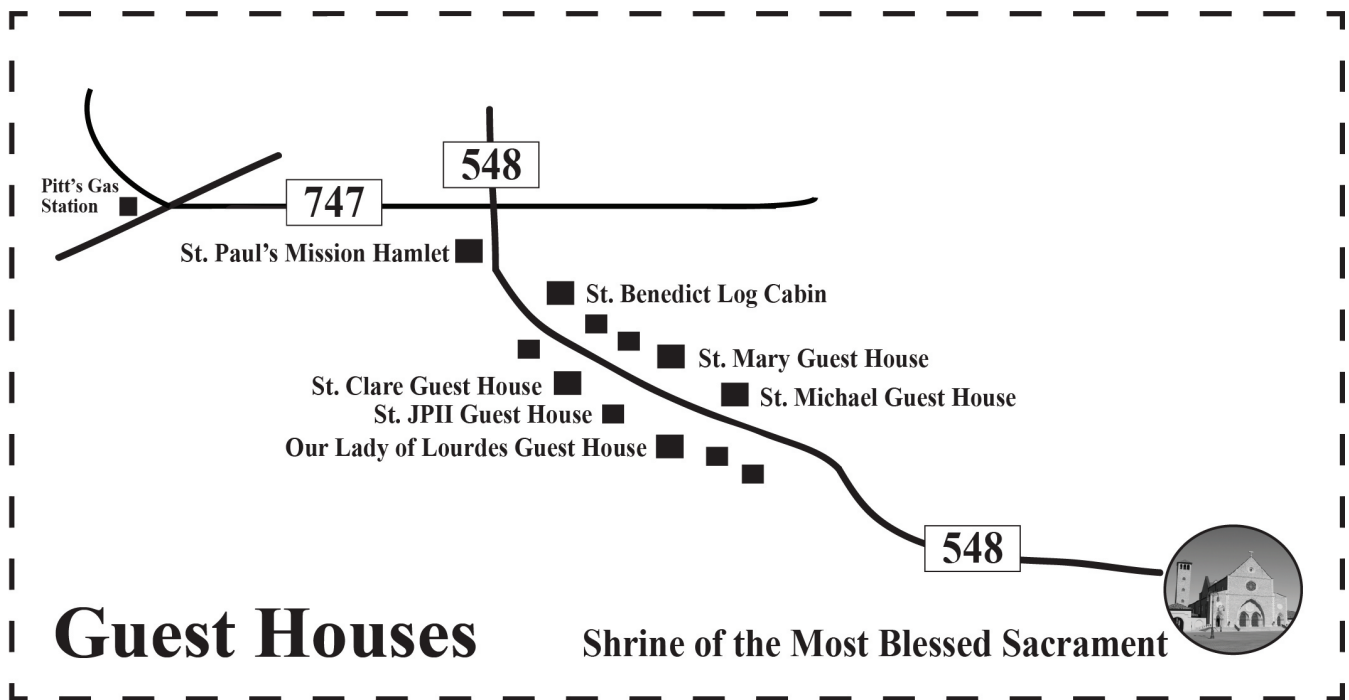
Contact: Glynn or Suzanne Pellerin / (337) 241-4335 or (337) 836-9647

St. Paul's Guest House (Entire House): King, Queen, Double, Single Beds, and Futons

1-4 adults: \$110.00 per night plus tax (add \$15 for each additional person per night, sleeps 8)

St. Monica Guest House: 1-2 adults: \$75 per night, plus tax (add \$15 for each additional person per night, sleeps 4)

St. Jude Guest House: 1-4 adults: \$95 per night, plus tax (add \$15 for each additional person per night, sleeps 6)



Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

3222 County Road 548
Hanceville, AL 35077
205-271-2917 / www.olamshrine.com

Mass Times: Sun-Sat 7am
Tues-Sat 12pm and Sun 10am

The Shrine is located about 6 miles from the intersection of Hwy 91 and Hwy 31 in Hanceville. Going either direction on I-65, take Exit 291 for Hwy 91 NE. Turn right at County Rd 747 and right again at County Rd 548.

EWTN

5817 Old Leeds Road
Irondale, AL 35210
205-271-2900 / www.ewtn.com

Mass Times: Sun-Sat 7am
Mon-Fri 12pm

Directions to EWTN from Shrine:

Left onto County Road 747. Left onto Hwy 91. Left onto I-65 S, towards Birmingham.

Detour: Exit 262B Finley Blvd. Left onto Finley. Right onto Carraway Blvd/31 S. Follow signs to get onto I-20 E/59 N. Split right onto I-20 E. Exit 133 Kilgore Mem Drive. Right onto Old Leeds Rd. EWTN on left.

St. Bernard Abbey & Ave Maria Grotto

1600 St. Bernard Ave SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4110

www.avemariagrotto.com

Mass Times: Mon-Fri 5pm
Sat 6:50am & Sun 10:30am

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

112 2nd St SE Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3730

www.sacredheartchurchcullman.org

Mass Times: Mon-Fri 6:30am
& 5:30pm (Tues at 12pm)

Sat 8am & 5:30pm

Sun 8:30am & 11am

Misa: Sun 6pm; Wed 7:30pm; Sat 7:30pm

Christ the King Monastery

5060 County Road 1635
Cullman, AL 35058
256-796-5515

Mass Times: Mon-Sat 7:30am
Sun 7am & 10am

Casa Maria Retreat House Sister Servants of the Eternal Word

3721 Belmont Road
Birmingham, AL 35210
205-956-6760
www.sisterservants.org



Cullman Regional Medical Center

1912 Alabama Highway 157
Cullman, Alabama 35058
256-737-2000

