Make a Pilgrimage to
The SHRINE of the Most Blessed Sacrament

3224 County Road 548
Hanceville, Alabama 35077
256-787-4121 | olamshrine.com
We are eagerly looking forward to your pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Shrine is a beautiful, peaceful place of renewal for your family, group, parish, school, or faith community. We welcome everyone here including those of all Christian denominations and faith backgrounds. This packet contains information that will assist you in planning your group pilgrimage experience including lodging, transportation, Shrine pilgrimage activities, and other information. Please read through this packet and let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

**EWTN PILGRIMAGE:** The EWTN studios and the Chapel seen on EWTN Daily Mass are located on the EWTN campus in Birmingham, one hour south from the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. For information regarding available activities at EWTN, please call EWTN’s Pilgrimage Assistant Cristi Ramis at 205-271-2971 Ext. 3546.

**LODGING:** Hotels closest to the Shrine are listed on page 9, St. Bernard Abbey Retreat and Conference Center on page 8, and guest houses on pages 10-11. When registering at the hotel, be sure to tell them that you are a Shrine pilgrim in order to receive a discounted rate.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Pilgrim groups ordinarily travel to the Shrine by charter bus. However, there is Birmingham International Airport (BHM) and an Amtrak train station nearly an hour away from the Shrine in Birmingham. The Huntsville International airport (HSV) is nearly an hour north from the Shrine.

**MEALS/CATERING:** On page 7, catering options are available in order to have breakfast and lunch made available for pilgrim groups. Catered meals are not offered on Sundays or Mondays.

**PILGRIMAGE ACTIVITIES:** There are daily activities that are open to the public including Holy Mass, Confessions, Divine Office with the nuns, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc. Our daily schedule is on page 4. You can also visit our website at www.olamshrine.com for more information on the daily Shrine schedule and on special events.

**GROUP PILGRIMAGE ACTIVITIES:** Group pilgrimage activities are available Tuesday through Saturday. In order to plan for a group pilgrimage to the Shrine, please visit our website www.olamshrine.com and fill out the group reservation form at least one month prior to the pilgrimage. Activities that are available for groups of 10 pilgrims or more include tours of the Shrine and the John Paul II Eucharistic Center, spiritual talks, and healing services. Please see page 5 for sample group pilgrimage schedules and page 6 for a brief description of each of these activities.

**GIFT SHOP OF EL NIÑO:** Inside Castle San Miguel is our popular gift shop where a wide variety of “holy reminders” are available for purchase including statues, crucifixes, rosaries, books, videos, and other items. The Gift Shop is open every week Wednesday through Saturday from 8AM to 4:45PM.

**SHRINE CONDUCT POLICY AND DRESS CODE:** In order to maximize the pilgrimage experience for your group and for all of those who come to the Shrine, we ask that the following policy be observed:
1. Please maintain a reverent silence while inside the Upper and Lower Churches at the Shrine. Silence is an effective way of communing with Our Lord and is conducive to prayer. It is also a sign of courtesy and respect for others, including the nuns, who might be praying silently inside the church.

2. Please dress modestly when on the grounds of the Shrine. Our dress code policy prohibits sleeveless shirts, tank tops, and shorts or skirts that do not extend below the knees.

3. Unless it is urgently necessary to leave, please remain in the church after Mass until after the Blessed Sacrament in the large monstrance has been exposed and the nuns have finished singing.

4. Taking photos inside the Upper and Lower Churches is prohibited. There are postcards available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

The information in this packet will hopefully answer most of your questions. Our friendly pilgrimage staff is on hand to answer any additional questions and to assist in scheduling your group pilgrimage. We pray that your visit to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament will fill you with peace, joy, and a renewed love and fervor for Our Lord and His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist!

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Daily Schedule

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

*Lower Church Hours: Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 8AM-5PM
*Castle/Gift Shop Hours: Wed-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. Shrine Tour (THURSDAY-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 am. on Sundays & NO 12:00 PM on MONDAYS)
2:00 p.m.  John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour (THURSDAY - SATURDAY)
3:00 p.m.  Confessions (except Mondays and Sundays)
3:00 p.m.  Divine Office (Mid-Afternoon Prayer) & Divine Mercy Chaplet Divine
5:00 p.m.  Office (Evening Prayer/Night prayer)
5:45 p.m.  Main Church Closes
6:00 pm.  Shrine Gate Closes

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

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:*

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**Description of Different Activities**

**Holy Mass** - Daily 7am Monastery Mass. A second Mass is available Tuesday - Saturday at 12pm and Sunday 10am.

**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)

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

**John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour (approximately 1 hour duration)** – The tour is led by Shrine Pilgrimage staff. It is an interactive encounter with the Teachings of the Church on the unfathomable gift that is the Eucharist.

**Eucharistic Center Capacity:** Due to limited space in the Eucharistic Center, we are only able to admit a group of 20 people per tour. If your group is 20 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. *(Only available to groups of 10 or more pilgrims.)*

**Spiritual Talk (45 min -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. *(Only available to groups of 10 or more pilgrims.)*

**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 or Monday.)*
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
  601 4th St SW
  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
  256-352-9030
  greatfood@carinasgrill.com

- Carlton’s Italian
  208 3rd Ave SE
  Cullman, AL 35055
  256-739-9050
  carltonsitalian.com

- 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
  256-727-5421
  northalacatering@jimnnicks.com
  or jimnnicks.com

- Moe's Southwest Grill
  1122 Cullman Shopping Center NW
  Cullman, AL 35055
  256-251-5099 or 1-888-991-6637
  Moes.com
St. Bernard Abbey Retreat & Conference Center  
1600 St. Bernard Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055  
(15 miles from Shrine)

Please contact the retreat center at:  
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
(205)363-0210 / saintmichaelguesthouse.net / saintmichaelguest@gmail.com

*Entire House:* 3 Bedrooms (2 Queens, 2 Twins), 2 Baths, Kitchen, Living Room, Laundry Room, Private Deck, Private Entrance

**Saint Bernadette’s Guest Room:** 2 Doubles and a Queen Sofa Sleeper, Efficiency Kitchen, Laundry Room, Private entrance.  
(St. Michael & St. Bernadette can be opened to each other for additional space)

**House of the Holy Angels (1 Mile from the Shrine)**
1691 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077
Contact: John Preiss (256) 297-0317 / www.houseoftheholyangels.com

*Entire House:* 3 Bedrooms (3 Queens, 2 Twins), 3 full Baths, Kitchen, Living Room, Laundry Room, Private Deck
Sleeps 1-8 adults (children stay free)

**St. Clare Guest House (1 Mile from the Shrine)**
1716 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077
Contact: Maria Ferra (256) 527-2433 / queenofpeaceretreatlodging.com
Sleeps 1-2 adults, *No smoking.*

**Our Lady of Lourdes (1 mile from the Shrine)**
1750 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077
Contact: Maria Ferra (256) 527-2433 / queenofpeaceretreatlodging.com

*Entire House:* 1-5 adults

**Saint Faustina (2nd floor):** Sleeps 1-2 adults only

**Saint John Paul II:** Private Suite, Kitchenette: Sleeps 1-2 adults
*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:* Sleeps 1-6 adults (children stay free)

**St. Francis Guest Room:** Private Suite: Kitchenette, Queen and Full Beds
Sleeps 4 adults (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  
Sleeps 1-4 adults (children stay free)  
**St. Vincent Guest Room:** Private Suite: Queen Bed, Futon, Kitchen, Living Room, Deck  
Sleeps 1-4 adults (children stay free)

**St. Paul's Mission Hamlet Guest House** *(1.5 Mile from the 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  
Sleeps 1-8 adults.  
**St. Monica Guest House:** Sleeps 1-4 adults  
**St. Jude Guest House:** Sleeps 1-6 adults
Directions to EWTN from the Shrine:

Turn left onto County Road 747. Turn left onto Hwy 91. Turn left onto I-65 South, towards Birmingham. Take Exit 261A, towards Atlanta. Merge onto I-59N/20E. Slight right onto I-20E. Take Exit 133 for Kilgore Memorial Drive. Turn right onto Kilgore Memorial Drive. Right onto Old Leeds Road. EWTN on left.

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
3224 County Road 548
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-6267 / 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
1-800-447-3986 / www.ewtn.com
Mass Times: Sun-Sat 7am
Mon-Fri 12pm
Directions to EWTN from Shrine:

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
www.crmc.org