

Plan a Pilgrimage



Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Angels Monastery
3222 County Road 548
Hanceville, Alabama 35077 U.S.A.

*And He said to them,
"Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while."*

Mark 6:31

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:

LODGING: Hotels near both the Shrine and EWTN are listed. To receive the discount rate, you must tell them when you register that you are a Shrine/EWTN pilgrim. There are also a few guest houses in Hanceville listed.

SHUTTLES: Some hotels in the EWTN area have shuttle service. For the guests of the *Hampton Inn* and the *Holiday Inn Express*, there is a round-trip shuttle between the hotels, EWTN, and the Birmingham International Airport.

(Note: There are no shuttle services from the hotels in the Irondale or Hanceville areas to 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 these terminals.

LIVE SHOWS: If you would like to be in the audience of some of our live shows, please contact us as soon as possible: **Phone:** (205) 271-2966 option 2; **E-Mail:** pilgrimages@ewtn.com or **FAX:** (205) 271-2957. Please furnish your name, telephone number, zip code, show date(s), and the number of seats wanted. There is no charge to attend a live show, but because of limited space in the studio it is wise to reserve seats as soon as possible.

GIFT SHOPS: Our gift shops each have 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, 8:00AM to 4:45PM.

The EWTN gift shop is open 8AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday, and 8AM to 3PM on Saturday.

Be sure to visit both!

EWTN STUDIO TOURS: 2:45PM CT -- each day Monday through Friday.

Meet in the Gift Shop Lobby.

“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 Priests and Brothers, and the other pilgrims who are Adoring our Lord, we request the following:

1. Please observe SILENCE when you enter the Shrine and the EWTN Chapel.
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 in Castle San Miguel.

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 schedule for both sites is posted at the Shrine’s reception desk, at EWTN’s studio reception desk and in St. Michael’s Hall next to the Chapel. Also, if the weather permits, many of our pilgrims are enriched by personal devotions and prayer outside on the beautiful grounds at both sites.

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 apart 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!

Mother Angelica, the Nuns, the Priests and Brothers, 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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Come and spend a day with Our Lord!

Open:

Monday - Saturday 6:00 AM- 9:30 PM (CT)

Sunday 6:00 AM- 6:00 PM (CT)

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 6:00 a.m. Shrine opens
- 6:05 a.m. Divine Office (*Office of Readings/Morning Prayer*) w/Nuns
- 7:00 a.m. Nuns' Conventual Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Divine Office (*Mid-Morning Prayer*) w/Nuns
- 11:30a.m. Divine Office (*Mid-Day Prayer*) w/Nuns
- 11:40a.m. Holy Rosary & Angelus w/Nuns
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Mass in the Lower Church (*10 a.m. on Sundays*)
- 2:00 p.m. Divine Office (*Mid-Afternoon Prayer*) & Divine Mercy Chaplet w/Nuns
- 3:00 p.m. Confessions (*except Thursdays and Sundays*)
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Office (*Evening Prayer/Night prayer*), on Sunday at 4:30 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Benediction/Devotions, Sunday Only
- 9:30 p.m. Shrine Closes (*Shrine Closes on Sundays at 6:00 p.m.*)

---All Times are Central Time Zone---

Everything listed above is open to the public. Other events as announced.

Shrine Pilgrimage Schedule Options:

Monastery Mass w/the Nuns

Divine Office

Confessions

Eucharistic Adoration

Spiritual Talk

Guided Tour

Rosary

Catered Meals

Gift Shop

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Healing Service

Lourdes Grotto

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Holy Eucharist

Benediction/Devotions (Sunday)

For Groups of 10 or more (Adults and Teens): Must be booked in advance

9:30 AM Spiritual Talk

2:00 PM Healing Service

For Further Information Contact:

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Phone: 205-795-5717/ 205-795-5722

Fax: 205-795-5732

Email: pilgrimages@olamshrine.com

contact@olamshrine.com

Lodging in Hanceville / Cullman Area

(Tell the reservation clerk you are a Shrine pilgrim for these rates)

Comfort Inn

Near Wallace State College
810 Main Street NE
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-0151
Standard Room: \$60.00
Groups: \$55.00

Best Western Hotel

I-65, Exit 310
1917 Commerce Ave
Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-5009
Standard Room: \$64.99

Quality Inn

I-65, Exit 310
5917 Hwy 157 NW
Cullman, AL 35058
256-734-1240
Standard Room: \$59.99
(ask about group rates)

Sleep Inn & Suites

I-65, Exit 310
2050 Hwy 157
Cullman, AL 35058
256-734-6166
Groups less than 25- \$59.99
Suites \$79.25- (groups: \$77.25)
Groups of 25 or more- \$57.99

Comfort Suites

I-65, Exit 310
2048 St. Joseph Drive, NW
Cullman, AL 35058
256-255-5999
Standard Room (Suite) \$79.00
Smoke Free Environment

Hampton Inn

I-65, Exit 310
6100 Hwy 157
Cullman, AL 35058
256-739-4444
Single: \$78.00
Double: \$84.00

Days Inn

I-65, Exit 308
1841 4th St. SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-739-3800
Standard Room: \$44.00
(1-2 people, \$5.00 each additional person)

St. Bernard Abbey Retreat and Conference Center

I-65, Exit 308
1600 St. Bernard Drive, SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3946
Follow Ave Maria Grotto signs
▪ **Groups staying at the Retreat Center**
Single or Double Occupancy
\$40 per room per night Monday-Thurs. nights (\$45 w/ Conf. Room)
\$45 per room Fri., Sat., & Sun. nights (\$60 w/ Conf. Room)

▪ **Individuals staying in the Monastery Guest Area**

\$40 per night suggested donation
Stays are for 3 days/2 nights

Prices given do not include applicable taxes. These rates are subject to change, especially during special area events.

Guest Houses near the Shrine in Hanceville

Gesu Bambino Pilgrims' House

(1 Mile from the Shrine)

1770 County Road 548

Hanceville, AL 35077

256-352-4135 or 347-301-1611

Contact: Thomas or Sonia Salerni

Room rates: \$50 - \$85

Family/Group rate available

Continental Breakfast

(non-inspected/non-regulated kitchen)

info@thepilgrimshouse.com

<http://www.gesubambinopilgrimshouse.com>

Saint Mary Guest House

(1 Mile from the Shrine)

1707 County Road 548

Hanceville, AL 35077

Toll Free (877) 778-2374 or (256) 352-0271

Contact: Hale & Rhonda Wilson

Entire House: 1-4 adults: \$85 per night, plus tax (add \$20.00 for each additional adult, children stay free)

St. Francis Guest Room:

Private Suite: Kitchenette, Queen and Full Beds
\$55.00 per night plus tax

www.saintmaryguesthouses.com

St. Benedict (Log) Guest House

(1 Mile from the Shrine)

1651 County Road 548

Hanceville, AL 35077

256-352-0271 or 877-778-2374

Contact: Michael, Hale, or Rhonda Wilson

Entire House: Queen Bed, Sofa Bed, Deck, Fireplace. 1-4 adults: \$89 per night plus tax

St. Vincent Guest Room:

Private Suite: 1-4 adults--Full Bed, Futon,

Kitchen, Living Room, Deck

\$79 per night plus tax

www.saintmaryguesthouses.com

Saint Michael Guest House

(1 Mile from the Shrine)

1725 County Road 548

Hanceville, AL 35077

(256) 531-2368

Entire House: 1-4 adults: \$100.00 per night (add \$20.00 for each additional adult), plus tax

St. Anthony Guest Room:

Private Suite: Queen Bed and Sofa Sleeper

1-2 adults: \$55 per night, plus tax

St. Bernadette Guest Room:

1-3 adults: \$75 per night (add \$10.00 for each additional adult), plus tax

www.saintmichaelguesthouse.com

saintmichaelguest@gmail.com

St. Clare Guest House

(1 Mile from the Shrine)

1716 County Road 548

Hanceville, AL 35077

(256) 352-9940 or (256) 352-4889

Contact: Maria Ferra

House sleeps 1-3 adults: \$65 per night, plus tax

Queen of Peace Guest House

(3 Miles from the Shrine)

315 County Road 548

Hanceville, AL 35077

(256) 352-9940 or (256) 352-4889

Contact: Maria Ferra (cell: (256) 527-2433)

Entire House: 1-4 adults: \$90 per night (add \$20 for each additional adult, sleeps 8)

Lourdes Guest Suite: Family Room & Full Kitchen
\$60 per night

(add \$10 for each adult after 2, sleeps 6)

Fatima Guest Suite: 2nd Floor, Full Kitchen, \$55 per night

(add \$10 for each adult after 2, sleeps 7)

St. Joseph Place: Individual Suites with kitchen \$60 per night (five units available)

St. Paul's Mission Hamlet

(1.5 Miles from Shrine)

1220 County Road 548

Hanceville, AL 35077

(337) 241-4335 or (337) 836-9647

Contact: Glynn or Suzanne Pellerin

St. Paul's Guest House:

Entire House: 12 persons (large families welcome).

King, Queen, Double, Single Beds, and Futons

1-4 adults: \$110.00 per night plus tax (add \$10 for each additional adult)

St. Jude's Apartment:

1-3 adults: \$80.00 per night plus tax

Queen, Double, Single Beds, Sofa Sleeper, and Futon

St. Monica Guest Room:

1-4 adults: \$55.00 per night plus tax

Private Suite: Living Room, Full Kitchen, Queen Bed, Sofa Bed

Lodging in Birmingham Area

(Tell the reservation clerk you are an EWTN pilgrim for these rates).

QUALITY INN

(1 Mile from EWTN)

I-20, Exit 133
3910 Kilgore Memorial Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35210
(205) 956-4100
Standard Room: \$64.99-\$67.99

COMFORT INN EAST

(2 Miles from EWTN)

I-20, Exit 132 (Montevallo Rd.)
4965 Montevallo Rd.
Birmingham, AL 35210
(205) 957-0084
Standard Room: \$69.99

HAMPTON INN

(1 Mile from EWTN)

I-20, Exit 133
3930 Grants Mill Rd.
Birmingham AL 35210
(205) 933-0444
Standard Room: \$72.00
Suite: \$99.00

HOLIDAY INN - AIRPORT

(6 Miles from EWTN)

I-20, Exit 129
5000 Richard Arrington Blvd.
Birmingham, AL 35212
(205) 591-6900
Standard Room: \$73.00

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

(1 Mile from EWTN)

I-20, Exit 133
811 Old Grants Mill Rd.,
Birmingham, AL 35210
(205) 957-0555
Standard Room: \$75.00
Suite: \$99.00

HILTON GARDEN INN

(6 Miles from EWTN)

I-459, Exit 23
2090 Urban Center Parkway
Birmingham AL 35242
(205) 503-5220
Standard Room: \$72.00

Rooms For Rent:

(2 Blocks from EWTN)

Contact: Adele Gilbert (205) 956-8068
5710 Belmont Place
Irondale AL 35210
*Bedroom with Private Bath
*Bedroom (share bath)
Continental Breakfast Served

SPRINGHILL SUITES

(9 Miles from EWTN)

I-459, Exit 19
3950 Colonnade Dr.
Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 969-8099
Standard Room: \$89.00
(Group rates available: ask for Sheryl Ellis)

COMFORT INN & SUITES

(10 Miles from EWTN)

I-459, Exit 19 (US-280 E)
4400 Colonnade Pkwy
Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 968-3700
Standard Room: \$79.00

Prices given do not include applicable taxes. These rates are subject to change, especially during special area events.

Lodging in Fultondale

These hotels are located about halfway between EWTN and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Hampton Inn

I-65, Exit 267
1716 Fulton Rd.
Fultondale, AL 35068
(205) 439-6700
Single/Double Occupancy: \$99.99

Holiday Inn Express

I-65, Exit 267
1733 Fultondale Rd.
Fultondale, AL 35068
(205) 439-6300
Single/Double Occupancy: \$79.99

Comfort Inn Suites

I-65, Exit 267
1325 Old Walker Chapel Rd.
Fultondale, AL 35068
(205) 259- 2160
Single/ Double Occupancy: \$79.99
Onsite Laundry

For these special rates, tell the reservation clerk you are a EWTN or Shrine pilgrim. Prices given do not include applicable taxes. Rates are subject to change, especially during special area events.

Transportation Options

Birmingham Door to Door is in the Birmingham International Airport and provides transportation throughout Alabama. The estimated cost of one-way fare from Birmingham to The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is \$69.00 (plus tip).

Contact by phone, (205) 591-5550 or website, www.birminghamdoortodoor.com

Car Rental Agencies:

Budget	(205) 322-3596
Enterprise	(800) 261-7331 or (205) 591- 1927
Hertz	(800) 654-3131 or (205) 591- 6090
Avis	(800) 230-4898 or (205) 592-8901

Taxis:

There are also several taxicab companies in the area including:

Yellow Cab: (205) 328-4444

American Cab Company: (205) 322-2222

Campground Information

Hanceville/ Cullman

Country View RV Park
15959 Alabama Hwy 91
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-4687

Cullman Campground
220 County Road 1185
Cullman, AL 35056
256-734-9794/ 256-734-5853

Good Hope Campground
330 Super Saver Road
Cullman, AL 35055
256-739-1319

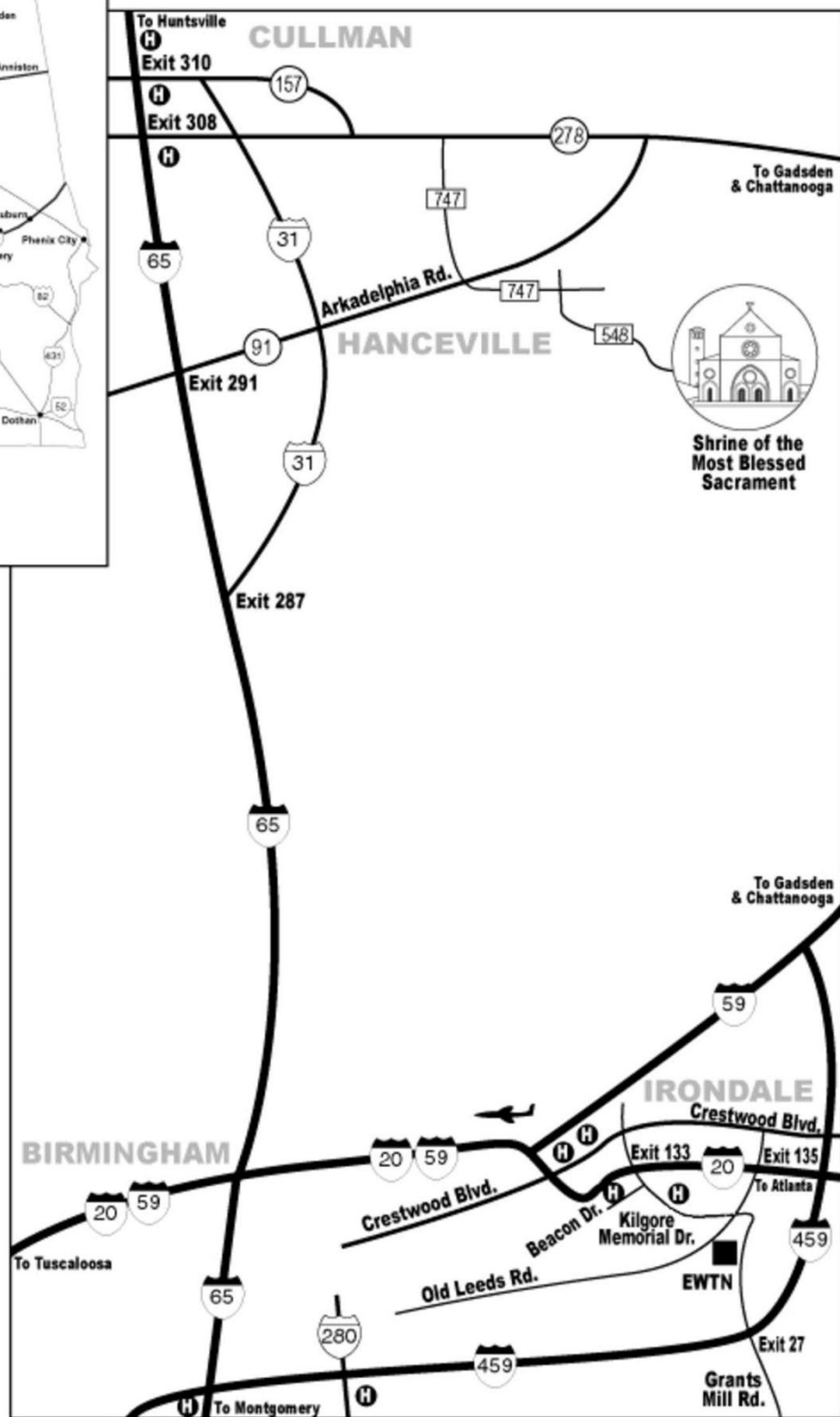
Hames Marina & RV Park
850 County Road 248
Cullman, AL 35057
256-287-9785

Smith Lake Park
416 County Road 385
Cullman, AL 35057
256-739-2916

Irondale

Irondale Mobile Home Park
1601 Trailer Lane
Irondale, AL 35210
(205) 956- 5911

Oak Mountain State Park
(30 min. from EWTN)
200 Terrace Drive
Pelham, AL 35124
(205) 620-2520



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

- Hotel
- Airport
- Interstate
- United States
- State
- County

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 3222 County Road 548
 Hanceville, AL 35077
 Telephone 256/352-6267

Visit Our New Shrine Priest Retreat Website

“Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile” (Mk. 6:31). The Knights of the Holy Eucharist were pleased to announce the launch of their new Priest Retreat website, www.priestretreat.com, on January 25 2012, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Intended as a resource for priests, deacons, brothers, and seminarians seeking a time of private retreat at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama, home of Mother Angelica and the Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration, the site provides information on accommodations, travel, daily schedules, and reservations, as well as contact information.



Each year over 200 consecrated men enjoy the beautiful accommodations provided free of charge at the residence of the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. During their time at the Shrine, priests, deacons, brothers, and seminarians are able to spend time in personal prayer, walk through the rolling hills, and attend or celebrate Mass either in the Knights’ private chapel or at the Shrine.



Nestled just a short walk from the Shrine, “The Barn,” a modern building with a rustic look, has twelve fully furnished guest rooms with private baths and a beautiful private chapel for prayer and Mass. These beautiful retreat accommodations are available free of charge. Hospitality is provided by the Knights, and all meals are complimentary. During their stay, our guests are allowed to join community activities.

Come see us and enjoy a restful personal retreat at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, located in the peaceful countryside of northern Alabama. For more information, visit us at www.priestretreat.com.