

JULY 24, 2022 | THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday | 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Friday | 8:30 am—12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Video Mass is available each weekend on the Website.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesday | 12:00 Noon Thursday | 9:00 am Friday | 9:00 am followed by Rosary. Exposition on First Friday of the Month First Saturday of the Month | 9:00 am WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday | 4:00 pm **Sunday** | 8:00 am, 10:30 am

CHAPEL

Every Day 6:30 am-6:30 pm

CONFESSION

Saturday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Other | By appointment

MARRIAGE

Marriage Requirements at least six months in advance: Contact Fr. Sullivan, 205-980-1810, ext. 2 to arrange meeting.

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office at 205-980-1810 ext. 1



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The request of the disciples to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray" can be understood as a quest for the proper disposition for Christian prayer. The reply that Jesus gives them can be summarized in one sentence: the right disposition for Christian prayer is the disposition of a child before its father.

The gospel reading, Luke 11:1-13, consists of the request of the disciples in Verse 1 and the long response of Jesus in verses 2-13. The response of Jesus begins in Verse 2 with the words, "When you pray, say: 'Father'" and ends in Verse 13 with the words, "If you then, evil as you are, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" We see immediately that prayer, according to Jesus, is a child-father affair. In other words, it is a family affair based on a relationship of familiarity and love. Jesus uses the imagery of father here in order to correct the dominant image of God as the boss or the king who is to be revered rather than loved. Speaking of God as father reminds us that we are in a relationship with God – a relationship based on tenderness and intimacy and not on power and authority.

To pray as Christians is to put ourselves in the situation where we see God as father and speak to Him as His children. When children speak to their parents, there is hardly a right or wrong way. They simply focus on one thing, to put into words and body language what they feel in the heart.

Children trust their parents to always do what is in the children's best interest. Jesus understood that relationship and says, "Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?" God's children should likewise come to God with a spirit of trust and expectancy, knowing that God will always do for them whatever is in their best interest. Children, like the friend at midnight, refuse to take no for an answer. Say no to them and tomorrow they are sure to come back with the very same request. Jesus teaches us, as God's children, to show the same spirit of perseverance in prayer. He makes this point with the Parable of the Friend at Midnight who refuses to take no for an answer.

Speaking of prayer as a parent-child affair finally reminds us that prayer is an activity that flows out of a relationship. We do not learn how to pray better, we become better women and men of prayer when our relationship with God becomes more intimate like that of a parent and child. If you want to improve your prayer, focus on improving your personal relationship with God, our Father.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Bob

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We the members and families of Saint Mark the Evangelist, a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, are a Eucharistic community rooted in the Word of God responding to God's call by:

Glorifying God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our daily lives.

Serving one another within and outside the Parish community especially those needing an advocate,

Forming the community spiritually through worship, prayer and education at all stages of life,

Including all, omitting none, with Christ-like love and understanding,

Being good stewards of the gifts given to us and seeking to use them wisely, to live as the body of Christ with Mary, the Mother of God, as our model on our journey of faith.

FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS

FOR THE WEEKEND OF 07/10/2022

Weekly Offertory	
Holy Days Total Collection	 661 222
YEAR TO DATE	\$61,323
Weekly Offertory	\$566,089
Building Fund	\$399,106
Holy Days	\$11,446
Total Collection	\$976,641
Budget	\$920,461
Parish Debt—New PLC BLDG	
Stained Glass Project Donations	\$125,850

Faith Direct is an easy and convenient way to give your tithe, see the Bulletin cover for our Faith Direct link. You can also give by dropping off your donation at the Parish Office, mailing to our P.O. Box (see

Bulletin cover), or text a dollar amount to 205-318-2640.



Thank you for your continued generous giving!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father." Just as a parent's love for his children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us. In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 11 families, providing \$2,218.00 in utility assistance and \$865.00 in rental assistance.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive Communion, please call the Parish Office at 205-980-1810 extension 6 or email Sr. Margaret Mary Liang at pastoralcare@stmarkrc.org.

FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, Mary, or Joseph to honor a loved one, please contact Allison Creel at 205-222-0211 or saintmarksflowers@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST

Larry Angell Joseph Amari Jane Arrington Kim Bach Virginia Bayless Louise Callen Les Currie Hope DeFalco Penny Downes Mike Edwards Justin Ferlitto Tony Foster Patsy Giglio Sandra Haralson Bob Janert Barbara Jones Sandra Kacmarcik Eve Kahn **Bob Kelley** Susann Kircher Theresa LoMonaco Kathy Lupenski Dan McGettigan Marietta Molay

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READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 25

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27

12:00 pm Mass † Jim Smith Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-4

Thursday, July 28

9:00 am Mass † Rose Marie Bruno Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 29

9:00 am Mass † Pat Bruno (SI) Jer 26:1-9 (405)/Jn 11:19-27

Saturday, July 30

4:00 pm Mass † Special Intention

Next Sunday, July 31

8:00 am Mass † Special Intention 10:30 am Mass † Special Intention Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/ Lk 12:13-21

SYMPATHY

Let us pray to the Lord for all who have Died, especially,

... Sister Margaret Siffert, OSB,

NEWS AND UPDATES

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Let's Remember a Priest Killed in the Line of Duty Annual Father James E. Coyle Memorial Mass Celebrant, Bishop Steven J. Raica Wednesday, August 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. Reception and Reflections on Father Coyle Cathedral of St. Paul · 2120 3rd Ave. North, Birmingham, AL.

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Isaiah: The Fifth Gospel---By any measure the Book of Isaiah is among the world's greatest works of religious literature. It probes the mystery of a people's life with God. The early church used the poetic songs of Isaiah's Suffering Servant to interpret the passion and death of Jesus. Readings from the prophet Isaiah are proclaimed during Advent, Christmas, and Holy Week because of the book's striking messages of both challenge and hope. Even the Book of Revelation echoes the prophet Isaiah with images of a new heaven and a new earth, and the beauty of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Come join us as we study this beautiful book from the Old Testament! One class will start on Wednesdays from 10:00 -11:45 am beginning Aug. 17 thru Nov. 9, and another on Thursdays from 6:00-7:45 pm beginning Aug.18 thru Nov. 10 in the St. Mark's Room. You will need a \$10 commentary for either class that will be ordered for you at registration. Please register by emailing Sr. Madeline at SrMadeline@stmarkrc.org or calling at 205-980-1810, ext. 3. Deadline for registration is August 1.

Fall 2022 Women's Bible Study: Conversing with God Using the Psalms

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Want to learn more about the Church's Prayerbook, the Psalms? Please join us as we use Sister Irene Nowell's popular book, *Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God Through the Psalms*. Sister Irene maintains that the psalms teach us to tell our story, to cry out our pain, and to give praise to God. They also teach us to listen - to the voice of God, the voice of Christ, the voices of the people around us, and the voice of all creation. This book includes questions and exercises for personal reflection, brief prayers for praying along the way, and suggestions for composing one's own psalm-prayers. It promises to enrich the spiritual life of everyone who reads it.

The women's group will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 -11:30 am in the Conference Room, from Sept 6 thru Nov 1. The group is limited to 20 participants. Please register by emailing Sr Madeline at SrMadeline@stmarkrc.org or calling her at 205-980-1810, ext. 3. Books will be ordered with registration. Registration deadline is August 8.

Parish School of Religion News

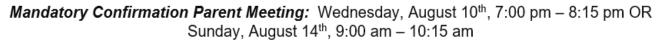


If you have not yet done so, please register for PSR today. Your help in registering your child(ren) for the upcoming 2022-23 PSR year is very much appreciated! With an increase in numbers, it will be very helpful for us to determine if there is a need for additional weekday sessions and additional catechists. PSR begins on August 21st at 9:00 am in the Youth Center classrooms. To learn more, go to stmarkrc.org.

Important Reminder:

Children are to be enrolled in religious education classes the year prior to the year of sacramental reception. This means if a child is to receive First Communion in Grade 2, they are to be enrolled in Grade 1 PSR. The same holds true for Confirmation. If your child is to be confirmed in the 9th grade, they are to be enrolled in 8th Grade.

Important Dates:





Your Help Matters – Come and Make a Difference



Parish School of Religion Catechists, Aides, and Substitutes

"I have learned SO much!" and "I truly love being a catechist!" - just a couple of responses from those who have volunteered to serve in this ministry. Have you ever thought about serving the Parish as a catechist?

Contact Mary Beth Crumly at familyfaith@stmarkrc.org to learn more about being a catechist here at Saint Mark and the excellent programs that we offer our children through our Parish School of Religion. Also visit https://sites.google.com/stmarkrc.org/catechist/home.

Youth Ministry Volunteers and Core Team Members

You are invited to join in the important mission of Youth Ministry! We need volunteers who value the Faith to be a part of a team dedicated to helping our youth thrive! Would you consider learning more about this important Gospel work? To learn more about both individual and "core group" opportunities to serve, contact our Youth Minister, Charlotte Sederstrand, at



youthminister@stmarkrc.org. She is looking forward to hearing from you!

Support our Youth through Prayer and Service



The Our Lady of Fatima Guild Parish Ministry provides support to all parish youth, offers family events, and conducts various fundraising efforts throughout the year along with observance of First Saturdays and devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

We have awesome plans for the upcoming fall and spring calendar and would love to have you join us in supporting our Parish youth. Our next meeting is Friday, August 5th following First Friday Mass.

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	Saturday July 30 4:00 PM	Sunday July 31 8:00 AM	Sunday July 31 10:30 AM
ORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Deacon Phil Boettcher		
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Barbara Dayton, Fred Bisch, Jeanne Welsh	Jose Marrero, Lisa Zeig, Annamarie DiCihara, Eva Shephard, Keith Pflaum	Steve Shoemaker, Karen Grahn, Christopher Rohling, Leonard Mueninghoff, Bonnie Murphy
USHERS	Mike Burns, Connie Barnett	Jodie James, Michael Rall	Charles Boyd, Phillip Troha
LECTOR	Cathy Johnson – 1 Bill Charles - 2	Ginny Willis – 1 Hilton Jordon - 2	Mary Beth Crumly – 1 Ray Emmerson - 2
MASS COORDINATOR	Tom and Mary Ann Stith	Joe and Cindy Evans	Leonard and Heidi Mueninghoff
GREETERS	Pat Smith, Rae Sarver	Anthony and Diana Cuicchi	Paul Roche
ALTAR SERVER		Kim Pham	Kendall, Hannah, and Jenna Grahn
ALTAR LINENS	JoAnne Davis		
CANTORS	Tom Membrino	Allison Creel	Matt Stewart

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham 21st Annual Conference on July 29 and 30

The 21st Annual CCROB Conference will be held in the Family Life Center at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on July 29 and at 8:00 a.m. on July 30. The conference theme is "Thy Will Be Done." The main speaker will be **Andi Oney** along with **Father** Frankline Fomukong and Jackie Smoke.

The registration fee for individuals is \$25 and \$65 for a family of 3 or more. Register online at www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org or mail registration to: CCROB, 1222 Hueytown Rd, Hueytown, AL 35023. For further information contact Sally Smith at 205-983-4150 or Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947. You may also register at the conference. Everyone is welcome!

THE HEALING ROAD: **MOVING THROUGH THE CHANGE WEEKEND RETREAT**

Friday, August 26 - Sunday, August 28, 2022

Retreat Description: Everyone experiences at one time or another life events that bring them to their knees, where Hope and Light fade. The Healing Road retreat participant has an opportunity to tune in to God's healing presence in the context of prayer fellowship and wisdom words

WHAT TIME DOES IT START?

Check-in Friday night from 6-7 pm EST. Retreat begins at 7pm EST and ends after Lunch on Sunday

NEED INFORMATION?

Contact: Retreat Team Leader

Cindy Hoover, MCA Phone: 334-614-8669

Email: cjhoover_99@yahoo.com

WHERE IS IT HELD?

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat 107 Holy Trinity Rd Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856 WHAT IS THE COST?

Overnight: \$200.00 per person (includes \$85.00 non-refundable deposit)

Day Hop: \$95.00 per person (includes a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit)



Have you, or someone you know, ever thought of joining the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not

received First Eucharist or Confirmation?

Well, R.C.I.A. may be the answer to your questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of spiritual and educational formation for adults who seek to reflect on becoming full members of the Roman Catholic Church through their conversion of mind and heart.

The program this year will begin on Monday, Sept.12 and conclude in May 2023, meeting weekly (with few exceptions). The high point is of course the Great Easter Vigil when those who, after discernment and prayer, are received into the Church.

We will host three information sessions this summer: Saturday, July 30 at 5:30 PM and Monday, August 8 at 6:00 PM, all in the Parish Hall. Meetings will be about 1 hour. If you have a sponsor, please invite them as well. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Phil Boettcher at 205 541 5625, pfboettcher@outlook.com. Looking forward to meeting you.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION GRANT

The Knights of Columbus Council at St Mark the Evangelist would like to congratulate the recipients of our first annual Catholic Education Grant program for the 2022 school year:

- The Boggs Family (1 student)
- The Driggers Family (2 students)
- The Ford Family (3 students)

Our Knights are happy to have started this program to encourage families to enroll their children at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic school. We think that a Christ-centered learning community that fosters academic excellence, positive moral development, and community service is important to a child's overall growth.







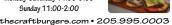
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