

JULY 31, 2022 | EIGHTEENTH 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

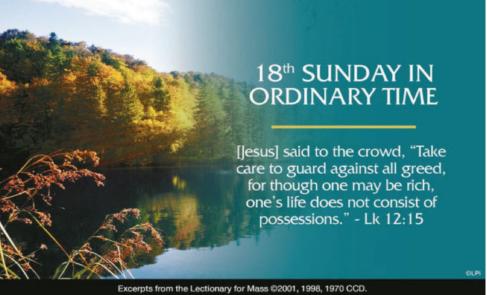
Saturday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Other | By appointment

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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Facebook.com | "Saint Mark the Evangelist Youth" olumbar | lastmark.youthgroups

New Parishioner Registration | stmarkrc.org/registration Donate Online | membership.faithdirect.net/AL414

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

On this Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded to remain focused on our quest for heaven. It is a call to live a Christ centered life. We are urged to focus our attention on the heavenly realities more than on the earthly ones. Today we are also reminded that we live in a transitory world, so we are called to make use of the things of this world prudently without losing sight of life with God as our goal.

The first reading of this Sunday begins with a warning: "Vanity, vanity, all things are vanity...!" It strikes a reality that most of us have neglected. However, one day each one of us will come to terms with it. Qoheleth calls us to remember God in all we do. He reminds us that there will be an end to all created things. He also reminds us that the purpose of our life on this earth is to journey to heaven.

In the second reading, St. Paul clearly differentiates true life, which is life lived in Christ, from life lived outside Christ. Without mincing words, he reminds us that we must be heaven bound where Christ is everything. He tells us to transform our lives by calling us to be steadfast in our search for all that is good, honorable, and true. Sometimes we can be so attached to the things of this world that we hardly reflect about heaven anymore. St. Paul reminds us to live a Christ-centered life. A life that will prepare us for the heavenly banquet.

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to us as he did to the man from the crowd: "Watch out and be on your guard, for a person's life is not measured by possessions." The pursuit of wealth and the pleasures of this world have blinded so many people to the reality that we are pilgrims here on earth. St. Thomas Aquinas said: "Temporal goods are subject to man, that he may use them according to his needs, not that he should make them his main purpose, or be overly anxious about them." The more we place our hopes on things of this world, the more we lose sight of heaven. This is because: "Where a man's wealth is, there is his soul."

So, let us fix our eyes and minds on heavenly things, and not only on the vain things of this earth. There is a saying that: "Real men and women love Jesus, and not riches!" Indeed, real men and women are those who despite their fame, wealth, and achievements, love Jesus above all things.

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 07/17/2022

Weekly Offertory	\$18,489
Building Fund	
Holy Days	
Total Collection	\$45,750
YEAR TO DATE	
Weekly Offertory	\$584,578
Building Fund	\$426,367
Holy Days	\$11,446
Total Collection	\$1,022,391
Budget	\$944,757
Parish Debt—New PLC BLDG	\$3,695,667
Stained Glass Project Donations	\$126,350

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

The St. Mark the Evangelist Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps hundreds of our neighbors throughout the greater Birmingham area with utilities and rental assistance. Donate your old vehicles (cars, trucks, boats, etc.) and support our mission to help prevent evictions and keep utilities on. Donating is easy, tax deductible, and free towing is provided. Just call 800-322-8284 and indicate that you want your donation to go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mark the Evangelist Conference.

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 Nevin Newton

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READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 1

Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 2

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 3

12:00 pm Mass † Quarterly Memorial Mass

Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 4

9:00 am Mass † Jim Smith

Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 5

9:00 am Mass † Shirley Charles

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 6

9:00 am Mass † Joe Scotch

4:00 pm Mass † William Patrick Lartique

Next Sunday, August 7—St. John Vianney

8:00 am Mass † Rose Marie Bruno

10:30 am Mass † People of the Parish Ezekiel 3:17-21 / Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Matthew 9:35-10:1

SYMPATHY

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

... Josephine Richardson, parishioner

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
Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
Reception and Reflections on Father Coyle
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8/12/1921



QUARTERLY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Please plan to join prayer at our quarterly Mass of remembrance which will be celebrated on

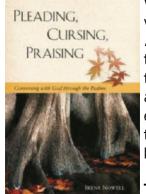
Wednesday, August 3 at 12:00 pm.



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



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 regis-

ter by emailing Sr Madeline at <u>SrMadeline@stmarkrc.org</u> 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

We have received approximately 25% of potential registrations. Your registration helps us accurately plan for the needs of additional classes and catechists. If you have not yet done so, please register for PSR today. 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:

Mandatory Confirmation Parent & Confirmandi Meeting Wednesday, August 10th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm or Sunday, August 14th, 9:00 am - 10:00 am in Youth Center Social Hall



Your Help Matters – Come and Make a Difference



Parish School of Religion Catechists, Aides, and Substitutes

We are looking at expanding our PSR offering for certain grades to Wednesday afternoon. Duplicate classes mean an increase in number of catechists.

Sunday morning needs include First Communion Lead Catechist, 3rd Grade Lead Catechist, 4th Grade Lead Catechist and 7th Grade Lead and Assistant. Wednesday afternoon needs are still being evaluated. Please prayerfully consider this special vocation to serve the youth of our Parish.

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!







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 SCHEDULE	Saturday August 6 4:00 PM	Sunday August 7 8:00 AM	Sunday August 7 10:30 AM
ORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Deacon Phil Boettcher	Deacon Phil Boettcher	Deacon Phil Boettcher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Shaun McPhail, Ann Penton, Jorge Grana, Cathy Johnson	Katherine Rall, Ginny Willis, Holli Mock	Vincent Lovoy, Ana Hall, Jackie Dudley, Leonard Mueninghoff, Christopher Bowers
USHERS	Brandon Moseley, George Juneman	Kirk Creel, Michael Rall	Jay Aycock, Britt Bowens, Luke Perrigo, Jacob Rearden
LECTOR	Fred Rains – 1 Darlene McCulloch - 2	Kristie Ford – 1 Gloria Cuffia – 2	Sandy Fleury = 1 Phillip Troha - 2
MASS COORDINATOR	Bill and Jeanne Welsh	Sammy and Theresa Romano	Christopher and Pamela Rohling
GREETERS	Karen Kapp, Rae Sarver	Ken Lorek, Lynda Smith	Bill and Elizabeth Payne
ALTAR SERVER	Kim Pham	lsaac Ford, Kelly Creel, Kieran Ford	Johnathan, Juliana, Nathaniel Rohling
ALTAR LINENS	JoAnne Rixey		
CANTORS	Cynthia Brown	Allison Creel	Kathryn Garaca

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.

For more information about the Catholic Education Grant program, please visit the Knights of Columbus page on the church's website.

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)

NEWS AND UPDATES



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

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 an information session on Monday, August 8 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Meeting 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.













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