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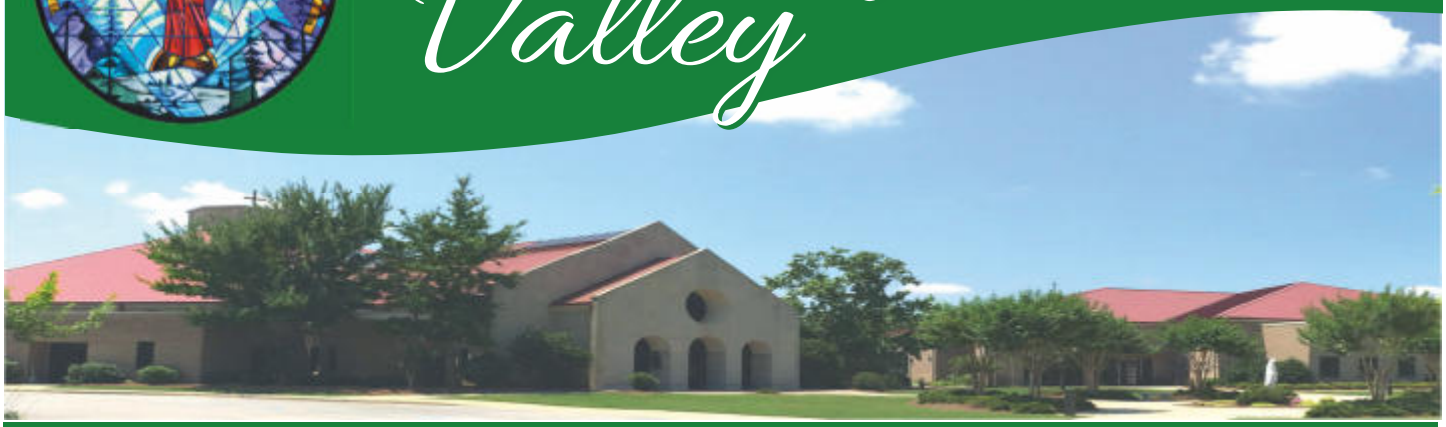

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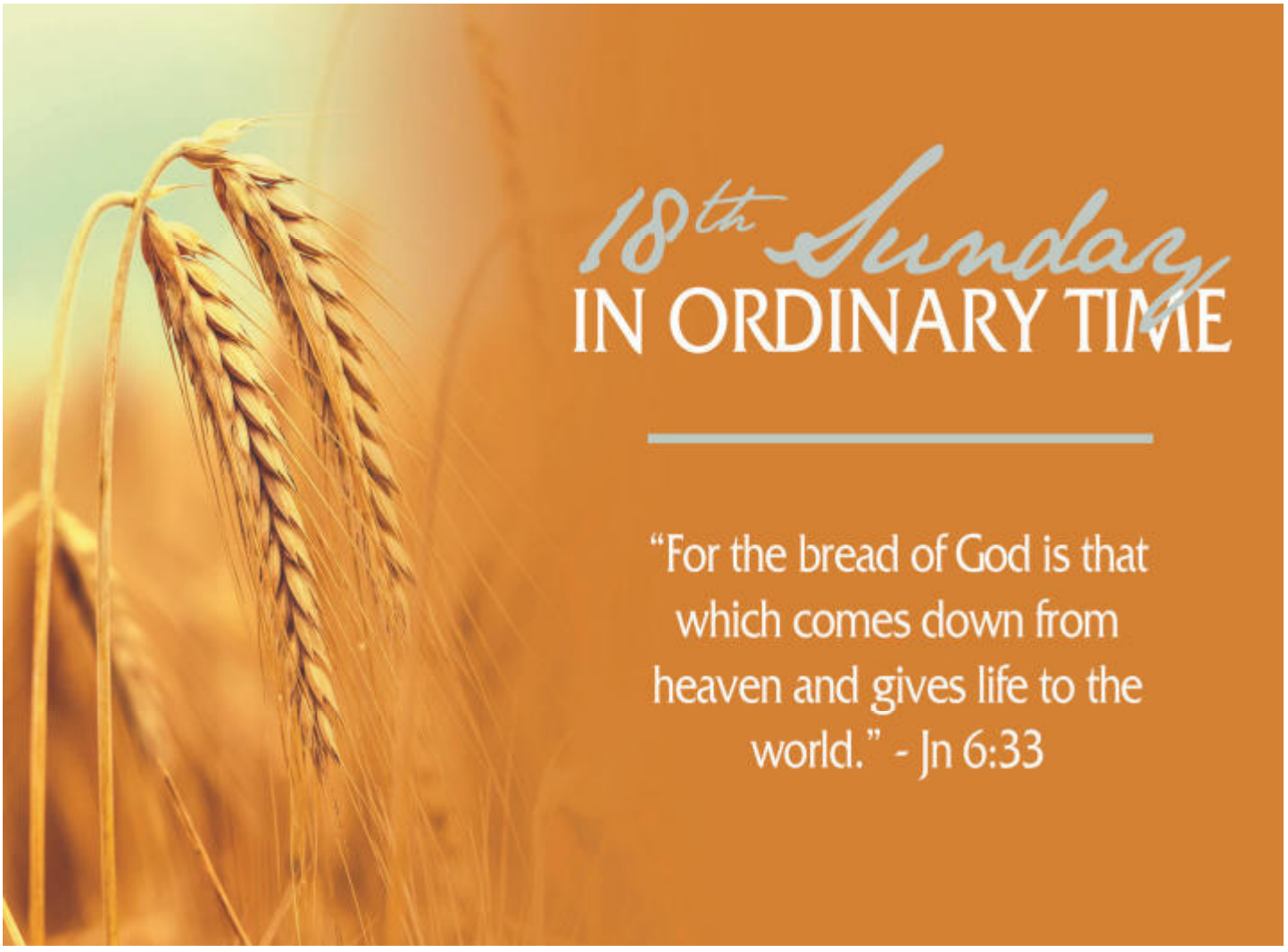

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All visitors and anyone interested in joining our parish family, are welcome to call the church office if you have questions.

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PRAYER

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

6:20 A.M. MIGUEL DIEGUEZ III RIP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:45 A.M INTENTIONS OF THE MARCIA GARCIA FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

12:00 Noon KEVIN M. RYAN RIP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

7:45 A.M. IHS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

6:20 A.M. JACKIE LANGLOIS MAINO RIP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

5:00 P.M. IHS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 A.M. PRO POPULO

8:30 A.M. HIS

11:00 A.M. IHS

Confessions : Saturdays at 3:00 P.M. in the cry room

DAILY Mass Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:45 A.M.

Wednesdays at NOON

WEEKEND Mass Schedule: Saturday evenings at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday mornings at 7:00 A.M., 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

For your information:

*To schedule a baptism, please call the church office.

*For privacy reasons, when requesting pastoral care for the sick or dying, or to give notice of death, an immediate family member must notify the office directly at 205-991-5488.

*Marriage preparations must be made at least six months in advance. Please call the church office.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then the LORD said to Moses,
"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.
Each day the people are to go out and gather their
daily portion;
thus I will test them,
to see whether they follow my instructions or not."
(Ex 16:4)

PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

SECOND READING:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
and put on the new self,
created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.
(Eph 4:23-24)

GOSPEL:

"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Wednesday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Thursday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Friday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECT

FIRST READING

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their "grumbling" by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

SECOND READING

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should "put away" the bad parts of "your former way of life." How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today the introduction of Jesus' extended "bread of life" discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate "manna" (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: "I am the bread of life." How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?

PRAYERS

FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Come join us Friday, **August 6th, following 6:20 am Mass**
in the chapel for the **First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**.
We will pray for the needs of our clergy, parish, and personal intentions.
Our Lord has promised through St. Margaret Mary Alocoque, safe refuge and salvation to all who honor his sacred heart on nine consecutive First Fridays by attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, and making reparation for our offenses.
As stated by Pope Pius XI in 1928, *"Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart is an extraordinary remedy for the extraordinary needs of our time."*

MARY'S CORNER
Our Lady Queen of Peace

Our Lady Queen of Peace is the title given to Mary as patroness of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. During the French Revolution (1789-1799), Fr. Peter Coudrin hid in an attic for six months where he had a vision of being surrounded by groups of priests and sisters in white robes. He believed this to be a sign from God of a religious order he was to establish. He began his underground ministry in Poitiers. In 1794, he met Henriette Aymer de Chevalerie after she was released from prison for hiding a priest. She shared with Fr. Peter a vision she had similar to his vision of groups of priests and sisters dressed in white robes. Together, in 1800, they officially established the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Founding new schools for poor children and seminaries, they spread the message of God's unconditional love and mercy. In 1827 they organized teams of missionaries to spread the Gospel to the Pacific Islands. Establishing the Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, they built the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace and consecrated the islands under her protection. It is one of the oldest Roman Cathedrals in continuous use in the United States. Her memorial feast is celebrated on January 24th in Hawaii, and July 9th in other areas, because the Archbishop of Paris crowned the original statue on that date in 1906.
Feast Day: July 9th, Patron Saint: Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Heavenly Father,

We ask that you spare all souls from the scourge of abortion and protect the lives of children in the womb.
Give hope and courage to their mothers to embrace life and know the peace of doing Your will.
Give your strength to all fathers that they may always protect and cherish mother and child.
Cause our elected leaders and courts to recognize and, through the law, protect the personhood of all unborn children.
Lift up all church leaders to proclaim a Culture of Life.
Lead those who have participated in abortions to repentance and healing.
Bring about the conversion of those who facilitate abortions and deny the birthright of children.
Grant us the courage and energy to be Defenders of Life.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and through the intercession of His most Blessed Mother, Mary

Amen

STEWARDSHIP

THE DAILY EXAMEN OF STEWARDSHIP

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?
What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?
To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?
Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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(repair & maintenance fund)
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Poor Box:
$847.00

On-Line Giving:

(7/21/2021 - 7/26/2021)

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RenewOLV!:
(capital expenditures)
$1,622.56

Century Club:
(repair & maintenance fund)
$0.00

A **POOR BOX** has been placed in the chapel and church for acts of almsgiving - one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy.
Please donate generously.

Fr. Kelly will distribute these funds to assist the needy in our area.

For those attending masses throughout the week, when there are no offertory baskets out, please consider donating to the Poor Box.

Gracious and Loving God, Help the men and women of the Diocese of Birmingham hear your call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel. Dedicated holy sisters, brothers, deacons and priests, who will give themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the same, yesterday, today and forever.
R. Mary, Mother of Vocations V. Pray for us

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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Date_____ Family Email address_____

Family address_____
(Number & Street or P.O. Box #) City Zip code

Family phone number_____

Head of Household Mr.__Mrs.__Ms.__ Name_____
First Name Last Name

Email address_____ Cell # _____

Spouse Name_____
First Name Last Name

Email address_____ Cell # _____

Phone # and person to contact in case of emergency_____

Registration Fees: $75 one child, $100 two children, $125 three or more children – ADD $25 for each child receiving a sacrament this year. Please make checks payable to "OLV PSR"

Child's Name_____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Nick Name_____Date of Birth_____
Month, Day, Year

Public School your child attends_____Grade_____

Sacraments received: Baptism____1st Reconciliation____1st Holy Communion____ Confirmation_____

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Please list any allergies, health problems, special educational needs or family concerns for your children:
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If you or your spouse would like to volunteer as a PSR teacher, assistant or substitute and/or assist with our youth groups, please indicate which grade(s) you are interested in_____

PARISH NEWS

"ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED"

Our Landscape committee is getting smaller, and smaller, and smaller. We have 25 acres of property here at Our Lady of the Valley. It is a beautiful campus, with the Church, School, Social Hall, Office and Rectory. Thus we have countless bushes, trees, flower beds, and other areas that need constant tlc (tender loving care). Bushes continue to grow, weeds love the hot wet weather, and tree limbs love to hang down. If you have a green thumb or not makes no difference when it comes to pulling weeds, running the billy goat, picking up branches or helping burn the rubbish which accumulates. If you want to pile up rewards in heaven, we desperately need your help. Tuesday mornings from 7:30 till about 9:30 our crew gathers to work, talk, sweat, and enjoy the outdoors and fresh air. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Chris or Dan Whitaker at 205-612-0633, or e-mail us at danwhitaker383@charter.net. If you can not come on Tuesday's and would like to work at another time you may do so. The daily pay is not very good, but the retirement benefits are *"OUT OF THIS WORLD."* God Bless you. Deacon Dan and Chris Whitaker.

Come Join in the Fun....Don't be one of those with FOMO (fear of missing out)

We are looking for interested individuals to join us in Room A of the Social Hall on **Monday evening, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m**. for a planning session for our Food Festival 2021!

The food festival has proven to be a fantastically fun event for our parish and we are excited to plan for this year's scheduled for Saturday, November 13th..... but we need help and lots of volunteers.

PARISH NEWS

Toy Bowl Volleyball Registration

Registration is now open for the 2021 Toy Bowl volleyball season. Toy Bowl volleyball is open to all boys and girls in 2nd-8th grades. Players must be enrolled in OLV School or in the OLV or St. Mark PSR program. Program information and the online registration form can be found at 2021 Registration Form If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Director at olveaglesathletics@gmail.com. Deadline to register is Sunday, August 15.

Position open in the OLV lunchroom

Hours approximately 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Duties will include preparation of food, help in serving and
work in the milk and ice cream room.
Please call Barbara Just for more information at 205-790-2053.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church is looking for interested individuals to help serve our parish as Ushers during the Masses.

Please consider participating in this ministry.

Call Mark Woodard at 205-784-7586

OLV School NOW HIRING

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School is currently accepting resumes for the following part-time teaching positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

School Counselor, grades Pre-K3 through 8th grade.

Athletic Director

Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter, and references to the school principal, Andy Rothery at arothery@olvsch.com.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School is a fully accredited school through the Diocese of Birmingham. Additionally, the school is a two-time recipient of the Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award. Most recently, the school has been voted the "Best Private School in Shelby County" by Shelby Living magazine.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gift Shop Hours:

For your convenience, our gift shop is open 30 minutes before and after the 5:00 pm mass on Saturdays and the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses on Sundays.

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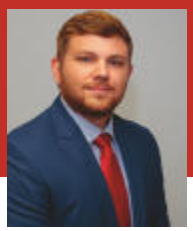

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