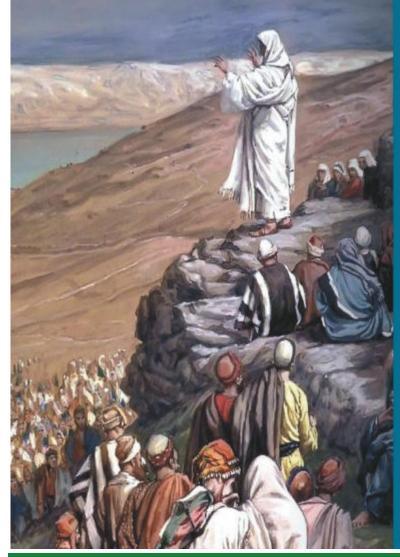


SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY . BIRMINGHAM, AL

Welcome to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

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, SEPTEMBER 13

6:20 A.M. PRO POPULO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:45 A.M ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 12:00 Noon ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 7:45 A.M. ANTHONY "TONY" SCHILLECI RIP

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:20 A.M. SYDNEY LEE ANN WHITAKER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:00 P.M. IHS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 A.M. IHS

8:30 A.M. IHS

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.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday:	ls 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
	Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday:	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday:	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.



Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will – MATTHEW 5:8 – 6100

PRAYERS

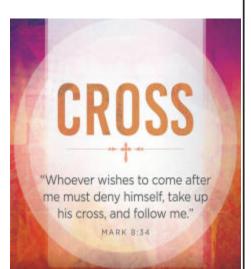
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MARY'S CORNER

Our Lady of Good Counsel

In the fifth century, the small town of Genazzano, southeast of Rome, contributed a large sum of money to Pope Sixtus III for the restoration of St. Mary Major in Rome. In appreciation, a Church was built in Genazzano and entrusted to the care of the Augustinian Fathers. As time passed, the church was in need of large repairs. With no help from the town, a local widow, Petruccia de Geneo, donated all of her savings for the restoration, but was unable to finish the project. On St. Mark's Day, April 25, 1467, a crowd of people witnessed as a cloud descended upon the unfinished church. The church bells began to ring on their own, and as the cloud moved, it revealed a portrait of Mary that

came to rest on a narrow ledge near an unfinished wall in the church. The painting, now known as Our Lady of Good Counsel, is on a thin layer of plaster as thin as an egg shell, and is suspended without support. Two weeks after the event, two refugees from Albania arrived in the town and testified that the same painting was in a church in Albania a few weeks earlier but disappeared when the town was invaded. Upon checking their story, an empty space the size of the picture was left in the plaster of a church at Scutari in Albania. Because of the miraculous event, the church in Genazzano was completed and pilgrimages began. In the first six months, over 170 miracles were recorded. In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII granted an Office and Mass of Our Lady of Good Counsel for April 25th, but it is celebrated a day later to avoid conflict with the feast of St. Mark. Feast Day: April 26 Patron Saint: Albania, diocese of Essen, Germany, enlightenment, diocese of Sandburst, Victoria.



Prayer Opportunities for all Parishioners:

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

All are welcome to join in prayer every Tuesday following 7:45am Mass in the Church for the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Rosary

Join in praying the rosary in honor of Our Lady at 7:15 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays prior to 7:45am Mass in the church.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available to all, in the chapel, on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (Midnight), and on the first Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP & PRAYER

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.

Stewardship.....

A Way of Life

Stewardship is not optional. "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul.

"While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as his servants." See Romans 14: 7-9

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Pt. 4:10



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

Your Sacrificial Offering

September 5, 2021

This information was not available at the time of the bulletin upload.

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



PARISH NEWS

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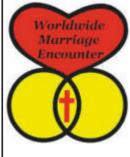
OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 FROM 5PM TO 7PM

AT 557 CAHABA VALLEY RD., PELHAM, AL

DINE IN, DRIVE THRU, CURBSIDE & DELIVERY ----

DURING OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT, WE WILL DONATE A PORTION OF SALES TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE.

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The **Altar Sodality** welcomes all women of the parish to become involved in our service to OLV as we build friendships and support others. Come join us as we follow our motto of "Do what you can, when you can, with a happy heart." Our ministries include items such as care and cleaning of the altar and linens, Angel Tree, Comfort and Care, and Confirmation Bows. We offer two meetings each month (first Wednesday 9:30 AM and third Thursday at 6:30 PM) to accommodate various schedules.

Please come to our next Night Meeting on Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall meeting room C. A brief meeting will be held followed by BUNCO for those who wish to participate. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Norden at <u>OLVALTARSODALITY@gmail.com</u>

> For Our Lady of the Valley Grief Support, please contact Judy Harder 205-903-5414 or 205-995-0825

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is now having LIVE Weekend Experiences! Unlock the power of your relationship with new ways to do the **"I do."** Renew the romance and live your best life in love. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together! Alabama's next **IN PERSON WEEKEND IS OCTOBER 15-17, 2021.** St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.

You can get more information or register online at <u>www.wwme.org</u> or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at <u>205-530-3607</u>.

Please visit your Parish website or use the following links for more information.

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SEPTEMBER 12TH 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Don't miss this opportunity to promote your brand and expand your market through the OLV HERO RUN in our local community by purchasing a sponsorship for our 2021 race!

To sign on as a 2021 sponsor or with any questions, please email olvherorun@olvsch.com or call 205-991-5963 x233 to see how your company can build better business opportunities in our local community!

	CHAMPION \$1,000	AVENGER \$750	GUARDIAN \$500	VICTOR \$300	WARRIOR \$150	HERO MILE \$100
Logo on T-Shirts & Banners	1	1	1	1	1	-
Logo & links on website	1	1	1	14	18	-
Material in all race packets	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mile Sponsor Sign	1	-	-		ш.	1
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One Voice Changes!

This September, the One Voice and its mission evolves. Every registered household in the Diocese of Birmingham is set to receive a copy of the new One Voice magazine, doubling the reach of the newspaper. With a focus on evangelization, each issue will feature stories offering new perspectives on the reader's own Catholic faith and their relationship with Jesus. Be sure not to miss out: you must be a registered member of a parish. The last issue of the One Voice newspaper will be mailed to subscribers August 20, 2021. Local news will now be published regularly on the One Voice website, onvoicebhm.org. Additionally, a new One Voice e-mail newsletter will be e-mailed out every other Friday, beginning September 3, 2021. To ensure you receive the e-mail newsletter, sign-up at bhmdiocese.org/e-news. For more information, visit bhmdiocese.org or e-mail onevoice@bhmdiocese.org.

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YOUTH & PARISH NEWS



The annual March for Life bus trip is on the calendar for 2022! All 9th through 12th graders are welcome to attend. We will depart on Wednesday, MARCH FOR LIFE January 26th and return on the 30th .The cost is \$300.00. A deposit of \$100.00 is due by October \$300.00. A deposit of \$100.00 is due by October 4th . The youth group will be hosting a fund raiser to defray the cost. Please contact Mark Woodard with

questions or to save a spot for your child/children. His cell is 205-784-7586 and his email is mwoodard@olvsch.com

Middle School Youth Group Kickoff!

All middle school aged youth of our parish are welcome!

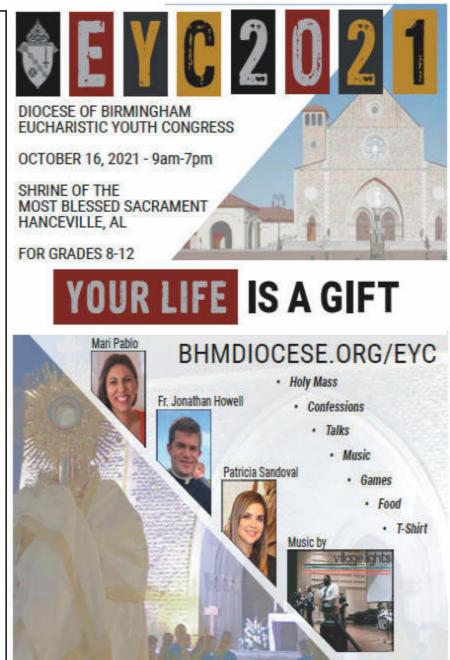
Come make new friends and enjoy time with old friends.

We will have our first meeting on September 12th at 4pm. The meeting will start in the Middle School Youth Room in the Parish Center followed by kickball on the soccer field then dinner in the Parish Center.

Parents, pick up time is 6:00 p.m. September 26th will be our second meeting.

The Middle School Youth Group meetings will are scheduled for every other Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact OLV youth minister, Mark Woodard, at mwoodard@olvsch.com or (205) 784-7586.



PARISH NEWS

COAT DRIVE!

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a coat drive during the month of September. Please bring your lightly use coats and place them in the boxes at the entrances to the church. All coats will be distributed through Birmingham to families in need.

Save the Date:

October 2,2021 Blessing of the Animals

October 19, 2021 RCIA classes begin

November 13, 2021 5th Annual Food Festival 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

WORLD MISSION YOUTH FAIR



When: Saturday, Oct. 23. Who: Diocesan youth grades 5-8 Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. *Concluding with a 2 p.m. World Mission Mass celebrated by Bishop Steven Raica.

Hosted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. The fair will include food, games, and a raffle.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REDISTRATION. PLEASE VISIT WWW.BHMDIOCESE.ORD OR CONTACT CHRISTINA WRIGHT AT PROPFAITHOBHMDIOCESE.ORD

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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