

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCI

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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 20

6:20 A.M. FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LORI HINES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:45 A.M MIKE VOGT RIP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 12:00 Noon WANDA LANE HARTLEY RIP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 7:45 A.M. ANNELIES MULLENS RIP

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:20 A.M. INTENTIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 P.M. PRO POPULO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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 19, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

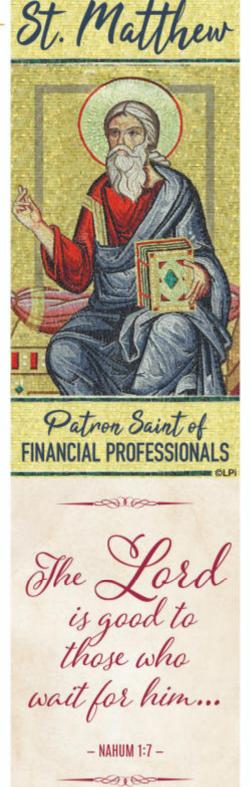
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday				
Monday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest,				
	and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs				
Tuesday:	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist				
Thursday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest				
Saturday:	BVM				
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time				

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



PRAYERS



MARY'S CORNER

Our Lady of Mercy (or Ransom)

In 1218, the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Peter Nolasco with this message, "Find for me other men like yourself, an army of brave, generous, unselfish men, and send them into the lands where the children of the Faith are suffering". Peter had been working for several years trying to ransom the Christian captives taken by the Saracens or Moors for slaves. He was very devoted to Christ and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When Peter asked Our Lady who was talking to him, she revealed herself as Mary, the Mother of God. She asked Peter, St. Raymond of Pennafort and King James of Aragon to establish an Order dedicated to visiting and to freeing Christians in captivity. She was dressed in white with the shield of the Order imprinted on her Scapular. Following Our Lady's request, the Mercedarian Order was constituted in Barcelona by King James. Pope

Gregory IX approved the Order in 1235 with Peter as the first superior. Many of the new Order were religious who prayed and collected alms for the Christians in captivity. The other group in the Order were knights who actually went to the camps to buy back the Christians, or to trade places with them, securing their freedom. As well as Our Lady of Mercy, Mary was also given the name Our Lady of Ransom upon this apparition. She is often pictured holding two bags of coins to symbolize the ransom paid. Thousands of Christian prisoners were freed by this Order. Feast Day: September 24. Patron Saint of: Barcelona

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



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

Memorial and In Honor Gifts:

A donation has been made to Our Lady of Valley by Mary & Darryl Outlaw in memory of **Marie & Witold Turkiewicz.**

A donation has been made to Our Lady of the Valley in honor of **Arabella Valentina Calderone** by Anthony & Andrea Calderone.

> 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.





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

Requests for the OLV Prayer Chain can be submitted through the church website www.olvchurchbirmingham.com or by sending an email to Kirk Sanford k.sanford@bellsouth.net



<u>September 5, 2021</u>

Offertory: \$13,160.00 RENEW OLV!

(capital expenditures) \$4,349.00

Century Club: (repair & maintenance fund) \$600.00 Poor Box:

\$690.00

September 12, 2021

Offertory: \$15,704.00 RENEW OLV! (capital expenditures) \$3,459.00

Century Club: (repair & maintenance fund) \$1,300.00 Poor Box: \$623.00

On-Line Giving:

(8/31/2021-9/13/2021)

Offertory: \$15,425.84

RenewOLV!: (capital expenditures) \$4,291.95

Century Club: (repair & maintenance fund) \$520.70

PARISH NEWS

Due to the continued surge of COVID cases, and for the wellbeing of all participants, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend scheduled for October 15-17, 2021 **has been changed to VIRTUAL.** YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME.

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

Annual Charity

Golf Tournament Oak Mountain State Park Golf Course

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Knights of Columbus Council 9676



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SIGNED UP FOR THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WE ARE SOLD OUT – 25 FOURSOMES

Send us your name and contact info to be put on a "Waiting List"

Thank you to all of the Hole Sponsors who are supporting the KOC. The Tournament Website includes a chart showing the logos of our Hole Sponsors for this year's tournament. Here is the LINK:

https://koc-9676-golf.mailchimpsites.com/

Are you interested in being a Hole Sponsor or Prize Donor? Please send us an email to <u>KOC9676Golf@gmail.com</u>, or call or text 205.966.4536 <u>Leave your name, cell phone number</u> <u>and email address. We will contact you with the details.</u>

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Volunteer to help us on this fund raising project to see what we are all about. Contact us using the email address or cell number shown above.

marriage

OF TRAGEDIES OBSCURED BY THE

CASIONAL MIRACLE.

encounter

PARISH NEWS

DO YOU HAVE A RELATIVE OR FRIEND WHO IS MENTALLY ILL?

A **support group** for persons who have a friend, relative, spouse, children, or sibling **suffering from a mental illness**, will be meeting **Monday, September 20, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. in room the Adult Education Room in the building behind the church. The group is intended to support the caregivers of those suffering from the following kinds of mental disorders: anxiety, depression, PTSD, mood, personality, or psychotic disorders. For further information, please contact Jan Naccari at 205-531.2966, or email Lisa Rowley <u>Irowley@gmail.com</u> **before attending for the first time**. Confidentiality is assured. Please come!





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 MILI \$100
Logo on T-Shirts & Banners	~	1	1	1	1	-
Logo & links on website	✓	1	1	14	÷	-
Material in all race packets	~	1	 Image: A second s	1	1	1
Mile Sponsor Sign	1	-	-	-	-	1
Race event entries	5	4	3	2	1	-



2021 sponsor signup deadline 10.10.2021

YOUTH & PARISH NEWS

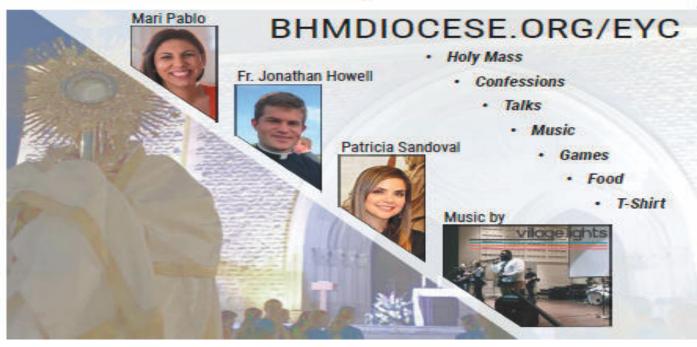


The annual March for Life bus trip is on the calendar for 2022! All 9th through 12th graders are welcome to attend. We will depart on Wednesday, January 26th and return on the 30th .The cost is \$300.00. A deposit of \$100.00 is due by October 4th . The youth group will be hosting a fund raiser to defray 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 <u>mwoodard@olvsch.com</u>



YOUR LIFE IS A GIFT



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 PROPFAITHCBHMDIOCESE.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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