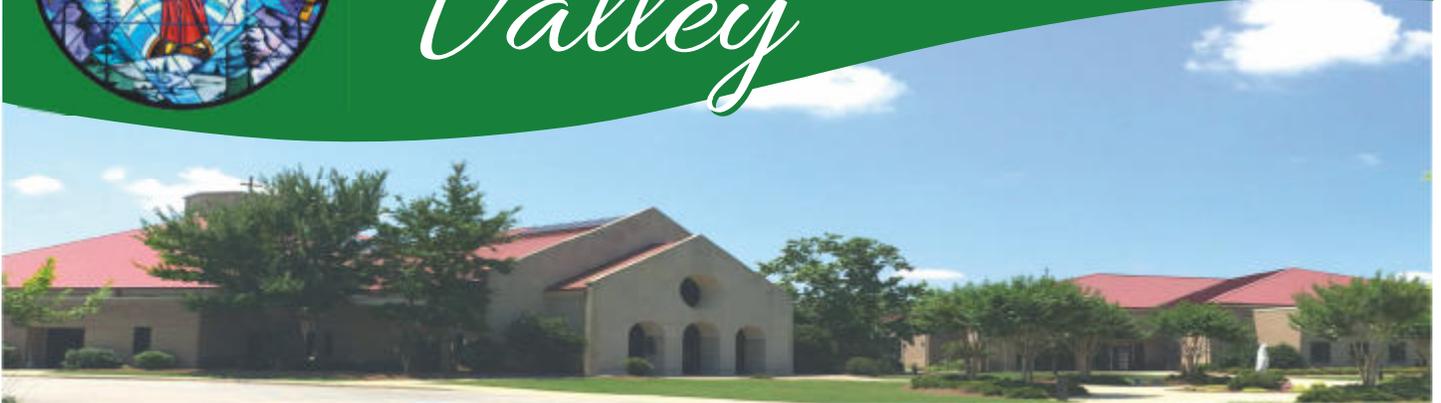




# Our Lady of the Valley



OCTOBER 24, 2021



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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## 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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**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.**

# PRAYER

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**6:20 A.M. DOMINIC PELLEGRINO RIP**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**7:45 A.M. VETA GIANGROSSO RIP**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**12:00 NOON EDWARD HAUBER RIP**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**7:45 A.M. LOUIS STEED**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**6:20 A.M. WILLIAM FELDCAMP RIP**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**5:00 P.M. PRO POPULO**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**7:00 A.M. IHS**

**8:30 A.M. IHS**

**11:00 A.M. IHS**



### Adult Choir

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:30-7:30 pm - Rehearsal / Church

Sunday, October 31, 2021 10:30 a.m. - Rehearsal/Chapel

11:00 a.m. - Choir at Mass

### Children's Choir

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 –3:30 – 4:30 pm- Rehearsal/Church

\*First mass will be November 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

\*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 church office directly at 205-991-5488.

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

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

**Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

**Thursday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

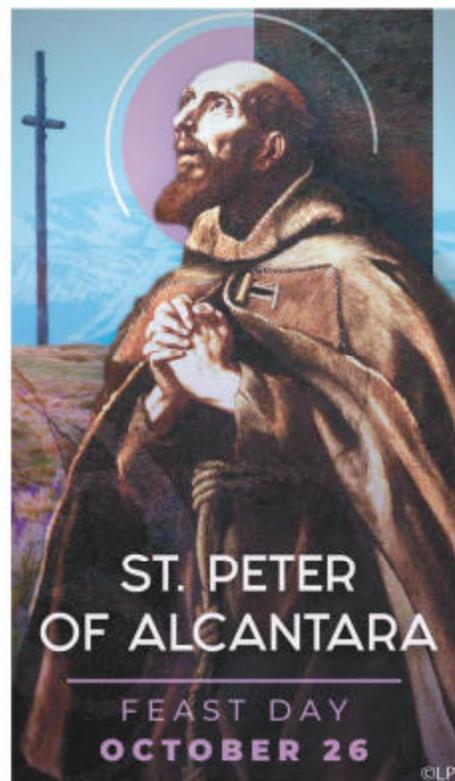
**Saturday:** BVM

**Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.

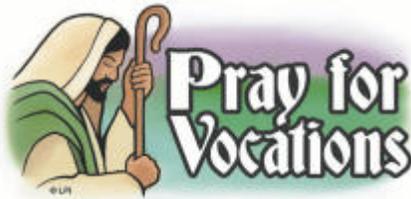
# PRAYERS



## MARY'S CORNER

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is the title given to Mary by the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Jules Chevalier. As an assistant priest at Issoudun, France, Jules told another assistant priest about his dream to start a new Order. Together they prayed and asked God for a sign that they should move forward. The novena ended on December 8, 1854, and on that same day the two priests were told that twenty thousand francs had been given by a charitable person for them to establish a good work. The Archbishop would not give approval of the new Order until the priests could continue with a regular income. Nine days before the Feast of the Immaculate Heart, the two priests promised Mary that they would dedicate the new Order to the Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and make them known throughout the world. At the end of the nine days, another person promised one thousand francs per year to the priests to live on. The Archbishop was satisfied, but his Council rejected the proposal, saying that the priests were too young to start such an organization and maintain it. Jules was asked to forget the pursuit but He continued to pray to the Blessed Mother. The Archbishop finally went over the Council and authorized the two priests to start the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. They soon became the clergy of the archdiocese. Fr. Jules worked for several years on how he would honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. He put the devotion of the Sacred Heart and Mary together in the title, "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart". Feast day: May 31, Patron Saint: Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



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

Requests for the OLV Prayer Chain can be submitted through the church website [www.olvchurchbirmingham.com](http://www.olvchurchbirmingham.com) or by sending an email to Kirk Sanford [k.sanford@bellsouth.net](mailto:k.sanford@bellsouth.net)

## 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 birth-right 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 & PRAYER

### Memorial Offerings:

A gift has been made to Our Lady of the Valley in HONOR of **Fr. James Altman** by Eugene and Brandi Gill.

A gift has been made to Our Lady of the Valley in MEMORY of **Robert Bates** by Teresa Bates.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Your Sacrificial Offering

### October 10, 2021

**Offertory:**

\$15,201.00

**RENEW OLV!**

(capital expenditures)

\$2,760.00

**Century Club:**

(repair & maintenance fund)

\$200.00

**Poor Box:**

\$449.00

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.



## 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*

### October 17, 2021

**Offertory:**

\$21,601.00

**RENEW OLV!**

(capital expenditures)

\$5,242.00

**Century Club:**

(repair & maintenance fund)

\$100.00

**Poor Box:**

\$2,796.00

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

**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.

### On-Line Giving:

(10/5/2021-10/18/2021)

**Offertory:**

\$17,461.67

**RENEW OLV!**

\$5,331.45

**Century Club:**

\$2,295.00

# PARISH NEWS

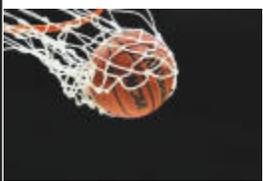
## ANGEL TREE 2021 COVID EDITION

The OLV Altar Sodality ANGEL TREE will look a little different again this year. Due to the COVID situation, we will not be shopping for individual gift requests. Instead, we will be collecting \$25 Walmart and Target gift cards. We will also accept monetary donations (cash and checks made payable to OLV Altar Sodality) as well as on-line donations through the WESHARE site.

Please bring your gift cards/donations to the Church on November 6/7 or

November 13/14 and drop in the Angel Tree baskets at the entrances. Our Angel Tree will be helping OLV families and children served by Oak Mountain Missions.

Our primary focus this year will be helping children who are 18 and under. If you have any questions about the Angel Tree or would like to make a donation, please contact Sharon Thompson (205-335-9707) or email at [olvangeltree@gmail.com](mailto:olvangeltree@gmail.com).



OLV Church offers youth basketball to boys and girls from kindergarten through 8th grades that attend school at Our Lady of the Valley or are registered for PSR classes at Our Lady of the Valley or other area parishes (St. Mark's, St. Theresa, St. Thomas). Teams participate in the Catholic Toy Bowl League against teams from other Catholic parishes in the Birmingham area. The Basketball season for 4th- 8th grades runs December - February (10 weeks) and for kindergarten - 3rd grades January - February (8 weeks). Games will be played on both Saturdays and Sundays. Participants in 4th-8th grades will have an end of the season tournament the first week of March with the finals on the first Sunday of March.

Deadline to register is Saturday, November 13th. To register, please complete the online form at [Our Lady of the Valley Basketball Registration Form 2022 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Contact: Bill McCarthy, OLV Church Youth Athletic Director Phone – 205-534-0181 Email - [olveaglesathletics@gmail.com](mailto:olveaglesathletics@gmail.com)

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church is a partner in an exciting 24/7 online web-based digital formation platform called [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org), produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press.

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# OLV Food Festival

Saturday, November 13, 2021  
5:30-9:00



--Delicious food from Italy, Ireland, France, Vietnam, Mexico and the United States

--Live music from Livewire and OLV Youth Band

--Silent Auction

--Fun for the whole family with a kids' area

--\$10 admission for 18 years and up (includes 5 food tickets)

--Additional food tickets may be purchased at the door

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**Mark Your Calendars NOW and plan on a night of fun for the whole family!!  
Volunteer sign ups coming soon following the weekend masses, help needed!**

# PARISH NEWS

## Excerpts from Bishop Raica's letter on World Mission Sunday:

Dear Brothers in Chris,

On October 23-24 this year will be the annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration of **World Mission Sunday** for Missions and missionaries of the world. **"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"** (Acts 4:20), Pope Francis teaches us about our shared baptismal call to mission. We encourage our parishioners to answer that call on that special Sunday through prayer and generous sacrifice to the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**.

With gratitude for the generosity to the Missions in October and year-round, and with prayers for a fruitful celebration for the Mission Church, I remain

Gratefully yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Steven J. Raica  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

*For more about World Mission Sunday, please visit [mission.org/resources](http://mission.org/resources) for additional materials.*

## Please help.....

The Knights of Columbus are currently planning our holiday meals for the homeless in Shelby county. We will be helping Oak Mountain Missions with 28 families, The Central Alabama Wellness Center and the Hispanic community around our church. We have around 110 families we would like to feed during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are asking for your assistance with this through donations of the items listed below:

Canned Yams  
Stove Top Dressing  
Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Green Beans  
Gravy Mix and Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Canned Corn  
Tortillas  
Dry Pinto Beans

The Knights of Columbus, along with funds from the Poor Box, will be purchasing the turkeys and hams.

Please drop your items off in the church entry areas. We will collect items from October 3rd through November 14th. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## 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.

# PARISH NEWS



Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome to attend RCIA classes with Fr. Kelly beginning Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. in Room A of the Social Hall.

Please join the **John Carroll Catholic High School Class of 2001** 20 year Reunion November 12, 2021 at Cahaba Brewing Company 7-10 PM. For more information and tickets, please email [jcchs2001@gmail.com](mailto:jcchs2001@gmail.com). Deadline to register is October 15, 2021.

### **Knights of Columbus**

Please consider purchasing a box of Tootsie Rolls after Mass on Saturday, October 23rd or Sunday, October 24th. Make your Halloween candy shopping easy by purchasing a box of 50 for \$5.00. If you miss out after Mass, you can contact Tony Honeycutt via email at [cutt1952@gmail.com](mailto:cutt1952@gmail.com). Thank you from the Knights of Columbus for any the support you give.

### **Gospel Meditation:**

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**You are Cordially Invited!**  
**Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet**  
**Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**The Club · 1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209**  
**Keynote, Patricia Sandoval ~ International Pro-life and Chastity Speaker**

After a costly missed banquet last year due to the pandemic, we are back! Please, make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope. Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center, the only Pregnancy Help Center in Birmingham proper, exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services.

To register or donate: 205.447.8796 · [hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org)  
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