



Our Lady of the Valley



DECEMBER 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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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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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

IHS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

IHS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

IHS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

IHS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 P.M. IHS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 A.M. IHS

5:00 P.M. IHS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 A.M. IHS

8:30 A.M. IHS

11:00 A.M. PRO POPULO

Fr. Kelly will be out of the office this week, hence, there will be no public mass December 27th through December 30th.

*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.

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

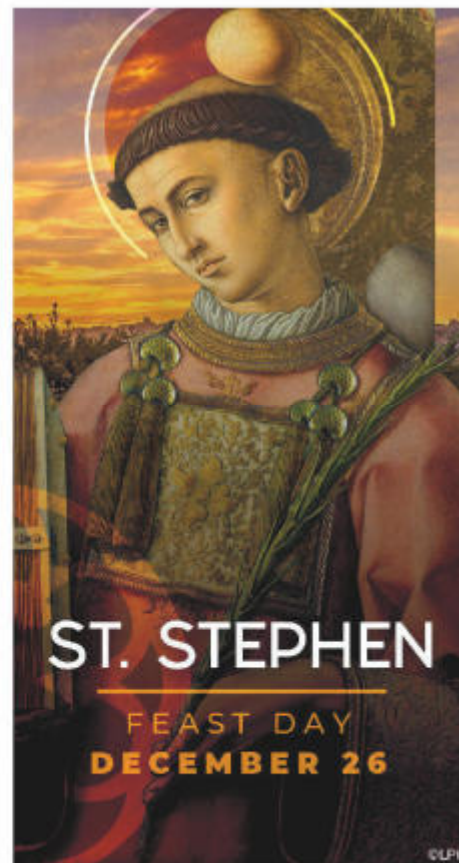
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



ST. STEPHEN

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

PRAYERS

MERRY CHRISTMAS MARY'S CORNER

And She gave birth to her
firstborn son.

And she wrapped Him in swad-
dling clothes, and laid Him in a
manger,

Because there was no room for
them in the inn.

(Luke 2, 7)



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

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 & MUSIC NEWS

A donation has been made to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in **memory of Jerome Gilroy** by his sister, Joan Kalil. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Your Sacrificial Offering

December 12, 2021

Offertory:

\$17,386.00

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(capital expenditures)

\$10,290.00

Century Club:

(repair & maintenance fund)

\$575.00

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On-Line Giving

(12/6/2021–12/16/2021)

Offertory:

\$28,709.22

RENEW OLV!

\$4,480.10

Century Club:

\$290.65

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.



Adult Choir Schedule:

Sunday, December 26, 2021- 10:00 am – Instrumental Rehearsal in the Chapel
 10:30 am – Choral Rehearsal in the Chapel
 11:00 am – Mass

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 and Wednesday, January 5, 2021
 – NO REHEARSALS

Valley Worship Youth Band Schedule:

*Next Mass TBA

Children’s Choir Schedule:

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 and Wednesday, January 5, 2021
 – NO REHEARSALS



The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time between Meredith Marie Koch and William Dennis Street.

Christmas Flowers.....In Memory of:

Peggy & Alice Armstrong	Billy, Eddie Bo, Jack & Sammy Doss	Frank J. LaRussa
William Barry	Junius & Dollie Mae Doss	Jake & Lena LaRussa
Billie Beal	Marie & Charles Drake	Annie & Paul Latino
Carey Billingsley	Heather Davis Duncan	Helen Thornton Laquaite
Evelyn Billingsley	Cecil & Daisy Dyson	Alex Leith
Virginia Borgini	Charlie Estep	Jack Lepor
Scott Bowen	Don Estep	John & Mary Lepor
Robert Brown	Stella Estep	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Lindgren
Eula Brummett	Leo & Elmer Gray Evers	Mary Maple
Gerald & Sibyl Burns	Michael Evers	Philip Maple
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Ferdinand Calimbahin	Jeremy Farren	Joseph Marino
Gonzalo Calimbahin	John Fincher	Mary Marino
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 Mary Smetek
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 Jay Young
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 Lee Zito

In Honor of:

Mike Contorno, Jr.
 Steve DiChiara family members
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 Glenn & Dianne McDaniel
 Mary Lee Payne



PARISH NEWS



First Friday Devotion Sacred Heart of Jesus

Begin your new year by honoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending First Friday Devotion on January 7th. Plan to attend 8:15am Mass in the Church (Masks are required) and we will move to the Chapel for Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Eucharistic Adoration. Our Lord requested we attend mass, receive communion, and make reparation for our offenses for nine consecutive First Fridays. In return, He has promised safe refuge and salvation to all who honor His Sacred Heart. Join us as we pray for our Parish, Clergy, and personal intentions.

Please note: we will NOT have PSR classes on January 2, 2022
This is a change from our previously published class schedule.
We wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Kathy Martin and Mark Woodard

Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Respect Life Mass · Bishop Steven Raica

9:00 AM · Cathedral of St. Paul

2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL

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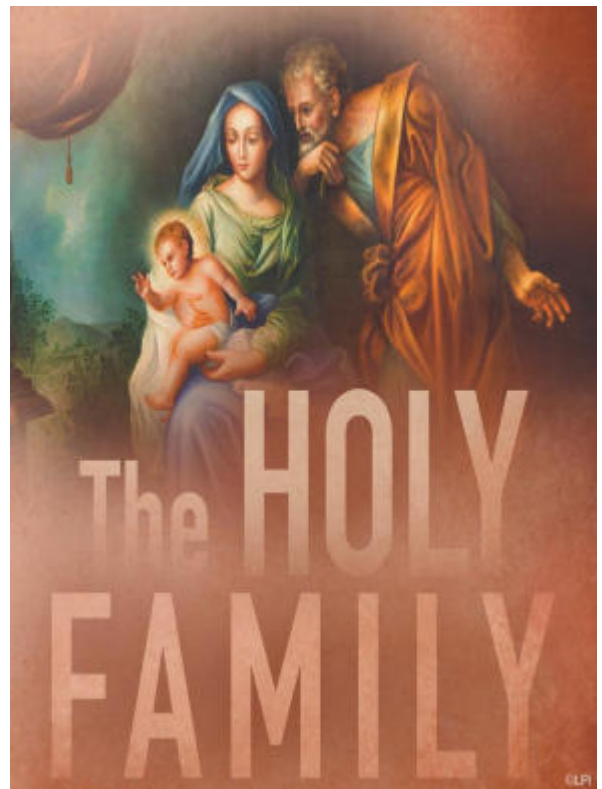
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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