

JANUARY 2, 2022



"Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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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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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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

6:20 A.M. FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANTHONY GRAFFEO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:45 A.M. EDWARD ROHLING RIP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

12:00 NOON. FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WAYNE NACCARI

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

7:45 A.M. TREVOR JOHNSON RIP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 A.M. FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARILYN & NICK ZADEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 P.M. IHS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 A.M. PRO POPULO

8:30 A.M. IHS

11:00 A.M. IHS

Please note: we will NOT have PSR classes on January 2, 2022 This is a change from our previously published schedule.

*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

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

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
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15- 16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

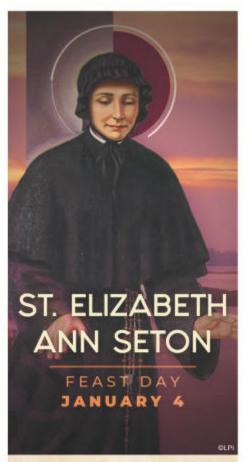
[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

PRAYERS

MARY'S CORNER

LOVELY LADY DRESSED IN BLUE



Lovely Lady dressed in blue Teach me how to pray! God was just your little boy, Tell me what to say! Did you lift Him up, sometimes, Gently on your knee? Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me? Did you hold His hand at night? Did you ever try Telling stories of the world? O! And did He crv? Do you really think He cares If I tell Him things ------Little things that happen? And Do the Angels' wings Make a noise? And can He hear Me if I speak low? Does He understand me now? Tell me -----for you know.

Lovely Lady dressed in blue ------Teach me how to pray! God was just your little boy, And you know the way.

Mary Dixon Thayer who wrote more than one poem for Our Lady, is the author.

This prayer-poem was popularized in the 1950s by Archbishop Fulton Sheen.



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. JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

STEWARDSHIP & MUSIC NEWS Hour Sacrificial Offering 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. December 19, 2021 Fr. Kelly will distribute these funds to **Offertory:** assist the needy in our area. \$37,425.00 **RENEW OLV!** (capital expenditures) \$6,075 **Century Club:** (repair & maintenance fund) \$2.000.00 **Poor Box:**

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



Adult Choir: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 -NO REHEARSAL

Sunday, January 9, 2021: 8:00 am – Rehearsal in the Chapel 8:30 am – Adult Choir at Mass

Valley Worship Youth Band: *Rehearsals and Masses TBA

<u>Children's Choir</u>: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – NO REHEARSAL *Next Mass Scheduled: Sunday, January 23, 2022 @ 8:30 am On-Line Giving (12/17/2021–12/21/2021)

\$1,006.00

Offertory: \$4,006.00 RENEW OLV! \$3,138.50 Century Club: \$99.55



The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time

between Meredith Marie Koch and William Dennis Street.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Combine Corporal Works with Cardio this January with an "It's Still Christmas" 5K to benefit the Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ! There is a suggested donation of \$30 per runner for the Franciscans, but no one will be turned away. There will also be a fun run for younger runners. Details and sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DADA62BABF58-its1



The Altar Sodality welcomes all women of the parish to our first Day Meeting of the new year on Wednesday, **January 5, 2022 at 9:30AM in the Social Hall meeting room A**. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Norden at <u>OLVALTARSODALITY@gmail.com</u>

Come join us as we build friendships and support others with 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. (The night meetings have been postponed until spring of next year.)

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 Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life 10:45 AM · Planned Parenthood 1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

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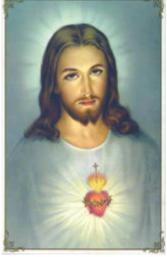
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In Honor of:

Sue & Don DeCoudres Sam Mangina Debbie & Ron Slovensky





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.

YOUTH NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

BASKETBALL AND FELLOWSHIP

FOR ALL Youth 6TH to 12th GRADE

SUNDAY, JAN 16TH Drop Off at the Church 4 PM

We will have transportation to the Game

Pick Up at the Church 7 PM

Come out and support Birmingham's New NBA G-League Basketball Team <u>RSVP by Wednesday, Jan 12th to OLVMiddleSchoolYouth@GMail.com OR</u> <u>MWoodard@OLVSCH.com</u>

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS FOR ALL Youth 6TH to 12th GRADE

BIRMINGHAM MARCHFORLIFE

Date: Saturday, Jan 15th

Time: 8AM to 2:30PM

We will meet at OLV. Transportation will be Provided to the March.

RSVP by Wednesday, Jan 12th to

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We will celebrate our own Mass for Life at St. Stephen's, learn more about Catholic Social Teaching on the Call for Family, Community, and Participation. We will walk to Planned Parenthood to join up with the Birmingham March for Life and return to St. Stephen's afterward. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The high school youth group here at OLV has been doing some really great and fun things this year. Our "supply drive" for the Community of Cenacolo was a huge success. And the group that went to deliver the supplies enjoyed a special visit and tour of the community.

I am most happy with our Wednesday morning bible study. I never imagined high school kids wanting to come at 6 a.m., before a full school day, to reflect and pray. My prayer is that this is a habit they will carry with them beyond their youth group days.

This past weekend we had our Christmas party/ lock-in. The kids, and myself, had a fun filled evening beginning with mass at 5 p.m., a Taco Mama dinner, and an entire night filled with countless games and great memories being made, and capping off the lock-in enjoying a breakfast at Waffle House.

There are 31 of our youth who will be participating in the March for Life trip in January to Washington, D.C.

Our youth group meets Sunday afternoons from 4:30 until 6:30 and all high school aged kids are welcome. It's never too late to join. As a group, we are building a strong foundation of our Catholic faith through bible study, faith sharing and how to be better disciples of Christ all while nurturing the spiritual and personal growth of each young person.

If you are interested in our youth program, please call me at 205-784-7586 or email at mwoodard@olvsch.com.

Sincerely,

Mark Woodard, DRE and High School Youth Minister







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Our Lady of the Valley is a partner in an exciting 24/7 online web-based digital formation platform called **FORMED.org**, produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. It is fast, easy and free to register — just visit formed.org and sign up! Have you wanted to be able to share more with others but felt you were lacking in knowledge? Through this content you will be able to not only learn more about the Catholic faith but also go deeper and strengthen your own relationship with God.

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