



# Our Lady of the Valley



JANUARY 16, 2022



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,

*"They have no wine."*

- Jn 2:1-3

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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 17**

**6:20 A.M. TOM GREENHALGH RIP**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**7:45 A.M. FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CHAD LITTLE AND FAMILY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**

**12:00 NOON FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GEMMA MEADOWS STANFORD**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20**

**7:45 A.M. VIRGINIA RIGGINGS RIP**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21**

**8:15 A.M. ROBERT EVEN LEWIS III RIP**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22**

**5:00 P.M. IHS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

**7:00 A.M. PRO POPULO**

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

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

\*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 on Sundays.**



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

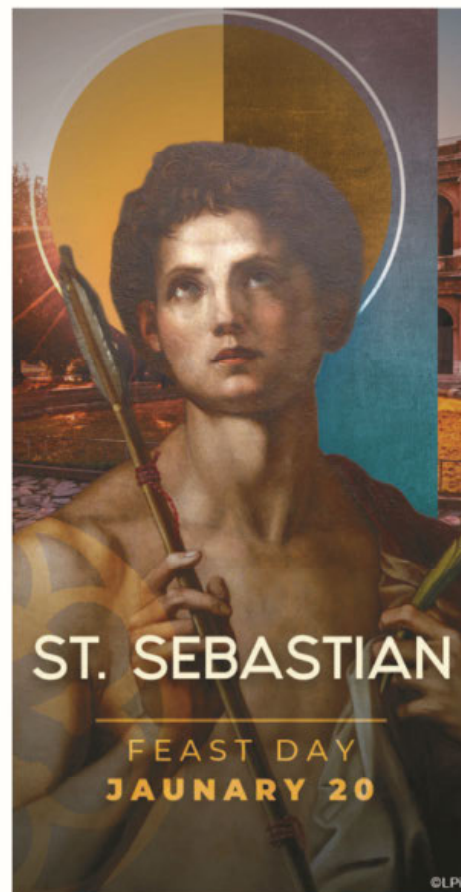
- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

# PRAYERS

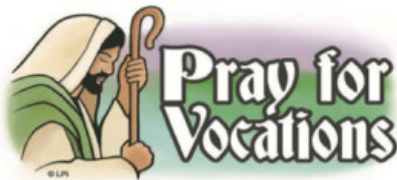


## MARY'S CORNER

### Our Lady Refuge of Sinners

January 16

The worst evil that can befall us is unquestionably SIN, which makes us an object of abhorrence in the sight of God. God's infinite mercy has not only prepared for us a potent remedy against sin in the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, but it has also given us poor sinners a secure refuge in the assistance of Mary, Our Lady refuge of sinners. In the Old Law there were cities of refuge to which the guilty could flee for safety; in the New Law, Mary's mantle is for us that citadel of refuge for sinful souls. How can the Divine Wrath strike us, if we are covered by the mantle of Mary, the chosen daughter and the honored Mother of God? Our Lady refuge of sinners is thus not merely a pledge of our safety, but by her unrivaled sanctity, she is as earnest of pardon for all sinners who have recourse to her intercession. She not only disarms the just anger of God roused by our sins, but also obtains for her true clients sincere and heartfelt conversion. All we need do is turn toward her with Faith, to obtain Divine Clemency and the means to rise from the mire of sin.



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 **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:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal : Church

Sunday, January 23, 2021:

10:30 am – Rehearsal in the Chapel  
11:00 am – Adult Choir at Mass

Valley Worship Youth Band:

\*Rehearsals and Masses TBA

Children’s Choir:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
3:30 p.m. Rehearsal : Church  
Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:00 am Rehearsal  
8:30 am Sing at Mass

## Your Sacrificial Offering

**January 2, 2021**

**Offertory:**

\$17,074.00

**RENEW OLV!**

(capital expenditures)

\$3,978.00

**Century Club:**

(repair & maintenance fund)

\$625.00

**Poor Box:**

\$8,368.00

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**January 9, 2021**

**Offertory:**

\$14,518.00

**RENEW OLV!**

\$5,042.00

**Century Club:**

\$500.00

**Poor Box:**

\$467.00

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**On-Line Giving**

(12/29/2021–1/10/2021)

**Offertory:**

\$22,678.72

**RENEW OLV!**

\$5,426.95

**Century Club:**

\$3,546.75

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

# GOSPEL MEDITATION

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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Pray  
FOR THE  
PROTECTION  
OF THE UNBORN

**Parishioners, we ask that you keep members of our high school youth group, their chaperones, our high school youth minister, Mark Woodard, and all who will be traveling to Washington, D.C., in your prayers this week. They will be participating in the annual March for Life. May God protect them all and keep them safe.**

# COMMUNITY NEWS



“ **You are invited to dialogue** ”

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## What are synodal dialogues?

Pope Francis has invited all the People of God into a special period of dialogue, listening to the Holy Spirit and to one another to discover how we can more closely and fruitfully journey together as the Body of Christ.

## How do I get involved?

Father Kelly invites all to a special dialogue session convened by Bishop Raica for the people of our parish community and those within our parish boundaries, and other parishes in our region.

Save the date, and make plans to join the dialogue!

## Where can I go to learn more?

To learn more about this period of prayerful consultation, please visit:

<http://bhmdiocese.org/synod>



**Any parishioner who is interested in participating in this dialogue session, please contact **Mark Woodard** at 205-784-7586 or email him at [mwoodard@olvsch.com](mailto:mwoodard@olvsch.com)**



# YOUTH NEWS

**Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders! We would like to invite you to join our Middle School Youth Group for some fun activities in 2022. We had a great year in 2021. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming events**





# PARISH NEWS



**OLV Knights  
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## **FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE!**

- **Date:** Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Time:** 6:00pm to 8:30p
- **Place:** The OLV Social Hall
- **Cost:** Fathers \$12.00  
Daughters \$5.00  
*Money due at the Door.*

*A photographer will be onsite to take commemorative pictures for purchase.*

*Join us for a great night of dinner,  
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RSVP to John Gordon

Phone: 205-410-3097  
EMAIL: gord7813@bellsouth.net

## **ALTAR SODALITY NEWS**

The Altar Sodality annual Linen Drive will be the weekend of January 29th and 30th to benefit the Guadeloupien Sisters in Eutaw, Al. Items needed are double, queen & king size sheets, blankets and comforters. Towels and washcloths also. Only NEW items, please. Place items in boxes in the vestibule and portico. Monetary contributions are also accepted.

Thank you for your support.

For more information, contact Juana Hiros at 205-995-7921



## **Knights of Columbus.....Holiday Food Program**

As many of you know, the Holiday Season can be a very stressful time of year but also serves as a time to reflect and take account of where we are. To this end, we recognize how fortunate we are and understand that there are those around us who are not able to enjoy those things that we take for granted. This year, your Knights of Columbus, Council 9676, took on the task of providing a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal to those who may not have been in a position to provide for themselves. With your support and participation, we were able to provide a Holiday meal for 174 families, totaling 729 individuals.....**THANK YOU PARISHIONERS** for your generous food donations.

Our sincere appreciation to Fr. Kelly, Oak Mountain Missions and the Knights of Columbus, who volunteered their time and services, for their continued and unending support, without which this program could not exist. Also, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the generous support received from our local Publix Supermarket (Lee Branch), Wal Mart (Valleydale Road), and Winn Dixie (Inverness Corners).

**THANK YOU ALL** for helping us provide 729 meals this Holiday Season.

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