

5514 DOUBLE OAK LANE, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

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 24 6:20 A.M. ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:45 A.M. ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

12:00 NOON ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

7:45 A.M. ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

8:15 A.M. ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00 P.M. IHS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 A.M. IHS

8:30 A.M. IHS

11:00 A.M. PRO POPULO

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

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

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
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

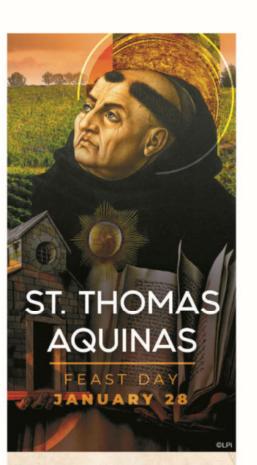
12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Monday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

PRAYERS



MARY'S CORNER Espousals of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph

This marriage of Our Blessed Lady and her virginal spouse took place when he was thirty and when she was fourteen years, four months and fifteen days old. Their first espousals (their engagement) took place on the previous September 8, Our Lady's birthday. These espousals were arranged by the providence of God so that the virginal Mother of the Eternal God might have a virginal husband who would care for her and protect her Divine Child. Saint Joseph died when he was sixty years old, in the year 29 A.D. Our Lady died when she was seventy-two years old, in the year 58 A.D. Both of them are now, in soul and in body, in Heaven, along with Jesus, the third member of the Holy Family.



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



We offer prayers and sympathy to **ADAM LADNER** on the death of his mother, **Peggy Ladner** on January 14, 2022.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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



<u>Adult Choir:</u> Wednesday, January 26, 2022 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal : Church

<u>Sunday, January 30, 2021</u>: 10:30 am – Rehearsal in the Chapel 11:00 am – Adult Choir at Mass

Valley Worship Youth Band: *Rehearsals and Masses TBA

<u>Children's Choir</u>: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:30 p.m. Rehearsal : Church



January 16, 2021

Offertory: \$18,051.05 RENEW OLV! (capital expenditures) \$5,952.00 Century Club:

(repair & maintenance fund) \$1,000.00 **Poor Box:**

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On-Line Giving (1/10/2022–1/18/2022)

> Offertory: \$12,590.46 RENEW OLV! \$2,375.80 Century Club: \$1,395.55

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.



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SAVE THE DATE



OLV Knights Of Columbus

Proudly Present the Annual

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE!

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

Join us for a great night of dinner, dancing & socializing Pizza, Chips, and other Snacks

RSVP to John Gordon

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

Middle School Youth Group

SUNDAY, 2/13 5:30-7:30 Broom Hockey at the Pelham Civic Complex

SUNDAY, 2/27 4:30-6:30 Mardi Gras Celebration at the Church

SUNDAY, 3/13 4:30-6:30 Easter Escape Room at the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Mark your calendar! Adult and youth volunteers needed! VBS will be for rising K-rising 5th grade.

JUNE 13-17,2022

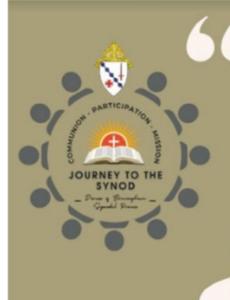
We are bringing VBS back this summer. We are looking for leaders in all areas. Please email Melanie Norman (melanie@thenormanclan.com or Heather Rose (heatherprose@gmail.com) to volunteer.

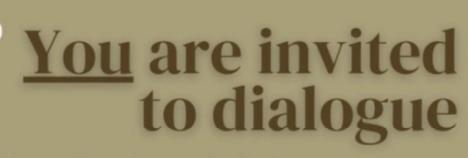
ALTAR SODALITY NEWS

The Altar Sodality annual Linen Drive will be the weekend of January 29th and 30th to benefit the Guadeloupian 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 or <u>olvaltarsodality@gmail.com</u>.

COMMUNITY NEWS





Your Church wants to hear your voice!



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FEB 2

Our Lady of the Valley, BHM 6-8PM

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

UPCOMING EVENT

February 5, 2022 An Evening with John Angotti



All are invited to a free dinner and liturgical music concert!

On Saturday, **February 5**th, we are excited to welcome John back to lead our Confirmation students on their Confirmation retreat! After the 5pm Mass, a free dinner will be served in the social hall, with donations accepted for OLV Youth Ministry. After dinner, John will offer a free concert at 7:00 pm. Make plans to join your parish family at this event!

John Angotti is a full time music missionary who travels throughout many parts of the world providing inspirational music and witness to all ages through concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences, and worship. He is originally from Clarksburg, WV and now resides in Nashville, TN. He is a graduate of West Virginia University, and the US Military School of Music, where he was a member of the US Navy Band as lead vocalist. John received his Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in 2013.

John's message is clear: There is hope, healing, and truth with the love of God. With the style of today and the truth of the ancient, Angotti expresses hope and love for those longing for a deeper relationship with God. "My passion these days is to not only provide music for worship, but music that sings of the true witness of my experience of Christ in my life, that leads me to the table in faith. I have found that people relate through both music and testimony. All of us have a cross, even though we try to hide it. But there is no hiding place from God who is with us all the time." With the style and likes of Billy Joel and Elton John, John Angotti delivers a dynamic blend of contemporary styles and meaningful lyrics, leading him to be granted awards for "Male Vocalist of the Year," "Pop/Contemporary," and "Praise and Worship Album of the Year." His powerful voice and writing style includes contemporary rock, pop, and Latin rhythms, along with his ability to give new life to traditional classic in chant and classical genres.

OLV School Update

For more information about our Parish School, please visit our website at olvbirmingham.com. It's Catholic Schools Week!

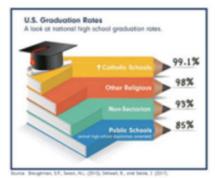
Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts January 30 and runs until February 5. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

"...Speaking with Mr. Rothery gave me great confidence that this would be a nurturing but also challenging environment for my kids. They haven't missed a day of school and are having a wonderful experience while also learning a lot and reinforcing the Catholic values that we teach at home."

April (mother of kindergarten and 2nd grades)

"I send my children to OLV because OLV is family and they take care of our children as their own."

Kristie (mother of 3 graduates, 7th grade, 2nd grade, preschool



Campus Tour for New Prospective Students Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 2 p.m. Hosted by: OLV Principal, Andy Rothery RSVP: olv@olvsch.com



Catholic Schools Faith. Excellence. Service. If you are interested in receiving

more information about our school, scan the QR code, fill out the inquiry form on our website, and we will be in touch!





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".. the thing that struck me about OLV students was their confidence. They spoke, performed and read publicly with confidence and poise. ... this confidence is priceless."

Tammy (mother of 6th grade)

Our Lady of the Valley provides the stepping stones for students to be able to succeed in high school and college and later on academically socially and in their faith life.

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FORMED

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.

FORMED is designed to help adults (and children!) grow in their faith at all levels – how we think, how we pray, and how we live. Better yet, access is FREE to all parishioners and their families or friends anywhere, anytime on computers, tablets, or phones. Turn off Netflix and give *formed.org* a try!!





