



**Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Confession:

Saturday - 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. or by appointment

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

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Marriage Requirements:

Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2 at least six months in advance.
Visit wedding link on Web Site prior to meeting

Baptism Requirements:

Baptism Preparation Class. Call Anne Hane @ 410-0692
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Parish Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Helen Trabits, George James, Patricia Sheehan, Kathy Matuszak, Jeanette Larsen, Jane St. Denis, Don St. Denis, Santo Vizzina, Brennan Simkins, Elbert Bell, Ronnie Romano, Ronnie DeFalco, Peyton Abernathy, Brad Lembcke, James Trabits, Brent Sparkman, Donald David, Kevin Camp, Sam Culotta, Julie Seigle, Gary Weitekamp, Jenny Lyn Pair, Michael Pair, Joan Van de Veer, Marietta Molay, Mary Catherine Schroeder, Shari Grantham Robie Bencho, Henry Pitre, Jackie Tevendale, Elena Sain, Tom Smith, Betty Quinlivan, Dean Arrington, Buster Brandino, Hays Ziemann, Brad Rosenwald, Brooke Wallace, Craig Pearce, Stephen Lanzi, Bootsie Porter, Cindy Troha, Bobbie Keith, Robert Dillard, Joseph Lanzi, William Morgan, Carolyn Westrich, Samuel Belcher, Isabella Belcher, Jim Meggs, Cedric Webber, Vester Webber, Patsy Evans, Gertrude Sgroi, Richard L. Swetonic, Mary Ann Stith, Rosa Butera, Jim Charles, Kevin Glandon, Peggy Devenisha, Jon Montgomery, Nunzia Massaro, Darlene McCulloch, Sam Ferlisi, Jan Cavaleri, Sandy Marriner, Lauren Lochamy, Sr. Cecelia Zamboni, M.C.,



Blessing of Throats

Fr. Joe will be blessing throats after all masses next weekend, January 31st and February 1st in honor of the Feast of Saint Blasé. Please plan to stay an extra 20 minutes or so after mass if you would like to have your throat blessed.

Mass Intentions

Wed. Jan. 28 – 6:00 PM.....**William M. Gorman**
Thurs. Jan. 29 – 8:30 AM.....**Shirley Charles**
Fri. Jan.30 – 8:30 AM.....**Jean Funk**
Sat Jan. 31 - 4:00 PM.....**Jeffrey Galloway**
Sun. Feb. 1 – 7:45 AM.....**Bishop Raymond Boland**
Sun. Feb. 1 - 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10; Mk 3:22-30
Tues.: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2,4ab,7-8a,10-11; Mk 3:31-35
Wed.: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thurs: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-4b,5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Fri.: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Sat: Heb 11:1-2,8-19; (Ps)Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sun.: *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Financial Information

January 18, 2015

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtD Budget)	(YtD Actual)
Collection:	31,371	35,804	94,113	101,223
Faith Direct:		11,040		
Current Parish Debt				3,251,712

Second Collection

There will be a 2nd Collection this weekend at all masses for the Church in Latin America. As always with 2nd Collections, please make any checks payable to Saint Mark the Evangelist. The contributions are then forwarded.

Quarterly Mass of Remembrance

The Quarterly Mass of Remembrance will be on Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00PM in the Chapel. Please join us in celebrating the Eucharist and remembering those who have been a part of our live.

Third Annual "Cheers" Get Together

Friday, February 6th from 7PM to 9PM
Come for conversation, fun and music with your fellow parishioners.
Admission: A heavy Hors d'oeuvre and wine or beer of your choice.
Baby-sitting is available at no charge with a reservation. Call Terry Lupenski at 699-5509 with ages and number of children.
Please Join Us!

Parish Directory Complimentary Photos

If you or your family had your photo taken for the Parish Pictorial Directory, your complimentary 8 X 10 photos are available for pick up at the Greeters' Desk in the Narthex of the church. We will keep them available for several weeks.

Adult Ed

Our Adult Ed series "What Does It Mean To Be Church?" continues on Sunday, January 25th with the study of the Book of Amos. (Bring your copy of Amos/Hosea/Micah: A Call to Justice)
Next Sunday, February 1st we will study the Book of Micah. Adult Ed begins at 9:00AM in the Parish Life Center. Refreshments provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council met on Sunday, January 11th and the following topics were discussed:

- Mr. Larry Angel reported on the work of the St. Vincent DePaul Society in our parish. The Society has been at St. Mark's since August 2011. During this time it has assisted many families in the area. Mr. Angel thanked Sister Terry for her tireless efforts to make the Society a viable force in our Parish.
- The Green Committee is moving forward with their efforts to make our campus a Green Community. The next step is to educate the children of our Parish about recycling with a lesson plan and games to be presented to the PSR classes. Daniel Henninger and the 9th grade Youth Group will assist with this project.
- The Facility Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee continues to review facility needs as part of the Strategic Plan.
- The Council conducted a review of the Pastoral Strategic Plan.
- The Communication Committee continues to work on the online registration process and the further development of the parish website.
- Father Joe reported that seminarian Wyman Vintson will be serving as a Deacon at our Parish from June to October. This service is part of his formation for the priesthood before he begins his last year of seminary. Wyman Vintson will be ordained as a temporary Deacon on Saturday, June 6th at the 4:00PM mass at Saint Mark's.

PSR News

We have begun the second half of our PSR school year. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Upcoming events include:

Confirmation Retreat, January 24th
Fun and Faith Fair 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades, February 8th
First Reconciliation, February 7th
Family Stations of the Cross, February 27th
First Communion Retreat, March 7th

We appreciate your continued support for our dedicated catechists, and for our young people who are the future of the Catholic Church.

Scripture Prayer

We will offer an opportunity to pray the Sunday Gospel in the Lectio Divina style. This group meets on Thursdays from 9:15-10:30AM in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome to join and allow Gods' Word to speak to their hearts.

A Lectio Divina group also meets on the Wednesdays that PSR religious education is meeting from 4:30-5:45PM in the Conference Room of the Parish Life Center. All are welcome!

FOSM Tickets!

Tickets for the 2015 FOSM Italian Food Festival are here! The Festival is on April 25th this year. Tickets are available in the Church Office or online at www.feastofstmark.com.

Youth Groups

The High School JCREW group will meet from 4-7 PM Sunday, January 25th for a night of bowling. We will meet at the Parish Life Center at 4:00PM and travel to the bowling alley for bowling before returning to the PLC for dinner at about 6:30PM. The bowling will cost \$15 per person.

There is no JCREW meeting on February 1st due to the Altar Server Luncheon.

The Middle School BLAST group will meet on February 8th for bowling. Cost is \$15 per person.

Children's Liturgy – Food For The Poor

During the Advent season, the children who participated in the Children's Liturgy received small "poor boxes" for collecting loose change over the holidays. Please remind them to bring their collections to the Children's Liturgy in January. All money received will be donated to Food For The Poor. We will make a follow up announcement in the bulletin to let the children know how much they raised and how big of an impact their efforts made on less fortunate children around the world.

Calling All Moms!

A new moms group is starting here at Saint Marks! If you would like to meet other Catholic moms with young children and have a place of encouragement and support, please join us. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, February 4th at 10:00 am in the nursery. For more information, or if you're interested but can't make it to the meeting, please email Aisling Henninger at quigley.henninger@gmail.com

Cultural Arts Club

Saint Mark's Cultural Arts Club will present two opportunities for great shows for February: Sunday, February 8th at 2:30PM, The Producers at Virginia Samford Theatre and Sunday, February 22nd at 1:00PM, the Book of Mormon at BJCC. If you are interested in either or both of these shows, please contact Marilyn Chiaramonte at 516-244-1207 before February 1st.

Home School Resource Center

A parent information meeting to learn about Regina Caeli Academy and a potential resource center for the 2015-16 academic year in the Birmingham area, will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 2:00 pm. The location is Guadalupe Hall @ EWTN, 5817 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210. Please RSVP to Lisa Bandura at lisa.bandura@gmail.com or [205-902-1660](tel:205-902-1660) Regina Caeli Academy is resource center in which students attend university style classes taught using the Socratic method two days per week and are home schooled the remaining days. Our program is currently accepting applications for PreK3-12th grades at www.rcahybrid.org For more information contact Nikki Hand at [470-239-0259](tel:470-239-0259).

St. Patrick's Mardi Gras Party

St. Patrick Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites everyone to come and celebrate Mardi Gras with us on Saturday, February 14, 2015 6:00 pm until ~. Attendees can dance to music provided by Brady Busby or grab the mike and lead the musical fun by singing your favorite song with our featured Karaoke machine. Enjoy delicious red beans and rice, heavy hors d'oeuvres, king cake, adult beverages (cash bar), (BYOB also), desserts, and much more. Tickets are \$10/each (adults only please). Non-perishable canned food donations will also be appreciated. There will be some prizes and we will draw from our 50/50 raffle (\$1/chance) at the end of the evening sending the winner home with cash winnings. Security will be provided. Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. For more information about the work of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Patrick's, visit our webpage at www.saintpatrickcc.com/SVDP. For more information, for early tickets, and to submit song selections (DJ or Karaoke), please contact Pat Roden at patroden@yahoo.com or Ann Tulloss at igt@bellsouth.net

St. Patrick Catholic Church is located in Adamsville (off Highway 78 West near Minor High School) at 301 Shamrock Trail, Adamsville, AL 35005. Phone is [\(205\) 798-5326](tel:205-798-5326).

Saint Rose Academy Open House

Saint Rose Academy will hold an Open House for new and prospective students on Sunday, January 25th from 2:00PM until 4:00PM. Saint Rose Academy is located at 1401 22nd Street South, Birmingham, Alabama 35205. Please call 205-933-0549 for more information.

Blue Ribbon Catholic Education

When you provide your children with Catholic education at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School you'll be giving them a foundation built on faith, knowledge and service. The school's excellence has been recognized with education's highest honor – the U.S. Dept. of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. OLV is the only Birmingham-area Catholic school to receive the honor. Parishioner's of Saint Marks are eligible to receive the parishioner tuition rate.

To learn more about preschool, elementary and middle school at OLV, prospective families may contact the office for a tour of the school at 205-991-5963 or go to www.olvbirmingham.com for additional information.

Registration for NEW students in preschool through eighth grade for the 2015-2016 school year begins on February 2nd. Prayerfully consider providing your children with a Catholic education at OLV.

Annual Men's Retreat

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering our Annual Men's Retreat entitled "How do I know what God wants me to do?" on February 20-22, 2015. A retreat, designed for men who wish to explore more intensely how God is leading them to do His will in their daily lives, is a wonderful way to begin the Lenten season. After the presentations on the necessary tools to discern God's will, there will be an opportunity for interaction, as well as time for contemplation, journaling, relaxation, prayer and participation in liturgies.

The presenter is Father Alex Steinmiller, C.P., a Passionist missionary. For registration information call 334-855-4474.

Lenten Retreat

The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman is pleased to announce a Lenten Retreat to be led by Rev. Frank Muscolino, Priest of the Diocese of Birmingham. The weekend retreat, to be held February 20-22, will focus on Pope Francis – his life, writings, and a particular vision which he lives out in a practical way from day to day.

For registration information, please contact the Retreat Center at 256-734-8302 or by email at retreats@shmon.org

Do You Have a Preschool-Age Child?

If so, then consider early childhood education in the OLV Preschool. There are programs for three and four year olds with convenient hours and the option for extended care as well. For 30 years, OLV preschool has offered an excellent curriculum combined with lots of fun, developmentally appropriate activities in a caring, faith-filled environment. Registration begins soon! Discover more about the OLV preschool program at www.olvbirmingham.com or by calling 205-991-5963

Liturgical Schedule: Jan.31st & February 1st, 2015

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Jenny Camp, Pat Kantaris, Eva Shepherd, Jeanne & Bill Welsh, Sharon Zaleski

Sunday: Vincent Lovoy, Theresa & Sammy Romano, Christian Short, Jim E. Smith, Jr.
(10:30) Tom Chauffe, Geri & John Elkourie, Ana Hall, Sarah Hebert, Rosemary Johnson, Theresa LoMonaco, Ann Penton, Joe Scotch

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Pat & Mike Kantaris

Sunday: Pat & Bill Roach
(10:30) Heidi & Len Mueninghoff

Altar Linens: Nena Robinson

Ushers:

Saturday: Jim Smith, Thom Berry, Mike Burns Brandon Moseley

Sunday: Tom Perlich, Wayne Gwaltney, Nicholas & Sarah Rose Perlich
(10:30) Jay Aycock, Rob Haley, Michael Rall, Paul Roche

Cantors:

Saturday: John Floyd

Sunday: Ken Jannot, Kathryn Garaca

Lectors:

Saturday: Pat Armitage, Cathy Johnson

Sunday: Nancy Ladshaw, Ruth Breipohl
(10:30) Chuck Trierweiler, Donna Francavilla

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Skyhler Schaffer, Michael Kelly, Jonathan Zaleski, Nathan McOmber, Elizabeth Zaleski

Sunday: Hampton Floyd, Tilly Gwaltney, Jessica Heberlein, Troy Gwaltney, Kaitlyn Shields
(10:30) Christina McLaughlin, Luke Arrington, Anna Arrington, Daniel Ospina, Jane Vaughn

Greeters:

Saturday: Zuseth Fernandez, Becky Green, Pat & Jim Smith

Sunday: Diane & Anthony Cuicchi
(10:30) Peter Bibbo, Ercelle Burrus, Al Lupenski, Myrna Scotch



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