This Week
Mass Schedule

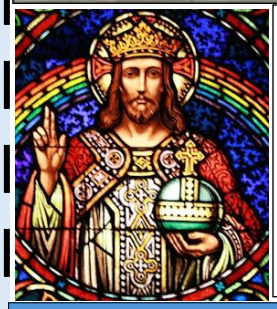
November 22nd
Sunday
11:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass

November 24th
No Mass

November 25th
4:00 pm Adoration
4:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass

November 29th
11:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass





When did we see you hungry or thirsty?

November 22, 2026

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My Parish App

Pastor: Fr. Cody Williams
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Deacon Steve Barry (senior status)

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 25th
Thanksgiving Mass
6:00 pm
November 28th
Advent Tea 3:00 pm
December 8th
Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception
Mass at 6:00 pm
December 14th
Advent Reconciliation with additional priests
6:30 pm
December 24th
4:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass
December 25th
11:00 am Mass

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22nd readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11—12, 15—17
The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20—26, 28
Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

Gospel: Matthew 25:31—46
As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least...you did for me."

Parish Office Staff
Office Manager: Kelly Bond
Bookkeeper: Julie Titus
Maintenance and Custodial:
Lee Baerlocher
Youth Ministry
Pre-K–Grade 5:
Becky Tooke, 406-461-2995
Grades 6th–12th:
David Casey, 406-443-4750
Music Ministry: Rebecca Kagerer
Liturgical Ministers' Coordinator:
Dennis Mayernik
OCIA Leaders
Dennis O'Reilly, 406-266-1181
Carleen Layne, 406-594-6489
Finance Council Members
Bob Bennett, Ann Glueckert, Jim McKeon, Mary Ellen Morrison, Jeanne Saarinen, Jim Sebestyen, and Larry Thomas (chair)
Pastoral Council Members
Tessa McGree, Rachel Molm, Kevin Ochs, John Ries (chair), and Hazel Yuhas

1st Sunday of Advent, November 29th Readings
Isaiah 63:16b—17, 19b, 1 Corinthians 1:3—9, Mark 13:33—37

HELPING HANDS

Join us in sharing the spirit of **Christmas** with our **20 families** at ***Rocky Mountain Headstart***. Your monetary donation will help purchase grocery cards—a thoughtful way to offer support this holiday season. To buy gifts for the family take an envelope by the entryway door. Make sure to sign it out so we can make sure we have all the families covered. More details next week. Help us continue this annual tradition, which began several years ago. To participate, please pick up a donation envelope from the table in the overflow space or use the QR code to donate. Thank you for sharing your generosity!

Baptism Preparation Class
Offered: **January**, April, July, & October
(contact Parish Office)
Marriage Preparation
6 months' notice required
(contact Parish Office)

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS are available.

Hearing Devices
Hearing devices are available for anyone who would like to use one. They are in the gift-table drawer.

Email prayer requests to Jeaneen
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

Upcoming Schedule
November 22nd – November 29th

The link to join the 11:00 am Livestream Mass is at olvmt.org

Sunday 22nd	9:45 am PreK through 5th grade RE
	11:00 am Livestream Mass ✝ *for the people*
	Greeter and usher training after Mass
	5:00 pm Mass ✝ *for Hugh Black*
Monday 23rd	5:30 pm Music Rehearsal
Tuesday 24th	3:00 pm Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for Riley Helgoe at the Cathedral ***No mass at Our Lady of the Valley***
Wednesday 25th	4:00 pm Adoration
	4:00 pm Confessions
	5:30 pm *Knights of Columbus Rosary at the Cathedral*
	6:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 26th	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Sunday 29th	11:00 am Livestream Mass ✝ *for Lisa Verzani*
	5:00 pm Mass ✝ *for the people*



Wednesday night 6th grade through 12th grade Faith Formation dinner links

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AA9AC2FAAFBC43-65951587-youth

November 29th

11:00 am Mass
Lectors: Dennis Mayernik, Aurora Sebestyen
EMs: Jim Sebestyen, JoAnne Canney, Terri Temple, Al Williams, Kathie Williams
Greeter: Lori Mayernik
Altar Servers: **Volunteers needed**

5:00 pm Mass
Lectors: Ed Beall, Irene Strauss
EMs: Mary Vogl, Paulette Stewart, Larry Thomas, Jonna Brenton, **Volunteer needed**
Greeter: Tom & Kathie Pahut
Altar Servers: **Volunteers needed**

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2026-27 $ 148,992
FY 2025-26 $ 143,448

Offering up by $ 5,544

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 18 offering	FY 2026-27	$ 3,476
	FY 2025-26	$ 3,835
ACH (Oct)	FY 2026-27	$ 7,545
	FY 2025-26	$ 7,663
Give Central (Oct)	FY 2026-27	$ 3,120
	FY 2025-26	$ 1,697

Other Monthly Accumulative for November

Building	$ 1,025
Faith Formation	$ 180
Helping Hands	$ 80
Coffee & Doughnuts	$ 40

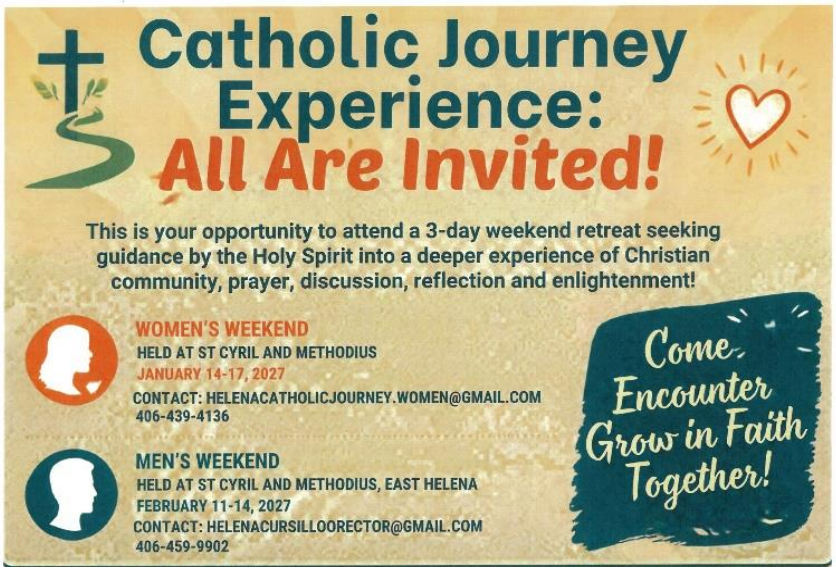
To donate through Give Central use the QR code
Questions? Call the Parish Office 406-458-6114

Parish Registration and Information Update

Register or Update Your Information

You can use this QR code easily to register at our parish.

https://life.onecamino.com/public/home



SOLAR EDGE

This renewable generation Project received funding through Northwestern **Energy**
As of Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 10:00 am OLV ***has produced 74 MWh of energy***
CO2 Emission Saved ***109k lb.***
Equivalent Tree planting 866

Father Cody's Column

Prayer part 14

The Mass and prayer

The Mass contains many lessons on prayer. The most important of all the lessons is that prayer is a dialogue. At times we speak with God and at other times we listen. Both of these poles of prayer are necessary for truly entering into prayer. Too often we focus on the first part, speaking to God. Yes, we need to speak to him. We need to tell him how we feel and what is going on in our lives. Although the dialogue of the Mass is highly structured with little input from us, this doesn't exclude us from entering into the dialogue even during Mass. We are encouraged to bring our needs and concerns with us to every Mass and offer them in the silence of our hearts. A good example of how we enter the dialogue with our own voices is the Prayers of the Faithful. These prayers are meant to echo the feelings of the faithful and to offer our general needs to the Lord. So, on the one pole, the Mass does allow us to voice our prayers and to enter the dialogue with our own needs. The part of the Mass that most people struggle with is listening. St. Benedict in his rule for monks, begins the rule with the word "listen." Listening is a critical part of our spiritual lives. We need to be able to hear God's voice as he calls to us and invites us into a relationship with him. The Liturgy of the Word is designed to teach us how to listen. As the readings are proclaimed, God speaks to his people. Too often we got caught in the trap that our goal is to understand the entire reading or be able to know Scripture from the Mass. Knowing Scripture means to know Christ. The best way for us to engage with the Liturgy of the Word is to listen well. What themes or ideas stuck out to us? In what way is God inviting us to listen to him? What struck us in the Mass or caused us to ponder? God is speaking to us. The second part of the Liturgy of the Word is our response. The Church teaches us how to respond to Scripture. Through the Responsorial Psalm we are taught not only how to respond to the 1st reading but also how to speak the words of the psalm. Again, the responses to each reading – "thanks be to God" – echoes the response we should have to hearing the Word of God.

The second lesson that the Mass teaches us about prayer is consistency. Let's be honest, we are a society that easily gets bored. We do not like watching the same show over again or repeating tasks. The Mass can feel repetitive or even mundane. Every Sunday is largely the same. When we are struggling and need stability, the structure and stability of the Mass can be healing. If we are hoping for more excitement, we probably won't find it. The same applies to prayer. If we build a routine to pray each day, after a while it is going to feel repetitive and then lose its appeal. The Mass teaches us consistency. God doesn't change but we do. In order for us to fully engage with God, it will take some discipline and consistency on our part. The never-changing aspect of the Mass helps us to realize that prayer is valuable even when we don't feel it. Prayer is valuable even if we don't feel like praying. We can still encounter God even though we don't feel him. We need the Mass to be the "antidote to the modern world" as Pope Francis called it so that our relationship with God is not based on our feelings but on an act of our will to choose him.

Fr. Cody

Bring Up the Gifts

Share a special moment at Mass by bringing up the gifts with your family. Father Cody warmly invites you to sign up!

Three people are needed to carry the wine, hosts, and collection basket. We'd love for you to take part.

Help with the Collection

Looking for a simple way to serve at Mass? Join us in taking up the collection! Four volunteers are needed at each Mass, and your help is warmly appreciated.

Sign up in December.

Patrick Walsh Kelly
Legendary Lodge Scholarship

Announcement

Our Lady of the Valley is pleased to announce several scholarships through the Patrick Walsh Kelly endowment fund and the generosity of OLV Parishioners.

Aims – The principal aim is to aid those campers from 5th grade through 12th grade in need of registration fees for the 2027 camp year.

Scholarship Award Amount – The scholarship recipients will receive a code that will cover the registration fee. This amount will cover camp if done prior to January 23, 2027. Late fees will not be covered.

Basis of Award – The camper must be a registered Our Lady of the Valley parishioner and have need a scholarship.

How To Apply – Pick up an application at the entryway table of the church. Mail or drop off application to Our Lady of the Valley, 1502 Shirley Rd, Helena, MT 59602. Deadline is December 11, 2026.
For More Information- Call Julie at the office: 406-458-6114





★SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026★

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Help *the Montana POW/MIA Awareness Association* honor American heroes this December!

Volunteer with us as we place sponsored veterans' wreaths at Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Harrison
3350 Heroes Road - center circle
Your $17 sponsorship places a live, balsam wreath.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MT0010P

"REMEMBER ME"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The **2nd annual Mrs. Santa's Kitchen** takes place **Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to noon** at St. Mary social center.

Visit Mrs. Santa from 9 to 11 a.m. Children can decorate cookies and play games in the children's room.

Fill your own plate with cookies for $5 per dozen, then enjoy cookies and conversation with friends in the coffee corner.



Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Giving Tree.



2027 Envelopes are out on the table!

Pastoral Council Nominations

We are looking for a new member for the Pastoral Council. As a reminder, the Pastoral Council is an advisory council to help the pastor in making decisions for the parish. The process for finding a new member is as follows:

1. Until December 6th, I will be taking nominations from the parish. These nominations do not count as a vote or that the person will be selected. The parish should have a say in who advises the pastor.
2. After the nomination process has concluded, each nominated person will be asked whether they would like to accept their nomination.
3. Those who accept their nomination will gather together and decide from among them who will be the next member of the pastoral council.

If you would like to submit a nomination, a nomination form and the **RED AND BLACK** box for submitting forms are found on the info table at the black table behind the holy water font.

Advent Little Blue Books are available Advent begins November 29th!

Hospitality Ministers are needed for Coffee & Doughnut Second Sunday Potlucks

On the refrigerator in the kitchen is a sign-up sheet for Sundays that needs to be filled.

A list of instructions will be coming soon.



Save the Date!

Catholic Women's Conference

April 9 & 10, 2027
Helena Civic Center

Our Mission Statement is "To foster an appreciation for the personal dignity in Christ. To encourage women to know and love God, Jesus and Mary, and to inspire women to use their feminine gifts to transform the family and society." Our theme for this year's conference is "Jesus in our Midst".



FOOD SHARE—Kids need us all year!

The "Wish List" food and other items

-canned soups
-canned tuna
-peanut butter
-flour
-canned meals like
-Spaghettios
-chili
-lasagna

ALWAYS NEEDED for Kid Packs

-Easy Mac cups
-pudding cups
-shelf stable milk
-cereal
-Kamut
-oatmeal

Low sugar:
-juice boxes
-fruit cups
-granola bars
-nut butters

WISH LIST—
♦Clorox wipes
♦Tall kitchen garbage bags

If you can help with Wish List items please Call Liz 406-443-3663 x104 for details



Thank you from the bottom of my cart! Phillip J. Cart and Sharon A. Littlemore

Church	Weekend Mass	Daily Mass
Cathedral	**Saturday** **5:00 pm** **Sunday** **7:30 am** **9:00 am** **11:00 am** ***Rosary after the 7:00 am Mass M-F and before the 9:00 am Mass on Sat***	**Monday: 7:00 am** **Tuesday: 7:00 am & 12:00 pm** ***Confessions 11:15 am-11:45 am*** **Wednesday: 7:00 am & 12:00 pm** **Thursday: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm** ***Confessions 4:45 pm --5:15 pm*** **Friday: 7:00 am** ***Adoration following mass until 12:00 pm*** **Saturday: 9:00 am** ***Adoration following mass until 11:00 am*** ***Confessions following mass until 11:00 am***
Sts Cyril & Methodius East Helena	**Saturday** **4:30 pm** **Sunday** **8:00 am** **10:15 am**	**Monday: 12:00 pm** ***Adoration following mass*** **Wednesday: 12:00 pm** ***Confessions following mass*** **Thursday: 6:30 am** **Friday: 12:00 pm** ***Adoration following mass***
All Saint's Carroll College	**Sunday** **7:00 pm** ***Adoration at Trinity Chapel 7 days a week 12:00—10:00 pm***	**Tuesday: 4:00 pm** ***Confessions 3:00-3:45 pm*** **Wednesday: 9:30 pm** ***Adoration 8:00-9:15 pm*** ***Confessions 8:00-9:15 pm*** **Thursday: 12:30 pm** ***Adoration 10:00 pm Thu—12:00 am Fri*** **Friday: 12:00 pm**
St Mary Catholic Community	**Saturday** ***Confessions 2:30—3:30 pm*** **4:00 pm** **Sunday** **9:00 am**	**Monday 12:10 pm** **Thursday: 12:10 pm on 1st and 2nd Thursday, 3rd, 4th & 5th at Care Facilities** ***Confessions 3:30—5:00 pm***
Our Lady of the Valley	**Sunday** **11:00 am** **5:00 pm**	**Tuesday: 6:00pm** **Wednesday: 6:00 pm** ***Adoration 4:00 — 5:50 pm*** ***Confessions 4:00—5:45 pm***

Masses around Helena

Pope's intention for November
For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

VATICAN NEWS

Current Vatican News

To read the latest Vatican news, choose one of the following options:
· Online users may click the link:
News from the Vatican - News about the Church - Vatican News
· Or visit: www.vaticannews.va/en.html



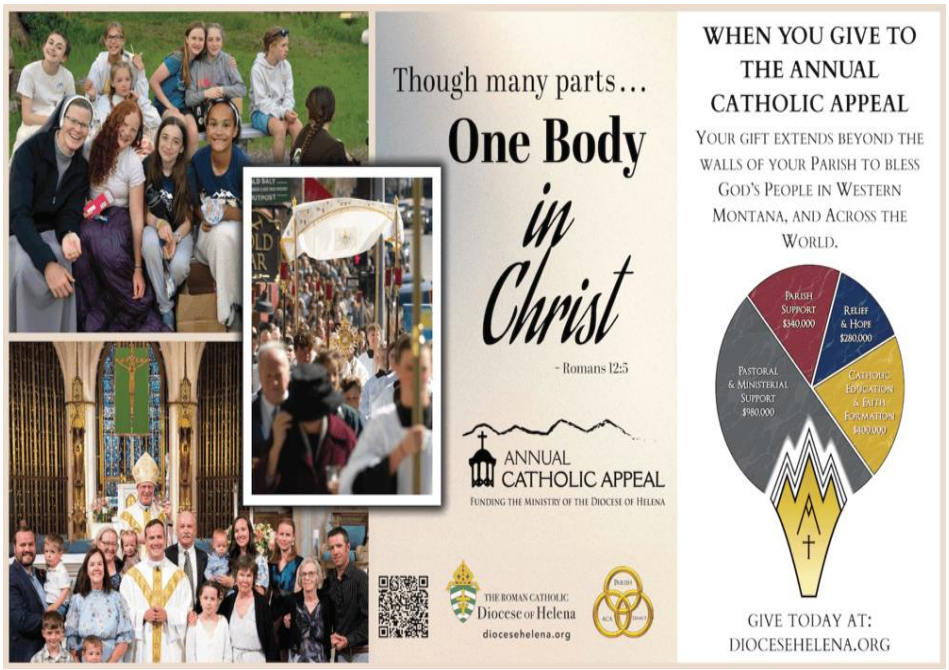


Book of Remembrance is available in the Gathering Space.

Please write names of deceased family members and friends who have passed this last year or whose names have not been previously entered whom you would like to keep in prayer and remembrance during the month November.

Discover the My Parish App
Your parish connection is closer than you think—daily readings, online giving, Mass times, confession times and the bulletin are just a scan away.
You can also connect to KNEH Relevant Radio through the App.

Kitchen has unclaimed dishes. If you are missing a dish, please look in the kitchen



ACA Progress Report

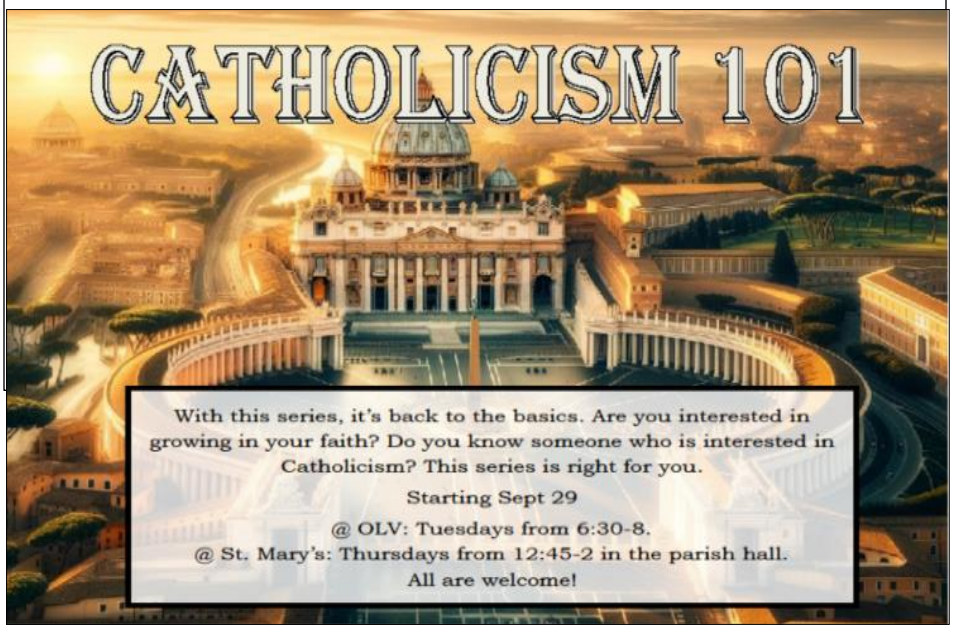
As of November 20, 2026

Goal: $58,700
Pledged: $7,435 **Paid:** $7,335
Percentage of goal: 12.7% **Participation:** 6.99%

Give through the ACA to support our seminarians, senior status priests, and more.

Online Meeting and Class Resources

- The virtual meeting link is available on the website: olvmt.org
- Class notes are also available online.

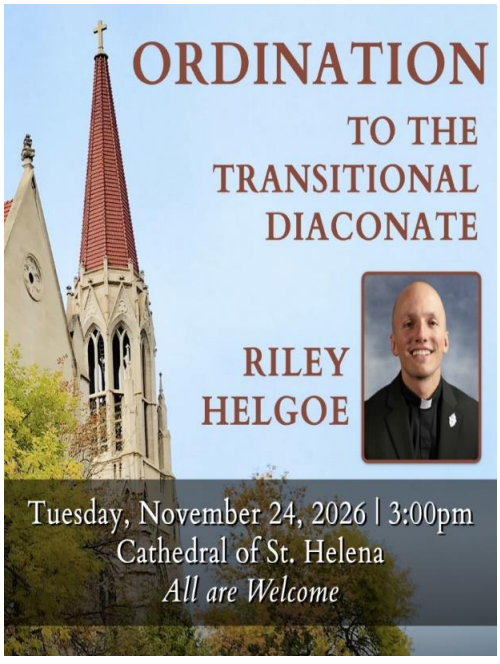


Pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

SEMINARIANS
FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Riley Helgoe THEOLOGY IV	Carson Gorton PHILOSOPHY II
Anthony Olmes THEOLOGY III	Jake Smith PHILOSOPHY II
James Semling THEOLOGY III	Liam Aippersbach PHILOSOPHY I
Jamie Severson THEOLOGY III	Ryan Frampton PHILOSOPHY I
Carter Anderson THEOLOGY II	Peter Fiocchi PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR
Shae Bills THEOLOGY II	Nathan Olmes PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR
Matt Keck THEOLOGY II	John Cooney PASTORAL YEAR

Please continue to pray for our Seminarians



Children's Choir for 4:30 pm Christmas Eve will start practicing November 29th after the 11 am Mass and every Sunday of Advent.

Happy Thanksgiving!



New ministry!

Altar Flower Ministry: Sponsor Altar Flowers

The Flower Ministry invites you to sponsor altar flowers in honor or memory of someone, to celebrate a special occasion, or in thanksgiving. The Sunday bulletin will include your name and your dedication. Our Flower Ministers select arrangements and colors that complement the liturgical season and feast days. There will be no flowers during Advent except for December 13th.

How to Dedicate the Flowers

To dedicate the Sunday altar flowers, email the church office with:

- Your name
- Your preferred bulletin wording, including who or what you wish to honor, celebrate, remember, or give thanks for.

Donations

- The suggested donation is $40–$50
- Make checks payable to Our Lady of the Valley Parish, write "Flowers" on the memo line, and mail them to the parish.

Questions? Call or email the church office

Thank you for supporting the Flower Ministry!

Today's altar flowers, a generous gift from an anonymous donor, celebrate the glory of God and express heartfelt thanksgiving for every parishioner of Our Lady of the Valley. May their beauty inspire us to grow together in faith and gratitude.