

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### SCHEDULE

**MASS:**

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning	11:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses	
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	
Holy Days	6:00 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday	3:30 p.m. <i>(and by appointment)</i>

**BAPTISMS:**

Prior to the baptism of infants, parents are to receive instructions on the meaning and obligations of baptism. Please contact the parish office to arrange this.

**MARRIAGE:**

To make arrangements, please contact the parish office six months prior to the anticipated wedding days, as required by the diocese. This time is needed for adequate preparations for Marriage.

**VISITATION TO THE SICK AND DISABLED:**

Please contact the parish office to let us know of those who may be seriously ill or disabled in our parish so that we may visit, pray with and bring Holy Communion to them if desired.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

For the Sacrament of Anointment of the Sick please call the parish office.

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### WELCOME

We welcome all visitors and family members who are worshipping with us today at Our Lady of the Valley Church. We are really glad you are here. After Sunday morning Mass, a period of fellowship with light refreshments is held in the Center. ALL are invited and encouraged to attend. We also hope you enjoyed your time with us and will return again soon! Do take a moment to sign our Guest Book.

### REGISTRATION

If you attend Our Lady of the Valley regularly but are not yet registered, please ask our ushers for a registration form, or stop by the Parish office. We also ask all members to use their offering envelopes and practice good stewardship of the many gifts God has given to each of us.

*Seeking the Heart of God — In the Heart of the Valley*

**ALL SAINTS  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020**

(L) Michele Conner  
(U) Jim Goodall and Tom Kilm  
(AS) Paul Sauerborn

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

(L) Leo Capria  
(U) Shot Widener and David Keel  
(AS) Jake Walker

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020**

(L) Barbara Thouin  
(U) Jim Goodall and Tom Kilm  
(AS) Paul Sauerborn

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

(L) Carol Covell  
(U) Shot Widener and David Keel  
(AS) Jake Walker

**PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**Universal Prayer Intention – Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence  
may always serve humankind

**STEWARDSHIP**

October 25, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 1,576.00
Loose	\$ 646.00
Memorials to John Bergstrom	\$ 175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,397.00</b>
Year to Date OFFERING	\$ 36,577.81
OLV Yearly Budget 7/1/20-6/30/21	\$144,760.00
Needed weekly to meet budget	\$ 2,783.85

Thank you to each parishioner for your continued support of  
Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

**PRAYER DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen

**INFORMATIVE WEBSITES**

Since we are no longer subscribers of FORMED, you may find the following websites informative on catholic news and happenings world-wide. Some offer daily updates, mass, the rosary and others include the Bible.

<http://www.charlestdiocese.org>

[www.ourladyofthevalleyparish.org](http://www.ourladyofthevalleyparish.org)

<https://zenit.org> – A news website

[www.ewtn.org](http://www.ewtn.org) – Eternal Word Television Network, Mass, programs, prayers – everything Catholic

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) – The United States Catholic Bishops' website

**Please remember to TURN OFF your cell phones, hand held games and electronic devices during mass. Thank you.**



**CHOIR PRACTICE**

**There will be no choir practice  
until further notice.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Religious education will begin for our students on January 10, 2021. Our students have begun the 2020-2021 school year either physically or virtually and their safety must be kept in mind. Our facility – the church office- is too small to accommodate our students safely during this time of the Coronavirus. Linda Walker, our Religious Education director will be in touch with each family with children. If you do not hear from her in the next two weeks, please email her at [Lwalker@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:Lwalker@charlestdiocese.org) or call the church office 803-593-2241.

If you or someone you know want to become a Catholic, please notify Barbara in the church office 803-591-2241. Arrangements can be made to provide instruction in Catholicism taught by a trained parishioner. This is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

**Our Lady of the Valley Parish wants to keep our children safe. Therefore, all volunteers who work with children in any capacity are required to take the Safe Haven Course and be approved by the diocese to work with children. Children 12 years or younger MUST be accompanied by an adult when going to the restroom or outside the church building.**

**OLV BULLETIN DEADLINE IS TUESDAY MORNING BY 9 A.M. Please send announcements or information to: [mconner@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mconner@charlestdiocese.org), call the church office at 803-593-2241, or submit a written announcement to the church office.**



**Please Pray For**

John Farmer, Steve Hamerick, Kay Livingston, Ricky Franklin, Austin Reeves, Shelley Lindell, Deborah Rutland, Doris Roberts, Cindy Barton, Barbara Dickert, Michele Conner, Kim Deschaine, Ray Rutland, Monica Cordero, Cole Lindell, and Carol Keel

**NOTE: Call Barbara if names need to be added to this list or if names can be taken off.**



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**November 4, 2020 – Sarah Johnson**

If you want a Mass said for a particular person or intention, please call the office to schedule the Mass. Masses can be requested for particular dates and times.

**NOVEMBER 2, 2020 – ALL SOULS DAY**

There will be a Mass at 9:00 am on Monday, November 2nd, All Souls Day. The Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed below the Offertory basket on the choir ledge. You may record the names of your deceased loved ones to be prayed for all month. The names will be read at Mass and Father will offer a prayer for each person. Additional names will be read as they are added.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1-7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

**40 Days for Life**

It is not too late to participate in **40 Days for Life**, a grass roots pro-life campaign with a vision to change hearts through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The hope is to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

To find out more and sign up to help please visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/greenville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/greenville) and [www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville](https://www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville) or contact Ingrid Ireland 864-329-0044 or Valerie Baronkin 864-297-8838 or Judy Masterson 864-506-0964. Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

**THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE**

Before his death, St John the Evangelist said to his disciples: "In the evening of your life, you will be examined in love". In 1st Corinthians 13:13, St Paul wrote that there are three things that remain which are faith, hope and love, but the greatest of them all is love. In the readings last week, we are reminded of our need to love not only God but also our neighbor as ourselves. Loving should not be limited to only those who are our family and friends, we should also show compassion to strangers. One truth that remains undisputed is that the greatest worship we can render to God is the love we practically (not theoretically) show to those whom we come in contact with whether they are family or friends or strangers. In order to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, we must look beyond our differences and embrace one other as images and reflections of God. This is true humanity. Permit me share this two short stories with you:

Sometime ago, in the predawn hours of a Saturday morning in January 2018, an arsonist set fire to the Victoria Islamic Centre, a mosque in Victoria, Texas. The fire gutted the building, but the shocked community immediately responded with love. The Jewish and Christian communities of Victoria quickly stepped up, offering their churches and synagogue for worship to this Muslim congregation of fewer than 150 people. And within days, a GoFundMe account set up to raise funds for rebuilding the uninsured structure surpassed the goal of \$850,000, raising more than \$1million from people of all faith and beliefs. The people went beyond their differences in faith and embraced their oneness in humanity.

Another story: First graders Vincent Butterfield and Zac Gossage were best friends. They loved hanging out at school and being silly together. But then, tragedy struck. After feeling tired and sick, Zac was diagnosed with leukemia. Although the treatments exhausted him but Zac continued to go to school. As a good friend, Vincent decided to learn about cancer and discovered that the treatments were expensive. He brought out the money he has been saving which is \$200 and donated it to Zac's family in order to help pay for his treatment. He took his support further by shaving his hair completely so that Zac, his friend, will not feel that he is the only one without any hair in school. A reporter from *Inside Edition* asked the boys; "What is friendship?" little Vincent still a first grader responded, "A beautiful thing."

The only way we can truly love God is by truly loving ourselves and our neighbors (cf. 1 John 4:20). At the end of our lives when we face God, we will not be judged by how beautiful or handsome we are; or by our wealth and fame; neither would we be judged by our giftedness and talents; none of these will matter. Our judgement will be based on how we treated others; lives we affected positively; hearts we touched; tears that are shed by those who will truly miss our goodness to them; hungry mouths we fed; strangers we showed kindness; friends we never betrayed; and smiles we raised on peoples' faces. In order to love our neighbors well, we must first of all love ourselves because we cannot love others genuinely if we do not love and hold ourselves reverently as the temple of God's dwelling. We have so little time on earth and we need to use this little time to spread flowers of kindness and love and let the sunshine of our goodness shine on others. The greatest gospel we can preach is the witness of our lives. May the victims of this pandemic continue to receive the true measure of love that they deserve, Amen.

God bless you!

*Father Emmanuel – Homily, October 25, 2020*