

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

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 2020
SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

(L) Gloria O'Shaughnessy
(U) Jim Goodall and Tom Kilm
(AS) Paul Sauerborn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

(L) Jake Walker
(U) Shot Widener, David Keel and Bob Anzoni
(AS) Jake Walker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

(L) Melody Sheets
(U) Shot Widener and David Keel
(AS) Jake Walker

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Prayer intention for evangelization – *The Laity's Mission in the Church*
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church

STEWARDSHIP

October 4, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 1,856.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,876.00
Year to Date OFFERING	\$ 30,306.01
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
<https://zenit.org> – A news website
www.ewtn.org – Eternal Word Television Network, Mass, programs, prayers – everything Catholic
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 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).

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday masses on Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. have resumed.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish wants to keep our children safe. Children 12 years or younger MUST be accompanied by an adult when going to the restroom.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!

OLV BULLETIN DEADLINE IS TUESDAY MORNING BY 9 A.M.

Please send announcements or information to: 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, John Bergstrom, Steve Hamerick, Kay Livingston, Ricky Franklin, Austin Reeves, Shelley Lindell, Laura Sheets, Deborah Rutland, Linda and Rick Endler, Doris Roberts, Cindy Barton, Mary Grace Holt, Kim Deschaine, 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

**October 11, 2020 – Deborah Opalewski, 11:00 am
October 14, 2020 – Paul Conner, 9:00 am
October 17, 2020 – Mary Berti, 4:00 pm
October 18, 2020 – Diane Mazza, 11:00 am**

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

**OCTOBER 18, 2020 –
Bicentennial Campaign**

(Checks use your envelope and make checks payable to Catholic Community Foundation of SC)

**OCTOBER 18, 2020 –
World Mission Sunday –
Propagation of the Faith**

CONDOLENCES EXTENDED

The parish family extends sympathy and prayers to the Franklin Family on the death Mary Franklin whose funeral was Wednesday, October 7, 2020. May they find comfort knowing that she is resting in the arms of our Lord.

JUST WAIT

Father Emmanuel's book, **JUST WAIT**, has been published and more copies are to come. Father wants every family in the parish to receive a copy. The books were distributed after Mass on Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4. If you did not receive one, you may call the office and ask Barbara when you can receive yours. Thank you, Father, for writing this book – it will touch many hearts with God's patience and trust.

STEWARDSHIP IN GOD'S VINEYARD

Dear brothers and sisters, Vineyard is one favorite and frequent Biblical Expression. Last Sunday spoke of the parable of the workers in the vineyard; the previous 26th Sunday spoke of two sons, asked to go to work in the vineyard and now this Sunday once again the first reading and the gospel mention a vineyard.

The image of vineyard forcefully brings out the deep personal care of God for His people. What meticulous care He takes to cultivate it! He provides everything for its healthy growth and for its abundant productivity. So, it is quite reasonable that He expects fruits. But He is totally disappointed because He does not receive the due fruit.

In the first reading, the vineyard yields wild grapes and, in the gospel, the tenants act violent, turn greedy, and try to misappropriate the vineyard from the owner's hand. Clearly, the failure is in rendering the due fruit to the owner.

Behind this explicit and visible failure, there is a total lack of sense of stewardship. They completely forget that they are only stewards. God has trusted them so much and entrusted them so much. This should make them deeply grateful toward what is given in God's abundant generosity. They should be humble because God gives them despite their unworthiness. They should be responsible because of the trust placed in them. They should work hard in order to prove themselves. They should be faithful in producing a rich harvest and render the fruit to the owner.

But they fail in all these counts. We can summarily classify three categories of people and three aspects of responses. First, Lethargic people who are lazy, and do not bother about producing fruit, and even if they produce, not concerned about the kind of the fruit. Second, those who produce fruit but wild fruit; this means, they are engaged in worthless activities and results. Third, these people produce well and abundant fruits; but they are greedy, wicked and manipulative. They may be very competent and talented and do lot of things and produce many fruits. But unfortunately, they try desperately to take the whole credit for themselves. They are so self-centered and try to own the whole glory by themselves.

The whole problem in all the three categories and aspects is a total lack of stewardship. This leads to lack of responsibility and diligence in the first two categories. In the third category, that leads to a total misuse and abuse of the given charge. They mistake the duty to be power. They mistake trust of the owner as opportunity to exploit. They mistake violence as means for grabbing propriety. They mistake their greed as the threshold for the bumper offer of fulfilling their over ambition for ownership.

In the present times too, These Three Categories never lack members. There are those who produce nothing. There are those who produce useless fruits. And there are those who misappropriate God-given gifts and resources, for their own self-interests, those who abuse them, and those who steal away all the credit and glory from God.

We are Stewards whom God has entrusted His rich treasures of grace and blessings. God expects us to yield good and sweet grapes which St. Paul proposes to the Christians of Philippi: "Fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honor, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise".

Let us continue to pray for God's grace to embrace a sense of gratitude, humility, responsibility, diligence, fidelity and fruitfulness. Amen.

Father Raj, Homily – October 4, 2020

COME PRAY THE ROSARY

Come and pray the rosary each Sunday morning before the 11:00 am mass, beginning at 10:40 am. Come a few moments early and join the parish family in asking Mother Mary to protect and guide us.

