

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

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 2020
SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

(L) Ronald Dixon
(U) Jim Goodall and Tom Kilm
(AS) Paul Sauerborn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

(L) Jeff Bair
(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 11, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 1,583.80
Loose	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,603.080
Year to Date OFFERING	\$ 31,909.81
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

<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).

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, 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, Michele Conner, 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 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**

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

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
BARBARA THOUIN!**

The parish family wishes Barbara Thouin a very happy birthday on Saturday, October 17th. Barbara not only handles the church office, but also the maintenance of the church and serves as sacristan for all masses and special events. She does so many things – there are too many to mention. We pray God bless her richly and give her a very happy birthday!



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. 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.

**THE WEDDING
INVITATION**

Gradually, we are advancing toward the end of the Church's year and the readings are taking eschatological turn. For some Sundays, we've been dealing with parables about the kingdom of Heaven using the vineyard as the focal point. In last Sunday's readings, especially the Gospel, the parable of the kingdom of God takes a new turn and instead of a vineyard, the focal point is on accepting/rejecting the invitation to a wedding banquet. The fact is that it is God's wish to save everyone, but only those who are open to His invitation to salvation will be saved. God has given us one great power which is the Human will and with this power, we chart the course we follow. And the Gospel concludes with the words: "Many are invited, but few are chosen". Our actions on earth will determine whether we will be among the chosen ones. Permit me to share this story with you:

Sometime ago, the Master was searching for a vessel to use. On the shelf there were many vessels- which one would he use? As he set his eyes on the gold, it cried out, take me for I am shiny and bright and I'm of great value, with me, your guests will compliment you because I am better than the rest. The master passed it and caught sight of the silver urn. The silver urn exclaimed; I will serve you dear master. Look at my carvings and see how graceful the lines are. My silver will always make your table graceful and beautiful. Unheeding, the master passed on to the brass. It was wide-mouthed and shallow and polished like glass. Choose me dear master and I will do. Place me on your table for all men to view.

On the other end was a goblet of crystal so clear and it said to the master, you can see how transparent I am and I will serve you with pride. Choose me because I will beautify your table with my transparency. The master looked at him for a while and shook his head. The master came upon a vessel of wood, polished and carved and immediately it exclaimed, you can use me master for fruit and not for bread. The master frowned at his pride and then passed it. Then the master looked down and saw a vessel of clay. Empty and broken, it helplessly lay. It saw itself as unworthy to be chosen and hid itself in shame.

The master looked at it and exclaimed; "Ah, I've found you finally. I will mend and use and make you mine. I do not need the vessel too shiny nor one with graceful lines too full of itself. I do not need the vessel too wide-mouthed and shallow and loud nor one too transparent nor one with so much pride. All I need is a vessel that I will fill with my power and might and the one that will revere me and do whatever I ask it to do. And then gently, he picked the vessel of clay, mended and cleansed it and placed it on his table and said to it gently: "Just pour out to others as I pour into you".

The reason why those who were given wedding invitation did not come was because they had one reason or the other to give in order to make themselves important, proud and busy before the king and this really infuriated him. To make Heaven and to be chosen, we need to empty ourselves before God like the vessel of clay that He may fill us with His grace. We cannot be full of ourselves and yet have God fill us. To attain salvation, we must be humble and allow God to work in us and through us. God is continually inviting us to the wedding feast of His Son. This invitation is still valid as long as we have breath in us. The greatest joy we can give to the King is to willingly and unreservedly honour His invitation through a holy, pure, loving and humble way of life. There is still time now, tomorrow may be late. *As we continue to face the ills of this pandemic, we ask God to let his salvific power rest on the earth again and heal the world He has made.*

God bless you.

Father Emmanuel, Homily – October 11, 2020