

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*

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 4, 2020  
SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020**

(L) Richard Wilson  
(U) Jim Goodall and Tom Kilm  
(AS) Paul Sauerborn

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020**

(L) Barbara Thouin  
(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

**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**

September 27, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 2,566.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,586.00</b>
Year to Date OFFERING	\$ 28,430.01
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.charlestandioocese.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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:Lwalker@charlestandioocese.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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:mconner@charlestandioocese.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, Mary Franklin, Austin Reeves, Shelley Lindell, Laura Sheets, Deborah Rutland, Linda and Rick Endler, Doris Roberts, Cindy Barton, Mary Grace Holt and Kim Deschaine

**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 3, 2020 – Mary Lou Shewan, 4:00 pm**  
**October 4, 2020 – Jessica Baker, 11:00 am**  
**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.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER RAJ!**

**The family of Our Lady of the Valley prays that Father Raj have a happy, blessed birthday on Friday, October 9. Happy birthday, Father, and we thank God for sending you to us. May He bless you richly on this day and throughout this next year.**

**If anyone desires to give Father a card, please drop it in the Offertory basket.**



**LIFE CHAIN**

This is one hour of PUBLIC witness Proclaiming The Sanctity of Each Human Life From Conception to Natural Death. **As Christians we pray especially for an end to the VIOLENCE of Abortion. PLEASE JOIN US today from 2:30 to 3:30 pm** We will meet at 2:15 pm at Christ's Way Christian Church 183 Old Wagener Road Aiken SC for instructions, signs and a short dedication prayer. We will stand in quiet prayer along Rudy Mason Parkway (SC 118 Bypass). Families with children are welcomed. You may bring umbrellas, chairs, water as needed.

**Held rain or shine. Please practice social distancing and wear a mask.**

This is a nationally coordinated event held in hundreds of cities in the United States and Canada as a visual statement of Christian solidarity.

Details at <http://lifecchain.net> [aikenprolife@gmail.com](mailto:aikenprolife@gmail.com) 803-816-0821

**GOD'S JUSTICE IN MERCY**

Last Sunday, the readings present to us the theme of God's justice in mercy; we are reminded of a God whose interest is not in our past but in our present. When someone who used to perform poorly in academics all of a sudden decides to study hard and by so doing excels in studies, that person's performance will no longer be rated based on past failures, but on present success and vice versa. In our relationship with God, we are judged not by our past life, but by our present disposition. Just like in the story of the prodigal son, the father was never interested in the fact that his son squandered his wealth; his desire was the safe return of his son, and so it is with God. He is not interested in our past rather He is more occupied with our present and what we are making out of it. In His mercy, His patience is exemplified. Permit me to share this story with you:

This is the story of **Just Pierre** formerly known as Too Much, who was born and raised in Compton, California in August, 1989. Life did not begin so easy for him. Growing up, he was surrounded by gangs, fornication, drugs, violence and other vices and he dabbled into them. However, in his early teens, he was converted but not knowing the importance of being saved, he went back into a life of sin. He had this talent in music and as such he started rapping, singing and producing songs that glorified sin. He sang with some hip-hop artist and for him then, he was on top of the world. One night, after having so much alcohol with friends, on their way home, he fell out of the car scraping his face, arms and legs and busting his skull. He almost died, but God was merciful. This near-death encounter still was not enough for him to forsake a life of sin and before he was done healing, he was back composing secular music, smoking weed, abusing drugs and drinking alcohol. He was in a deep conversation with his sister Vinex Monai one night when according to Him, the scales fell off his eyes and he saw that the road he was travelling was one marked for destruction.

Quitting his career in secular music, he ventured into photography in order to pay his rent, but again he allowed himself to be seduced by the world. He started taking sensual pictures of women, promoting and causing men to lust. It took everything to come crashing down on him before he realized how much he needed God. For two days he cried to God, asking Him so many questions. After this experience, he rose from his fallen state, went to Church and surrendered his will to God. He rededicated his life to Christ in February, 2012 and felt that peace of God which transcends all understanding as recorded in Philippians 4:7. He is now a preacher of the Gospel and sings Christian songs. He is no longer remembered for his past life but is now known for his Christian songs. In his Church, he now oversees the homeless ministry. That talent he used to glorify the world is now being used to glorify God.

In the journey to salvation, it is not the first to take off that matters, but the one who perseveres to the end. Just like in an athletic race, it is not the first to run off that matter, but the first to reach the finish line. And so it is in our spiritual journey. God desires that we always respond to His call and practically show the world that we belong to Him. The real deal in serving God is in the example of our lives. As we continue to run this race, may we never fall out of track. To those who have fallen out of the track due to some distractions or difficulties, may God's grace redirect them to the right track just like in the case of Just Pierre.

God bless you.

*Fr. Emmanuel, Homily – September 27, 2020*

**COME PRAY THE ROSARY**

We will resume the recitation of the rosary each Sunday morning before the 11:00 am mass, beginning at 10:40 am on Sunday, October 4th. Come a few moments early and join the parish family in asking Mother Mary to protect and guide us.

**PRESIDENTIAL COMPARISON 2020**

*(The following is taken from a letter sent to all parishes from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone.)* The South Carolina Conference (SCCC), in conjunction with other state conferences has produced this election's Presidential Comparison 2020, a side-by-side analysis of the two major party presidential candidates and where they stand on issues. It can be found by going to: [www.charlestandioocese.org/south-carolina-catholic-conference](http://www.charlestandioocese.org/south-carolina-catholic-conference) and then in the yellow box- click on Your Vote and Download the Comparison in either English or Spanish.