

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*

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020  
SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

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

**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

**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 20, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 1,420.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,440.00</b>
Year to Date OFFERING	\$ 25,844.01
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**

**September 26, 2020 – Bert Baker, 4:00 pm  
October 3, 2020 – Mary Lou Shewan, 4:00 pm  
October 4, 2020 – Jessica Baker, 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.**

**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.

Mass of   
**Remembrance**

For our children who were miscarried, stillborn, early induction, aborted, or any infant loss.

**Saturday October 3rd, 8:30 AM  
Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
2350 Augusta Hwy. • Lexington, SC 2972**

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated by Father Joseph Romanoski. A Rosary will follow immediately after. We welcome the attendance of any family and their friends who are grieving the tragedy of miscarriage, stillborn, early induction, abortion, or the death of an infant. The loss could be recent or could have occurred a long time ago.

**DIVINE MIND-SET or WORDLY MIND-SET**

As true followers of Christ, we are called to put on a new mind-set, that is, God's own, in contrast to the world's mind-set.

What a difference between God and man! God Himself declares this in the clearest terms through the Prophet Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts" (Is 55. 8-9).

The Parable of the workers in vineyard (Mt20.1-16) clearly illustrates this contrast between the divine mind-set and the worldly mind-set. God's mind-set is reflected in the mind-set of the owner: he pays all the workers in his vineyard, equally, with a denarius each (vv.9-11), irrespective of the differences in their arrival time and duration of their work – some, early in the morning (v.1), some, at nine (v.3), some, around noon (v.4), some, around three (v.4), and some others, about five o'clock (v. 6).

Obviously it would be blamed as an unreasonable act of injustice, because how can those who worked so long and hard through the day, and those who hardly worked toward the end, be put on the same plane and be treated equally? This is the typical ordinary human mentality, represented by the early workers: they begin to grumble against the landowner. They said: 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat' (vv.10-12).

In fact, this will be the perspective and way of thinking and arguing of most human persons. And this looks perfectly reasonable and valid. But in truth, this is only selfishness, because they are bothered only about their right and gain and not the need and good of others. Often fighting for self-interests and individual gains, gets tagged as justice issues. One fails to be sensitive to sense and serve the needs of others.

Absolutely the landowner has not been unjust to anybody (and that is why we hear in v.13: "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go."). His generosity is his freedom (That is why he declares in v.14-15: "What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?"). The problem is not the generosity of the landowner but the jealousy of the early workers (and that is why the master questions in v.15: "Are you envious because I am generous?").

This is the typical human mentality. Human jealousy often puts brakes on the duty of charity, and also on God's own generosity.

Plainly speaking, what injustice is done to the earlier workers in the gospel, when the owner gives equally to the last ones as well? The landowner was not unconcerned of the hard work of the earlier workers. He was just towards them. But he was concerned about the need of the last workers. His calculation is not in terms of an ordinary proportion between one's work and the payment, rather in terms of divine proportion between need and payment.

God thinks of the need, and not the merit of the person. His mercy and generosity go beyond what man deserves. This is the free and abundant benevolence of God, which cannot be conditioned by any human factors. And no one can claim grace and salvation on the merit of his efforts and capacities. Grace is not a personal acquisition but is God's gift. In the light of this parable, a disciple is then called to put on the mind of God, and grow more in the spirit of humility, surrender, fraternal sensitivity and generosity.

Jealousy is destructive, both of the self and of others, while generosity is constructive. The more we think of our duties and not rights, the more we feel concerned about what others need rather than what is our due, there is true justice and charity, and that is the new mind-set, the mind-set of God himself. Let us then strive with God's grace to put on that kind of Divine mind-set. Amen.

*Father Raj, Homily – September 20, 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.