

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

**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2020
SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES**

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

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

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 18, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 2,271.00
Loose	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,271.00
Year to Date OFFERING	\$ 34,180.81
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 121.00
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.charlestandiocese.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@charlestandiocese.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@charlestandiocese.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, Linda and Rick Endler, Doris Roberts, Cindy Barton, Barbara Dickert, 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

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.

Thank You

The entire Franklin family would like to thank all the parishioners at Our Lady of the Valley for keeping their mother in their thoughts and prayers. May God bless each and everyone of you. *The Franklin Family*

CONDOLENCES

The parish family extends condolences and prayers to Maureen Bergstrom on the death of her husband, John Bergstrom. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with her.

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 and 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.

OUR OBLIGATIONS TO GOD

Last week's Gospel is a challenging passage to always become aware of our duties in life and especially to give the first and prime importance to the obligations due to God. To God, our life giver; To God, our sustainer; To God, our meaning and purpose of life.

We have today with the incident of people seeking to trap the Lord with a query on whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar. The query on "should taxes be paid to Caesar or not" was asked by two groups: the Pharisees and the Herodians.

It is interesting to note that forces with evil and crooked intentions often work in tandem. These two groups, normally opposed to each other, join hands, to oppose Christ. Here is a fulfillment of the quote: "The enemy's enemy is my friend".

The Pharisees resented and opposed the payment of tax to Caesar because they considered Israel as a sovereign state under God's rule and therefore should not pay taxes to another king.

The Herodians, on the other hand, accepted and supported the payment of tax to Caesar because they belonged to the political party of Herod, the king of Galilee, who owed his power to the Romans. Saying a NO would bring Christ before the Roman government for treason. Saying a YES would bring Christ before the Jewish authorities for blasphemy.

The forces of evil had posed a severe danger to the Mission of Christ. The answer by Christ would be very vital and important to the continuity of His Mission.

But the Missionary Jesus, who was convinced of His purpose and aim in life, had the best answer "Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God!"

He did not deny paying to Caesar. He rather, raised the level to one's relationship with God, who is the sole authority of life and the giver of all things and goods. The answer baffled and amazed the ones who had come to interrogate Him. The Mission had not only been saved; the Mission received a greater boost.

The Lord was convinced of His Mission in life, The Mission of 'always being faithful to the Will of His Father'. He was convinced that He belonged to His Father and that all authority comes from Him. He was totally sure that His purpose and aim in life was not earthly, but of the divine realm. He was fully certain of His mission in life, to live a life dedicated to His Heavenly Father.

We too, in our Christian lives, often face such situations of dilemma and trouble in a world getting addicted to consumerism, materialism, relativism and sensationalism, the challenge to live "honestly and in tune with the Gospel" is especially great indeed.

Situations may force us to give in to abandon 'faith' and follow only what 'reason' teaches. Situations may make us to give up our 'values' and follow the 'vain standards' of the world. Situations may cause us to dilute the Church teachings to accommodate our wants and pleasures. Situations may incite us to loosen our hold on true traditions to pave way for a "modernistic" lifestyle.

The challenges to our Mission as a Christian and as a Catholic are much. But like our Lord Jesus the First Missionary and our Leader in Missions, we ought to stay convinced and remain enthusiastic to spread the Mission of the Lord.

Each of us, in any way of life, is a Missionary. We have a Mission to belong to the Lord and to Him completely. We have a Mission to spread the Love of the Lord to the whole humanity. We have a Mission to bring peace and harmony and wholeness for the entire humanity. We have a Mission to orient our lives to the values of the Gospel and to travel heavenward.

Let's rekindle the fire and zeal of the Missionary Jesus, our King and Leader and constantly write the Examination of Life, "honestly and in tune with the Gospel". Amen.

Father Raj – Homily, October 18, 2020