

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

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Monday - Friday

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

(Except Sundays) 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Devotions

Rosary

Daily before Mass at 8:05 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily after Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every 1st Friday of the month from

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

You cannot serve
both God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13



September 21, 2025 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully in our spiritual & social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register with us. Please let us know if your address or email changes.

Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

If you know of someone who is homebound, please notify our parish office so that they may receive pastoral and sacramental care of the church.

Email: office@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org

Send announcements by Monday noon to:

bulletin@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org

Visit our website at: ourladyofthevalleyluray.org



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: September 20 - Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim
Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. - Mary E. Vaccarino

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners

Sunday: September 21 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Ethan Williams and Ethan Marshall

11:15 a.m. - Deacon Rafael Goldsmith

Monday: September 22 - Monday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Zachary Hynes

Tuesday: September 23 - Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 a.m. - Ted Booker

Wednesday: September 24 - Wednesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Joshua Duda

Thursday: September 26 - Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Laura Gossin

Friday: September 26 - Friday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Edward, Mark and Stephen Frohlich +

Saturday: September 27 - Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 a.m. - William and Rachel Breeden

5:00 p.m. - Philip King, Sr. +

Sunday: September 28 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Meghan Sterett

11:15 a.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners



Monday: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

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Helping Our Parish Grow WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of September 14

Offertory Collections: \$2,143.00

Poor Box: \$218.96

Candles: \$64.00

Mass Intentions: \$30.00

Building Fund: \$111.00

Catholic University: \$50.00

Religious Education: \$851.00



Mass Intentions

Please know that having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass said for a special intention or in loving memory of a departed relative or friend brings many graces. The standard donation is \$10.00. Mass cards are available at the parish office, the sacristy, and on annex side table.



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The second week of each month OLV collects packaged, canned goods, and nonperishables for the needy of our community. Please leave your food only donations in the church vestibule.

The collection for September was 470 pounds of food. January 2025 to date: 4,120 pounds. Since January 2016: 23,405 pounds.

*Thank you for participating in this
very worthy cause*

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.

Obedience and Spiritual Union – “Let it be Done Unto Me”

In this women’s silent retreat, we will consider the secret to true Obedience; a disposition of Receptivity. Meditating on the nature of a woman’s receptive power, we will explore how the feminine gifts of Empathy, Intuition, and Adaptability enable us to listen more deeply in prayer, and to achieve spiritual union, not only with our spouses, but with Jesus Himself.

Mary Stanford, a Professor at Christendom College and author of *The Obedience Paradox: Finding True Freedom in Marriage*, will lead this retreat at the Arlington Diocese’s San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Father John Riley, Spiritual Director at the center will serve those gathering with daily Mass and opportunities for confession. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday September 19 and concludes Sunday 21 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available.

For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org

Mass for
Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?
All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome!
Contact your parish office today to register!

Sunday October 19, 2025
Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA
The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist

The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | arlingtonfamily.org

Stewardship Reflection

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).”

LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run “neck and neck” as top priority. Is money a “god” that you put before God?

Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry.

Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.



Retreat for Person’s Facing Serious Illness

Seeking Rest and Renewal? Amid illness and uncertainty, God’s love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for person’s facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God’s loving presence. For questions or to register, email retreat@ccda.net, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call (703)841-3830. Space is limited.



Please call the parish office 540-743-4919, if you would like to remove or add a loved one's name to our bulletin prayer list.

Our Lady of the Valley Covenant

We, the parish family of Our Lady Of The Valley, do hereby covenant ourselves to God by working to proclaim His word, build His community, celebrate His liturgy and serve His people. We affirm this covenant to You, Father, in unity with the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office at least a month prior to the date you desire to have your baby baptized.

Weddings

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at least six months before the wedding date. All engaged couples must take the Marriage Preparation Course.

Parish Council & Finance Committee

These committees meet quarterly. If you have positive recommendations, or feedback, please contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Paul V. Heller Council 8393 business meeting is on the 1st Monday and their social meeting is on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Ladies Council

Ladies Council holds it's regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 A.M. in the meeting room.

Youth Group

OLV Youth Group meets in the church from 6 - 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month for prayer, dinner, social time, and discussion of topics central to our faith.

Women's Scripture Study Group

OLV Women's Group meets every Saturday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. for prayer, learning and mutual encouragement.



Ezekiel Arias, David Atkins, Kathleen Calen, Thyra Calen, Julian Campbell, Tyler & Danae Campbell, Frank Caruso, Gary Clarkson, Danny Collins, Gregory Counts, Thomas Craze, Marc Cyphert, Michael Cyphert, Teresa Dean, Ed Dwyer, Beverly Dwyer, Bill & Clare Evon, Tony Fox, Marsha Fratkin, Rachel Golden, Barbara Gray, Ruth Green, Barbara Hiler, Savannah Knave, Tom Long, Jenny Cano-Lopez, Kay Lucas, Mary Keyser, Robert Montemayor, Bob Moulden, Cathy Panzica, Sandy Parker, Hilda Pruitt, Anthony Rivera, James Rostetter, Dino Sfreddo, Sandra & Wayne Showalter, Debbie Snellings, Amber Starke, Meghan Sterett, Lillian Taylor, Robert Taylor, Charles Wood, Laken Vaughn, Maria Vaughn, Oanh Vaughn



Brian Abrams, Vera Allen, Maureen Barrett, Richard Benner, Thomas Blanche, David Bobzien, James Bradecamp, Sharon Brunck, Joseph Bugica, Dcn. Richard Burrell, Norman Burzynski, Edward Cain, Victor Calen, Joseph Campbell, Sharon Campbell, Betsy Clark, Luzmilla Clark, Farley Clinton, Sandy Collins, James Collins, Sandy Counts, Pat Covington, Louis Cumberland, Michael Czinkota, Waid H. Dean, Kathy Donaldson, Hajna deKun, Theresa Dispenzirie, Maria Erazo, Robert Fisher, Eleanor Fisher, Ed Frohlich, Mark Frohlich, Stephen Frohlich, Robert Goff, Harold Granberg, Steve Gray, John Greer, Frances Hannah, Ann Helms, Roy Hiler, Yvette Hyde, Delores Johnson, Robert Keane, Irene Keller, Fritz Kestermann, David Lightowler, Mary Jane Lloyd, Rex R. Lloyd, Alice Lundblad, David Lundblad, John Maitland, Ruth Martin, Jose Molina, Leona Miller, Michael Myer, Chris Nestor, Ruby Norton, Barbara Claire O'Neill, Matthew Parowski, Joseph Pechie, Shirley Reese, Hans D. Reusch, Dan Schneible, Audrey Sedwick, Edward Showalter Sr., Paul Showalter, Burrous Snellings, Sr., Ron Sommers, Betty Starke, Chester Taylor, Thomas VanDerveer, Helen VanDerveer, Leon Vaughn, Ritchie Vaughn, Rosita Vega, Evelyn Vlkogan, John Vlkogan, Mary Ann Waybright, Charlotte West, Ray West, Philip Wirdzek Jr., Jan Zwaninger

REFLECTION

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

When the 47-year-old John Jacob Astor IV strode up the gangplank of the HMS Titanic, he was the richest man in America. In fact, he was the first American to reach multi-millionaire status, acquiring \$80 million (200 billion in today's money). Little did he know that he would never walk down that same gangplank. He would drown in the cold waters of the Atlantic on April 15, 1912, joining 1500 others who died when the Titanic sank. Only the New York Waldorf-Astoria hotel bears any connection to his name.

The operative words present here are "richest" and "money." Fun to talk about for many people. Or to dream about with every Lottery ticket purchase. But never very far from consideration whenever the topic of one's well-being is considered. At least for some. It becomes part of every answer to the question directed their way of "How are you doing?" Or "How are you feeling?" even if money and riches are only implied and never mentioned.

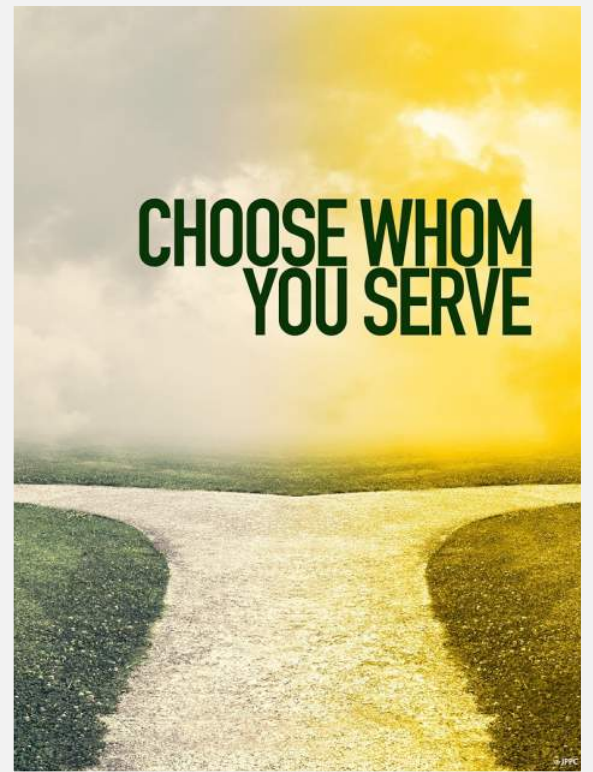
We all know it is so true that "You can't take it with you." We smile readily when someone says, "You never see an armored car riding behind a hearse." But somehow so many of us at least "half believe" that maybe you can take it with you. "It" being money. Earthly financial status.

Our Lord Jesus Christ knew well "what was in man." After all, "He shared our human nature in all things but sin," as the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass declares. So, He knows our temptation to forget the next life is coming.

Maybe we admire the shrewdness of that scheming servant as he knew his "pink slip" was coming. Even his master did, the very man who would become the victim of the servant's fraud. He might rationalize that it was a kind of "payroll insurance." That is exactly the kind of thinking that we must avoid. Still, we must be prudent about money.

Once upon a time the boss found a boy in the stockroom just standing around doing nothing. "How much do you get paid a week?" he asked the boy. The boy replied, "Fifty dollars." Taking a fifty-dollar bill out of his wallet, the boss gave it to the boy and said, "Here, take this. Now get out of here and do not come back!" As the boy walked out the door, the boss said to the manager. "How long has that lazy kid been working for me?" "He doesn't work for us," answered the manager. "He just delivered a package."

God love you and give you, His peace.



**Welcome
to Our Church!**



..... ROMANS 12:10
Be devoted to one another
in love. Honor one
another above
yourselves.

Then shall two be in the field; the
one shall be taken, and the other left.

..... MATTHEW 24:40



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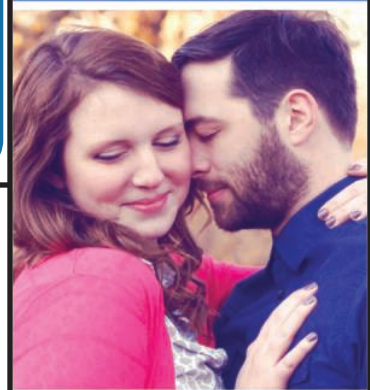
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