

# Our Lady of the Valley Church

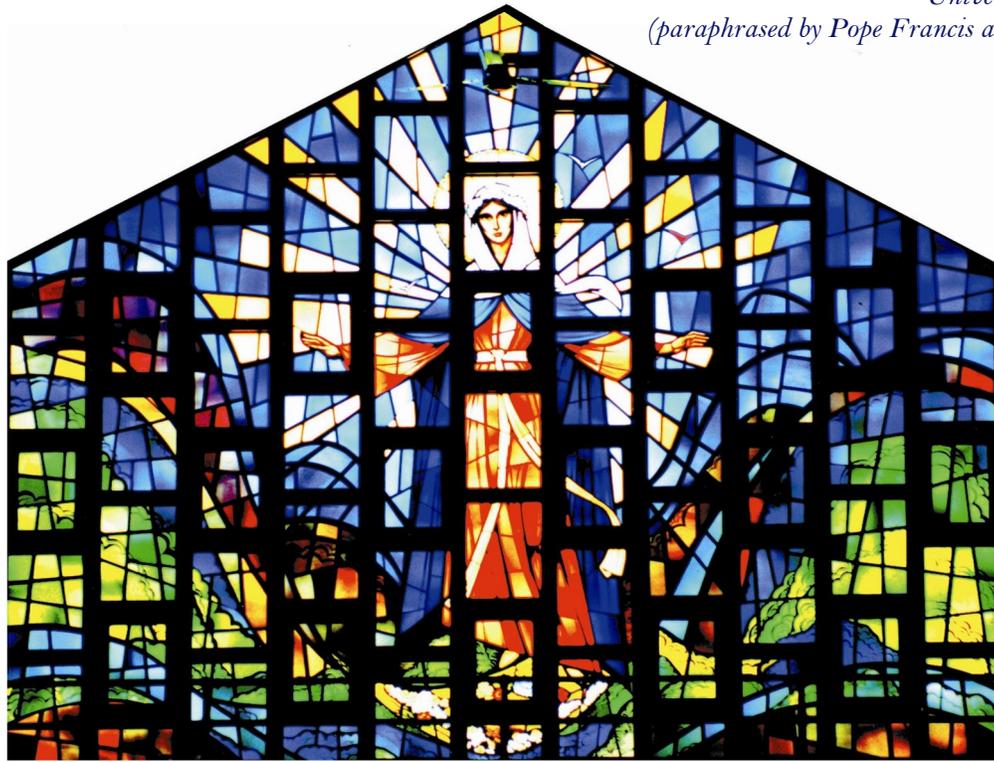
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.  
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina  
University of Notre Dame*

*(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



## **Schedule of Masses**

### **Weekdays**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

### **Weekends**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 pm. - 5:00 p.m.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday - 12:00 p.m. in Church

or by appointment

## **Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments**

Please call the Parish Office

***Remember Our Lady of the Valley Church in Your Will***

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY

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## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

### Weekend of December 5 - December 6:

#### Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm Father Wells  
8:00am Father Wells  
12:00 Noon Father Duberney

#### Holy Cross

10:00am Father Duberney

## ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance November 22: 254

Stewardship totals are not available. We prayerfully request considering WeShare during this time or mailing envelopes into the office.

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. m(1 Peter 4:8-10)*



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30	9:00am	For the People
Tuesday, December 1	9:00am	Diane Del Vecchio
Wednesday, December 2	9:00am	For the People
Thursday, December 3	9:00am	Elvia Gerardino
Friday, December 4	9:00am	For the People
Saturday, December 5	5:00pm	Mary Ann Dowling Kenneth Predmore, Sr. Peter Scibetta
Sunday, December 6	8:00am	Timothy Collins John Hodor Catherine & Frank Pavlica Helen Stober
	12:00pm	Timothy Collins Irene Goodrich Peter & Bettina Perrupato Betty & Raymond Van Kerschaver Kevin West

## THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December is for **Evangelization—The Laity's Mission in the Church**. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

## MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 29, 2020

## PARISH SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

*"Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray...Is anyone among you sick? They should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."*  
(James 5:13,14)

### Pray for the Sick:

<i>Gregory Bertoline</i>	<i>Gloria Dykstra</i>
<i>Kathy Corrao</i>	<i>Marilyn Beneventine</i>
<i>Barry Koerber</i>	<i>Tom Beneventine</i>
<i>Jenny Moskal</i>	<i>Donald Boman</i>
<i>Debbie Sleeman</i>	<i>Gloria Keenan</i>
<i>Gary VanSteyn</i>	<i>Eleanor Kucinski</i>
<i>Pat VanSteyn</i>	<i>Joe DeFalco</i>
<i>Paul Wilczewski</i>	<i>Ralph &amp; Linda Greco</i>
<i>Michael Waldinger</i>	<i>Maria Guarneri</i>
<i>Roger Rigolli</i>	<i>Al Soltis</i>
<i>Edward LaBarre</i>	<i>Rita Rugel</i>

**UPDATED NOTE:** In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request a person's name be added. The current names will remain on the list until end of November.

## WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

This week the Sanctuary Lamp which burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the bread and wine offered at the Altar, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are given in memory of:

*Peter & Bettina Perrupato*

From their Loving Family

## CHRISTMAS 50/50 RAFFLE

Three weeks left to enter the Christmas 50/50 Raffle! One lucky winner will take home half of all monies collected as there will only be **one lucky** winner at this drawing on Sunday, December 20! To make it more interesting, the lucky winner will be a reverse draw which will be the **LAST** ticket remaining.

If you have not received your request form in the mail, copies are left on the back porch of the Parish Center and on our website.

Stay tuned to Father's weekly message for updated information on the amount collected thus far.



## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 1-8

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1- 8, don't forget to check into your class on time and complete the work in the time allocated.

Upcoming class dates:

December 6, 13, 20

January 3, 10

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Reminder: **Confirmation Year I and Year II** sessions are scheduled today, November 29.

Reminder: This is a virtual session. **NO** in person class!

## THANK YOU!

We are grateful for all those that have donated funds and food to this year's Diane Mollo Memorial Thanksgiving Food Drive! We asked, and you came through! THANKS to all of you and our volunteers, your generosity enabled us to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 156 families in need. We know we speak on their behalf when we say THANK YOU!

## 2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

*"Love Thy Neighbor"*



As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal - as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission - and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org).

# SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

## Waiting for Patience

“I want patience and I want it now,” or so the joke goes.

Fine.

But remember, the purpose of Advent is to wait. Did you ever stay awake on Christmas eve as a child and sneak into a hiding place in order to see the Christmas tree being decorated? I surely did. I was impatient. We kids also had big felt stockings hung on each of our doors and I remember during the night trying to keep an eye open to see Santa or the Good Fairy or at least someone putting the prizes into it.

Did I keep my eyes open all night? No. I woke in the morning to find a bulging stocking, mysteriously full, having arrived by magic alone. So, I had gone to sleep instead of patiently spying. Patience is not often a virtue of the young.

Hopkins, the Jesuit poet, has a poem on patience that speaks to this first Advent Sunday. (Please see the footnote for help in understanding.\*)

Patience, hard thing! the hard thing but to pray,  
But bid for, patience is! Patience who asks,  
Wants war, wants wounds; weary his times, his tasks;  
To do without, take tosses, and obey.

Rare patience roots in these and, these away,  
No-where. Natural heart's-ivy, Patience masks  
Our ruins of wrecked past purpose. There she basks  
Purple eyes and seas of liquid leaves all day.

We hear our hearts grate on themselves;  
it kills To bruise them dearer. Yet the rebellious wills  
Of us we do bid God bend to him even so.

And where is he who more and more distils  
Delicious kindness?—he is patient. Patience fills  
his crisp combs, and that comes those ways we know.\*

Our most beloved plans and purposes come often to wreckage, just like ancient buildings. Patience resembles beautiful ivy, Hopkins says, gradually spreading its way over the rubble, making it a picture of quiet composure. The phrase, “Purple eyes and seas of liquid leaves,” doesn’t just remind us of how ivy looks, it bathes us in the luxury, the peace and the relief of such a sight. Hopkins portrays patience also as “delicious kindness,” a honey that fills the combs of our lives. A gift to us.

God’s kindness provides us with comfort and also time to prepare—an allowance of days, weeks, years, and even a lifetime—to get ready, to desire, and gradually, along the way, to receive. With patience. Even though infants demand their every wish be granted right now, our adult humanity is simply too deep to get an instant fill-up.

If there were nothing worth waiting for, then patience would be silly. The birth of Christ into this world and into our hearts is well worth the wait. We know that his birth has happened already—but also, in a surprising way, it has not happened at all. We are still mean to our neighbors. We still hide truth from those who love us. We envy and lust after what is not ours., and there is horrendous evil all around us in this twenty-first century.

We need the birth of Jesus into our hearts, into the world.

We need Advent patience.

John Foley, SJ

\*Taken from Gerard Manley Hopkins: A Critical Edition of the Major Works, edited by Catherine Phillips (London, New York, etc., Oxford University Press, 1986), #176.

Parts of this poem may be difficult to understand immediately, so I want to be crass and suggest its meaning in prose:

- 1) Patience is difficult because usually it grows only in adversity.
- 2) Yet, like ivy it gradually covers with quiet beauty the failures of our lives. (The “purple eyes” are berries.)
- 3) Our hearts are like stones chafing on each other, bruising themselves dearer (the word “dearer” is used in England to mean “at greater cost.”) Yet even so, we ask God to bend our defiant wills to him.
- 4) Hopkins ends with a comparison of God to the bees who—patiently—fill up honeycombs.