

Offeratory: July 14, 2019 OLM \$513, OLV \$573, COS \$546, Total \$1,632
July 15, 2018 OLM \$451, OLV \$600, COS \$688, Total \$1,739

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 14, OLM 4:00 PM For Thomas Rowley, requested by Fr. Frank McMahon
Sunday, Sept. 15, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Sept. 15, OLV 10:30 AM For Walter Meyer, requested by Ken and Martha Hoffman
Sunday, Sept. 15, COS 12:30 PM For Anna Weiser’s son-in-law, Theo, requested by Karen Shaw

Saturday, Sept. 21, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Sept. 22, OLM 8:30 AM For Ruth and James Daigler, requested by Dan Daigler
Sunday, Sept. 22, OLV 10:30 AM For Walter Meyer, requested by Ken and Martha Hoffman
Sunday, Sept. 22, COS 12:30 PM For Logan to become a priest, requested by Karen Shaw

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 18: Cursillo Ultreya, 7:00 PM, OLV
Sept. 19: Finance Council Meeting: 6:30pm at the Rectory
Sept. 20: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV

Parents, please join us after the OLV 10:30am Mass today to learn about the religious education program for the upcoming year. You will be able to register your children, and ask any questions that you may have. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you then!

Weekly Intention: For the grace this week to be repentant and open to the mercy of Christ. 

“Whether you think you can, or think you can’t, you’re right.” —Henry Ford

 **Bishops Annual Appeal 2019**
Thank you to those who have given to the 2019 Bishop’s Appeal. Your gift supports a variety of ministries and services impacting all of our parishes, including Catholic faith formation, education, vocations, emergency aid and so much more. We are **51%** to our parish goal of **\$22,789.00**, and hope you will consider making a gift. To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org

Annual Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Conference will take place Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT. The keynote speaker will be Ron Huntley from *Divine Renovation* who will focus on helping us and our parishes move from "maintenance to mission." Breakout sessions will focus on pastoral ministry, religious education, youth ministry, marriage and family life, worship, RCIA and communications. Cost of the conference is \$30.00 and includes lunch, and materials. Pre-registration is required. Learn more and register at www.vermontcatholic.org/ministryconference2019 or contact Valerie Parzyck vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org or 658-6110 x 1131

Married Couples Retreat “So we are ambassadors for Christ...” 2 Cor 5:20
MARRIAGE: THE WINDOW OF CHRIST'S LOVE TO THE WORLD WITH DR. SHAWN & DAWN KALIS

When: October 4 - 6, 2019
Where: Enders Island

The marriage covenant, as designed by God, is a reflection of His love towards the world he created. Each person in a marriage, and each marriage, is unique, displaying the love of God in numerous and diverse ways. When we realize that our marriage is a revealing of the love within the Trinity, the very love that has been poured out upon us, we will be drawn into a closer and deeper relationship with God, and in turn, with our spouses. Embracing this reality has the power to transform our lives and our marriages, enabling us to reflect God’s love towards those around us as “Ambassador’s for Christ”. Please join us October 4-6, 2019, as we examine the scriptures, pray, and meditate on our relationships with Christ, each other, and the holy sacrament of marriage. Together, we will explore ways that we can all become better “Windows of Christ’s love to the world”! To register go to: https://www.endersisland.com/events/married-couples-weekend-retreat-2?blm_aid=35187

 **POST ABORTION TEACHING & HEALING (PATH) PROGRAM**
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September 15, 2019
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to “Lost and Found Sunday”! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today’s Gospel suggests that we’d be wiser to admit that we’re sometimes lost. Then we’ll eventually be happily counted among Jesus’ “found,” because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, “began to complain” that Jesus “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God’s amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus’ friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God “relented in punishment” and pardoned us, shouldn’t we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his “arrogance” as “foremost among sinners.” We too, happy at being “mercifully treated,” should share with everyone else Jesus’ unflinching patience.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?” (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalms — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Thursday: St. Januarius

Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng
Ha-sang and Companions

Saturday: St. Matthew

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year’s Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God’s call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord’s Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God’s creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord’s Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday’s ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

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NEEDED

The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family.

—Anonymous

REMOTELY SPEAKING

Television remote controls encourage couch potatoes to exercise their options while broadening their base.

—Anonymous

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2019

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— *Psalm 51:12*