

**Offertory:** August 4, 2019 OLM \$435, OLV \$800, COS \$695, Total \$1,930  
 August 5, 2018 OLM \$824, OLV \$817, COS \$828, Total \$2,469



**SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Saturday**, October 12: Blessed Virgin Mary  
 OLM 4:00 PM For Bill and Joyce Scheuerman, by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin

**Sunday**, Oct. 13:  
 OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, by John Nappi, Jr.

OLV 10:30 AM For Anne Tagariello, by Arlene Tarantino  
 COS 12:30 PM For Thomas Rowley, by Fr. Frank McMahon

**Monday**, Oct. 14: St. Callistus I; Columbus Day;

**Tuesday**, Oct. 15: St. Teresa of Jesus

**Wednesday**, Oct. 16: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

OLV 8:00 AM For Bill and Joyce Scheuerman, by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin

**Thursday**, Oct. 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

OLM 8:00 AM For Joan Engel

**Friday**, Oct. 18: St. Luke  
 OLV 8:00 AM For Thomas Rowley

**Saturday**, Oct. 19: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions; Sweetest Day

**OLM 8:00 AM** For Joan Engel

**Next weekend**

**Saturday**, Oct. 19

OLM 4:00 PM For Thomas Rowley, by Fr. Frank McMahon

**Sunday**, Oct. 20: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLM 8:30 AM For Bill and Joyce Scheuerman, by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin

OLV 10:30 AM For Walter Meyer, by Ken and Martha Hoffman

COS 12:30 PM For Pope Francis and all priests, by Karen Shaw

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Oct. 12 & 13: Special Collection: Archdiocese for the Military Service**

Oct. 16: Cursillo Ultreya, 7:00 PM, Cagney's

Oct. 18: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV

**Oct. 19 & 20: Special Collection: World Mission**

**CURSILLO—WHAT IS IT AND WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER IT**

Cursillo is like a retreat but better. It offers 3 days of meditation and discovery of what is fundamental to being a Christian. The three days can be described as a day to meet yourself, a day to meet Jesus and a day to meet your community. It is better in many ways than a retreat in that after the 3 days it offers you an opportunity to continue to develop your own spirituality (offers not requires) through monthly meetings of others who have attended the 3 days.

During the regular meetings various volunteers will describe how they are living out an aspect of their Christian lives. During the meetings we also, in small groupings, try to answer the questions of: What spiritual aids helped you (this month) in your relationship with Christ? What moment did I feel closest to Christ? What have I done to better understand God's gift. How have I brought Christ to others? How have I been tested this month?

Most of all, these meetings are a group of Christian friends helping each other live Christian lives to the fullest. Cursillo Ultreya meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm, and where it is held varies. Please refer to the bulletin to see where that month's meeting will be held. — Dan Daigler



**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 **57%** to our parish goal of **\$22,789.00**, and hope you will consider making a gift. To learn more visit: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org)

Maggie Eisenbarth, the new Respect Life Coordinator in our Diocese, has requested someone who would like to volunteer as the pro-life coordinator for our parish. This volunteer will be the liaison between the parish and the diocese and someone Maggie can reach out to. You can reach Maggie at: [meisenbarth@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:meisenbarth@vermontcatholic.org) or call 802-658-6110 ext. 1201. "God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection



[ourladyofmercy.vermontcatholic.org](http://ourladyofmercy.vermontcatholic.org)

Pope Francis Speaks to Families:

### Marriage: Two Become One

**W**hen a man and woman celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony, God, as it were, “is mirrored” in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us. Indeed, God is communion too: the three Persons of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit live eternally in perfect unity. And this is precisely the mystery of matrimony: God makes of the two spouses one single life. The Bible uses a powerful expression and says “one flesh,” so intimate is the union between man and woman in marriage. And this is precisely the mystery of marriage: the love of God which is reflected in the couple that decides to live together. Therefore a man leaves his home, the home of his parents, and goes to live with his wife and unites himself so strongly to her that the two become—the Bible says—one flesh.

General Audience, St. Peter’s  
Square,  
April 2, 2014



### The Holy Mass

(Continuation) This week I want to explain to you about the purposes of the Mass.

The purposes of the Mass are similar to the purposes for which Jesus offered Himself on the Cross. They are:

to give glory to God  
to thank him  
to make up for the sins  
to pray for favor to fulfill our intentions.

The first purpose is to give glory to God, our creator, on whom we depend for everything. Acknowledging Him as The Lord, God, we need to praise and glorify Him.

What we have, what we do and what we are everything is because of God’s immense love, mercy, and kindness: our life, family, all the spiritual gifts for our eternal life, namely, sanctifying grace, faith, the sacraments and the gift of his mother. Therefore, it is good to thank God for all the natural and supernatural gifts. The person who is too proud to say “thank you” is not only ungrateful but is bound to end up being unhappy.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ, though he was without sin, he died like a sinner because he took upon himself our sins and made reparation for them on the Cross.

Hence, the third purpose of the Mass is to make up for our sins and those of the deceased. When we come to Mass with real sorrow for our personal sins, we can draw strength from the love of God.

The fourth purpose is to make petitions for our needs. God is the giver of all gifts. Being the most loving Father, he gives us the best. Just as Jesus has taught us to ask, so that we will receive, we make prayerful petition for our various needs.

To be continued...

Fr. A. Agnel Samy HGN

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan’s Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts—first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons—to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves!

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Lk 10:1-9  
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;  
Lk 12:8-12  
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2;  
Lk 18:1-8

### BIBLE STUDY

Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page.

—St. Jerome

### NOTHING BUT GOD

I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of God. —St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

If we have died with [Christ Jesus] we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. — 2 Timothy 2:11-12a