

Offertory: August 16, 2020 OLM \$153, OLV \$686, COS \$375, Online Giving \$700, Total \$1,914
 August 23, 2020 OLM \$128.25, OLV \$302, COS \$221.25 Online Giving \$515, Total \$1,166.5



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 8-29-2020 - For Kopins Family by Karen Kopins Shaw OLM
- 8-30-2020 - For RIP George E. Crombie by Eleanor Crombie OLV
- 8-30-2020 - For Heinz Paul & Renato Wieser COS
- 9-2-2020 - For Poor Souls by John Nappi OLV
- 9-3-2020 - For Carroll Family by Karen Kopins Shaw OLM
- 9-4-2020 - For Priests, Bishops, Cardinals and the Pope by Karen Kopins Shaw OLV

Christ our Hope Campaign “Perhaps You Were Born for Such a Time as This.” - Esther 4:14



The situation and circumstances we face today, in the culture and the Church, call for us to move from maintenance to mission. At every Catholic parish in Vermont, we are called to respond in faith – in new ways, with a new vigor. Many of you have received the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign packets in the mail that included a case statement for the campaign with an insert that describes how our parish plans to use the 60% of funds raised. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will renew our parishes and move our church from maintenance to mission. Bishop Coyne is hosting coffee hours to answer questions. Please register at: [https://](https://www.christourhopevt.org/events)

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August 31 @ 7 p.m. / September 1 @ 7 p.m.

September 9 @ 3p.m.

To learn more about the campaign visit: www.christourhopevt.org

Covid-19 Note:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- **Wear a mask in Mass.**
- **Sanitize your hands upon entry. Due to shortages of sanitizer, please bring your own if possible.**
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.
- Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.

For more details about church protocols visit: vermontcatholic.org/covid-19. *Bishop Coyne*

Readings for the Week of August 31, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

The New Holy Mass Timings (Weekends)
 Our Lady of Mercy, Putney - Saturday 4.00 PM
 Our Lady of the Valley, Townsend - Sunday
 10.30 AM
 Chapel of the Snow, Stratton Mt. - Sunday 12.30
 PM
Weekdays
 OLM - All Thursdays & First Saturday 8.30 AM
 OLV - All Wednesdays & Friday 8.30 AM

{**Cursillo Webinar** on the Third Thursday of Every Month}

Online Giving

Please refer to our website, <https://ourladyofmercy.vermontcatholic.org/> for information regarding online giving, so that you may continue to support our church during this difficult time.



Now online giving is easier than ever. Give online through our parish website or from the app. To get the online Giving app, go to OLGApp.com. Register the app with our organization ID#1345.

Charity is path to perfection when done for Jesus, Pope says

The central focus of a Christian's life and all he or she does to help others must be Jesus Christ, Pope Francis said.

"Christian charity is not simple philanthropy but, on the one hand, it is looking at others through the eyes of Jesus Himself and, on the other hand, seeing Jesus in the face of the poor," the pope said Aug. 23 before reciting the Angelus prayer with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

Pope Francis focused on the day's Gospel reading, Mt 16:13-20, in which Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" and then asks them, "But who do you say that I am?"

The disciples seemed to have a ready answer to the first question, the pope said. "The apostles liked talking about people, as we all do. We like to gossip. Speaking of others is not so demanding, which is why we like it."

But, he said, when asked who they thought He was, the disciples seemed to pause.

"If I were to ask you now, 'Who is Jesus for you?' there would be a little hesitation," the pope told people in the square.

Simon Peter gets the disciples off the hook by responding, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God."

And, the pope said, Jesus points out that Peter did not come up with that answer all by himself, but that it was revealed to him by God.

"To confess Jesus is a grace from the Father," the pope said. "To say that Jesus is the son of the living God, that He is the Redeemer, is a grace that we must ask for: 'Father, give me the grace to confess Jesus.'"

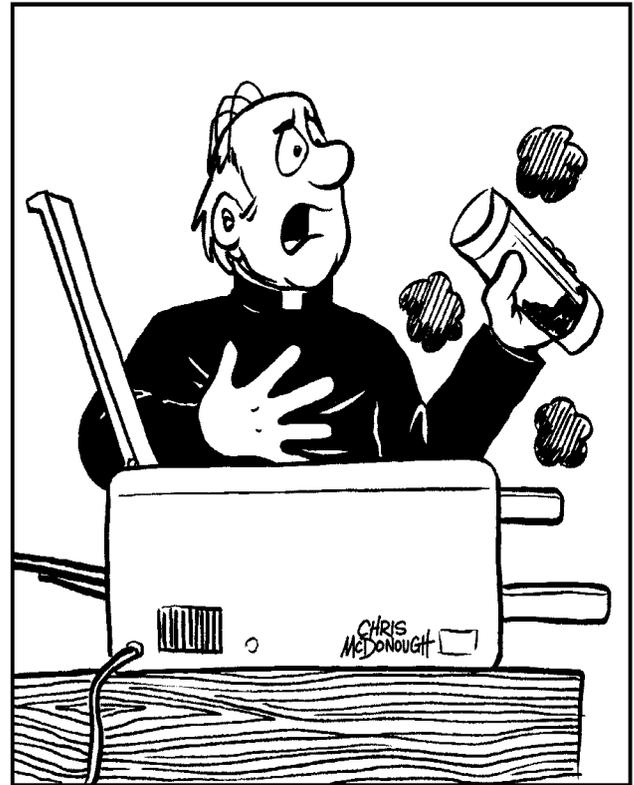
After Peter makes his profession of faith, Jesus calls him the rock upon which he will build the Church. The pope said, "The Church goes forward always on the basis of Peter's faith, that faith that Jesus recognizes (in Peter) and which makes him the head of the Church."

"Who is Jesus Christ for me? Who is Jesus Christ for you, for you, for you," Pope Francis asked, pointing to people in different parts of the square. Each day, he said, Christians should think how they would reply.

With so "many forms of poverty and crises" everywhere, he said, Christians are right to see charity as "the high road of the journey of faith, of the perfection of faith," the pope said. "But it is necessary that works of solidarity, the works of charity that we carry out, not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus."

♦ *Cindy Wooden* (<https://vermontcatholic.org/vatican/charity-is-path-to-perfection-when-done-for-jesus-pope->

Pastor Al™



"This isn't fair! I always get stuck changing the toner because it doesn't show if I get it on my clothes?!?"

Pope Francis' Prayer for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.