

Offeratory: September 6, 2020 OLM \$327, OLV \$308, COS \$423.02, \$715, Total - \$1773.02



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 9-12-2020 - RIP Tom Lee by Marie Lee OLM
 9-13-2020 - For Barbara Reofort by Ray & Claire Sorentino OLV
 9-13-2020 - For the Parishioners COS
 9-16-2020 - For Eleanor Crombie by Florence Staats OLV
 9-17-2020 - For Fr. Frank by Jeffrey Larson OLM
 9-18-2020 - For Linda Daigler by Dan Daigler OLV

Christ our Hope Campaign



Philippians 4:19: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Now is the time for all of us to contemplate how we can offer support to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. As you consider your commitment, please review the gift chart on page 11 of the case statement for guidance. Remember a successful campaign provides great benefits to Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Most of the funds — 60% — will return to our parish allowing us to address repairs to Church and Rectory. The remaining funds raised will be directed into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance. Funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it. Our volunteers will continue with outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer your questions. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form or give online by visiting this website: christourhopevt.org

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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*

Cursillo Webinar - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month @ 7pm

The Permanent Meeting ID for Zoom: 83037321641, Password: Ultreya.

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30 – 28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13/Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7, 8b, 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a

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.

Pope Francis Speaks.....to the Family...

Fathers Must Be Present and Patient

Every family needs a father....The first need...is precisely this: that a father be *present* in the family.

That he be close to his wife, to share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow: when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step and when they find their path again; a father who is always present. To say "present" is not to say "controlling"!

Fathers who are too controlling cancel out their children; they don't let them develop.

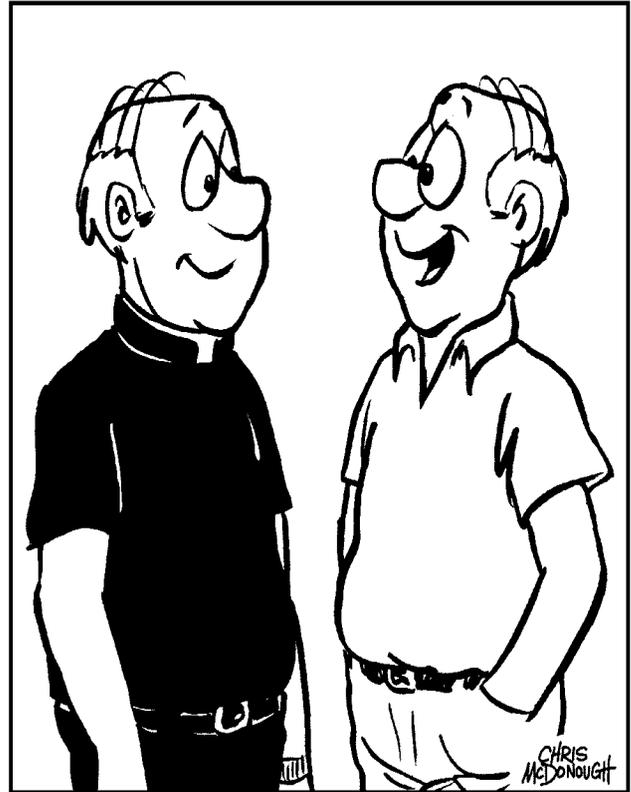
The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in heaven—who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called the "good Father" (cf. Mark 10:18).

Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the "prodigal son," or better yet, of the "merciful father," which we find in the gospel of Luke in chapter 15 (cf. 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father, who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity, and mercy....

If then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the "Our Father," taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in heaven, fathers lose courage and abandon camp. But children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it; and not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal.

(General Audience, St. Peter's Square, October 27, 2013)

Pastor Al™



"Being your twin brother is great, Al. When I visit your town, everyone acts so nice."

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.