

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory: September 13, 2020 OLM \$152.00, OLV \$243.00, COS \$145.00, \$715, OLG—\$400.00 Total - \$940.00

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

9-19-2020 - RIP Teresa Blood by Marie Lee OLM  
9-20-2020 - For Ruth & James Daigler by Dan Daigler OLV  
9-20-2020 - For the Parishioners COS  
9-23-2020 - For Irene Vaiana by Eleanor Crombie OLV  
9-24-2020 - For Donna & Paul Kankiewicz by Dan Daigler OLM  
9-25-2020 - For Roneta Gal by Martin & Carol Bemis OLV

### Christ our Hope Campaign

Proverbs 28:27: "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."



God calls us to support the most vulnerable among us and the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign offers us the opportunity to do that. A portion of the dollars raised will fund an endowment for Catholic Charities so it may expand its ability to serve the needy. This is a pressing need because Catholic Charities cannot serve — on average 70 families or 280 people — per month. Beyond that need, the campaign offers great hope at home here at Our Lady of Mercy. Sixty cents of every dollar will come

back to us so we may address much needed repairs of the Church and Rectory. While considering your gift, it's worth remembering that a key provision of the CARES Act states that a donor may deduct 100% of any gift to a qualified charity against their 2020 adjusted gross income. Please note this deduction expires at the end of 2020. Volunteer are now making 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](http://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](http://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 21, 2020

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

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9 – 12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

### **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 Families

### Is There Joy in Your Family?

In the responsorial psalm, we find these words: "Let the humble hear and be glad" (34:2). The entire psalm is a hymn to the Lord, who is the source of joy and peace. What is the reason for this gladness? It is that the Lord is near; he hears the cry of the lowly and he frees them from evil. As St. Paul himself writes, "Rejoice always... The Lord is near" (cf. Philippians 4:4-5).

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of "homework." Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? You can answer this question.

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well.... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And, above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God, and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves; a patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences.

But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony; self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Homily for Family Day,

St. Peter's Square, October 27, 2013

### 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 us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



"I like modern ideas... and collections do take a long time. But install EZ Pass at the door? No, thanks."