

Offertory: January 3, 2021 OLM \$106.75, OLV \$270.00, COS \$367.00, OLG \$ 440.00 Total - \$1183.75



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Winter Schedule: All Daily Masses will be held in the Rectory Chapel 9 AM

Saturday, January 17, 2021 For Fr. Frank McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson OLM
Saturday, January 17, 2021 For a Special Intention by Karen Shaw COS
Sunday, January 18, 2021 For Patricia Ann Kardos RIP by Dennis + Lenore Salzbrunn OLV
Sunday, January 18, 2021 For Fr. Frank McMahon by Jeffrey Larson COS
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 For Richard Michel by Dcn. Richard + Daisy Anderberg RC
Thursday, January 21, 2021 For Poor Souls by John + Linda Nappi RC
Friday, January 22, 2021 For Fr. Frank McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC



Christ our Hope Campaign

Have you been thinking about a gift or pledge to the *Christ Our Hope* campaign? There is still time to join thousands across the Diocese who already have made donations. Thank You in advance for your participation in this worthwhile campaign, and a special Thank You to all those who have made a gift already. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift.

Readings for week of January 17, 2021

Sunday 1/17- 1Sm 3:3-10, 19, Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10, 1Cor 6:13-15, 17-20, Jn 1:41, 17
Monday 1/18- Heb 5:1-10, Ps 110:1,2,3,4, Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday 1/19 Heb 6:10-20, Ps 111: 1-2,4-5,9-10, Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday 1/20 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17, Ps 110:1,2,3,4, Mk 3:1-6
Thursday 1/21 Heb 7:25, 8:6, Ps 40:7-10,17, Mk 3:7-12
Friday 1/22 Heb 8:6-13, Ps 85:8, 10-14, Mk 3:13-19
Saturday 1/23 Heb 9:2-3, 11-14, Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, Mk 3:20-21

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

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

Cursillo Article 6

Cursillo Weekend – meeting the community

I wrote earlier that the weekend is a meeting with self. What are my ideals, goals, capabilities, and responsibilities? A meeting with Jesus, what is my relationship with Jesus, and how can I deepen that relationship? And the weekend (in particular Sunday) is a meeting with community.

Some of the things I experienced were having been exposed to the idea that Christianity is a communitarian religion. We share our faith, and beliefs with community. I had not previously thought about my faith and belief involved a relationship with my community. What I thought about is our Church, has from the beginning, always been thus. The Holy family, Jesus and his small group (the 12 apostles) Jesus and his larger group – the 72 disciples, going out in pairs.

Today that relationship is expressed in our families, parishes and our diocese. We are, all of us, servants of each other. Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations; to spread the Gospel. We each have been given our own gifts, and our own vocations. We are to bloom where we are planted. We need to be restless in our pursuit of our faith, our relationship to Jesus, our relationship to all of the communities to which we belong and their members.

While we have responsibilities to the members of our community, the community also has responsibilities to each of us. Responsibilities to support, and to teach us. Cursillo has within the movement a method to help us fulfill those responsibilities.

De Colores

Dan, Judith, Judith, Vicky, Judy, Lois, Jim, Linda, Carol, Daisy, Dcn. Jerry, Dcn. Richard

Parish Annual Appeal Update: \$14,860.00



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.

Dear Parishioners

As we move into these uncertain winter months, I want you to know that we at Our Lady of Mercy and the West River Missions are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. If you are unsure about attending Sunday Masses during this time of pandemic, simply call the rectory, and I or a minister in the Church will meet you at the church to offer Holy Communion. I am also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these difficult times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Watch Mass online if you don't feel safe coming to Mass, and join in the online offerings that our parish and diocese offer. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing for me as a parish priest.

Pope Francis Speaks to the Family

Jesus Says, "Come to Me"

What is most burdensome in life...is a lack of love. It weighs upon us never to receive a smile, not to be welcomed. Certain silences are oppressive, even at times within families, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, among siblings. Without love, the burden becomes even heavier, intolerable. I think of elderly people living alone, and families who receive no help in caring for someone at home with special needs. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden," Jesus says (Matthew 11:28).

Dear families, the Lord knows our struggles; he knows them. He knows the burdens we have in our lives. But the Lord also knows our great desire to find joy and rest! Do you remember? Jesus said, "...that your joy may be complete" (cf. John 15:11). Jesus wants our joy to be complete! He said this to the apostles, and today he says it to us. Here, then, is the first thing I would like to share with you this evening, and it is a saying of Jesus.

"Come to me, families from around the world, Jesus says, "and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete." Take home this word of Jesus, carry it in your hearts, share it with the family. It invites us to come to Jesus so that he may give this joy to us and to everyone.

-Address to the Pilgrimage of Families, St Peter's Square, October 26, 2013

Do Something Beautiful for God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, over come it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an advantage, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.

January 19

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**

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.

Children's Corner

If Jesus were your houseguest for a week, how would your life as a family change?

You can visit Jesus every day of your life. You just have to think about him and he is right there listening. Being with Jesus is as easy as being with your friend. Jesus is your friend forever.