

Offertory: January 17, 2021 OLM \$ 123.00, OLV \$5,400.00, COS \$164.00, OLG \$ 405.00 Total - \$6,092.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

- Saturday, January 23, 2021 For Poor Souls by John + Linda Nappi OLM
Saturday, January 23, 2021 For Richard Michel RIP by Deacon Richard + Daisy Anderberg COS
Sunday, January 24, 2021 For John Noe RIP by Dennis + Lenore Salzbrunn OLV
Sunday, January 24, 2021 For Fr. Frank McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson COS
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 For Mary Rita Boyce RIP by Dcn. Richard + Daisy Anderberg RC
Thursday, January 28, 2021 For Poor Souls by John + Linda Nappi RC
Friday, January 29, 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 24, 2021

- Sunday 1/24 Jon 3:1-5, 10, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20
Monday 1/25 Acts 22:3-16, Ps 117:1bc, 2, Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday 1/26 2 Tm 1:1-8, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday 1/27 Heb 10:11-18, Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4, Mk 4:1-20
Thursday 1/28 Heb 10:19-25, Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Mk 4:21-25
Friday 1/29 Heb 10:32-39, Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40, Mk 4:26-34
Saturday 1/30 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, Mk 4:35-41

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

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

Cursillo Article 7

Cursillo The 4th day (the rest of our lives)

A few year ago I attended a retreat in Lake Placid, NY. The focus of the retreat was an individual's vocation. There were three speakers that I can still remember. There was Bishop Barron from Los Angeles, Bishop Coyne from Vermont and Jennifer Fulwiler from Texas. They all spoke on a person's vocation. I remember at the time thinking that they made some very important points. Points that I memorized and repeated every day - for a while.. Today I haven't a clue of the content of those important points. For me then, and I suspect for many of the attendees, the time and effort that I spent at the retreat (and my share of the efforts of the speakers) was in the long term a waste.

So for the long term, why do I believe that attending a Cursillo Weekend is valuable and not a time? During the weekend you will be introduced to two ideas. One is called small grouping and the other is called Ultreya. In small group, 3-6 mutual friends, from one of our environments, meet routinely (daily, or weekly it's up to the group of friends) to witness to each other what has occurred in their lives. What spiritual aids (prayer, sacraments, Spiritual Direction, etc.) have helped them and how they have helped them. What they have studied (about Jesus, the Church, the lives of the Saints, Spirituality, etc.) that has helped them in growing in their relationship to Jesus. What action they have taken to spread the Gospel and Christ to others by helping neighbors in need, using Christian intent and Christian motivation (love of one's neighbor).

This witnessing ISN'T TO BRAG it is to testify to what I have (or Joe, or Jane has) done to live a Christian life, so that Jane or Joe or I can be encouraged. It is not "I did this, therefore you can....." but "If Jane or Joe did that perhaps I can take the step."

De Colores

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

Parish Annual Appeal Update: \$15,960.00



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

Forgive One Another

This is important—to know how to forgive one another in families because we all make mistakes, all of us! Sometimes we do things which are not good and which harm others. It is important to have the courage to ask for forgiveness when we are at fault in the family.... We all make mistakes, and on occasion someone gets offended in the marriage, in the family, and sometimes, I say, plates are smashed, harsh words are spoken, please listen to my advice: don't ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: "Please forgive me," and then you start over.

Address to the pilgrimage of Families, St. Peter's Square, October 26, 2013

Do Something Beautiful for God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

The world is changed by your example, not your opinion.

January 21

I prefer you to make mistakes in kindness than work miracles in unkindness

January 22

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.

January 23

Being Unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.

January 24

Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do nothing for you.

January 25

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

The gospel today reminds us that we are all to be apostles in our own time and our own place—to keep on becoming more and more like Jesus.

We need to understand exactly what it means to say yes to Jesus. We can learn this when we pray together, when we read the gospel stories together, when we talk about ways to love and care for others, and when we apologize to those we have hurt. We can learn from one another.