

Offertory: January 24, 2021 OLM \$ 90.00, OLV \$220.00, COS \$392.00, OLG \$ 320.00 Total - \$1,022.00



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Masses are currently available for your request at Our Lady of Mercy and Chapel of Snows Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. Thank You!

- Saturday, January 30, 2021 For Poor Souls by John + Linda Nappi OLM
- Saturday, January 30, 2021 For Mary Rita Boyce RIP by Deacon Richard + Daisy Anderberg COS
- Sunday, January 31, 2021 For Maynard Bemis RIP by Martin + Carol Bemis OLV
- Sunday, January 24, 2021 For Fr. Frank McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson COS
- Wednesday, January 27, 2021 For Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC
- Thursday, January 28, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon by Jeffrey Larson RC
- Friday, January 29, 2021 For Fr. Francis 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](http://christourhopevt.org/donate) to make a gift.

### Readings for week of January 31, 2021

- Sunday 1/31 Dt 18:15-20, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, 1 Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28
- Monday 2/1 Heb 11:32-40, Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday 2/2 Mal 3:1-4, Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Wednesday 2/3 Heb 12:4-7, 11-15, Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18, Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday 2/4 Heb 12:18-19, 21-24, Ps 48:2-3, 3-4, 9, 10-11, Mk 6:7-13
- Friday 2/5 Heb 13:1-8, Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9, Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday 2/6 Heb 13:15-17, 20-21, Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6, Mk 6:30-34

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

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



### Lent: The Work of Renewing Our Baptism.

Join Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship, as he unpacks the season of Lent with his virtual (ZOOM) presentation. Learn how Lent came to be a time of intense preparation for those being initiated into the church as well as a time of spiritual renewal for the faithful. We'll look at Lent as a way of reconnecting to our baptism and consider the relationship between Lent and Easter. We'll conclude by exploring how some of the familiar sights, smells, and sounds of Lent help us do the hard work of baptismal renewal. Register on line at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/lent-the-work-of-renewing-our-baptism>

**Parish Annual Appeal Update: \$30,110.00**

**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

### The Families of Children with Disabilities

When it comes to the challenges of communication, families who have children with one or more disabilities have much to teach us. A motor, sensory, or mental limitation can be a reason for closing in on ourselves, but it can also become, thanks to the love of parents, siblings, and friends, an incentive to openness, sharing and ready communication with all. It can also help schools, parishes, and associations to become more welcoming and inclusive of everyone. —Message for World Communications Day, January 23, 2015

## Do Something Beautiful for God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Love cannot remain by itself-it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. January 31, 2021

God loves me. I'm not here just to fill a place, just to be a number. He has chosen me for a purpose. I know it. February 1, 2021

I am not sure exactly what Heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, "How many good things have you done in your life?" Rather He will ask, "How much love did you put into what you did." February 2, 2021

Diligence, eagerness, fervor, is the test of love; and the test of fervor is the willingness to devote one's own life to working for souls. We are not attached to a single place; we are willing to go all over the world. February 3, 2021

The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it. February 4, 2021

Each person we meet is Jesus in disguise February 5, 2021

## 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**

## **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

### Prayer to my Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Lord Jesus, thank you for the loved that sent my angel from above.

Belief in guardian angels has its roots in Scripture (see Matthew 18:10). We all need the comfort of knowing we are being cared for every moment of our lives.