

Offertory: February 7, 2021 OLM \$247.75, OLV \$195.00, COS \$648.00, OLG \$510.00 Total - \$1600.75



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

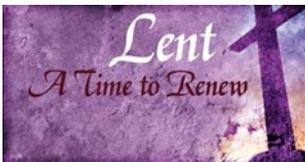
Winter Schedule: All Daily Masses will be held in the Rectory Chapel 9 AM

Masses are currently available for your request at OLM, OLV, and COS
 Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. Thank You!

Saturday, February 13, 2021 For Barbara Murphy RIP by Dcn Richard + Daisy Anderberg OLM
 Saturday, February 13, 2021 For Elmer Bodnar RIP by Dee Bodnar COS
 Sunday, February 14 2021 For All Parishioners OLV
 Sunday, February 14, 2021 For Dee Bodnar + families good health by Dee Bodnar COS
 Wednesday, February 17, 2021 No Mass at RC
 Thursday, February 18, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon by Jeffrey Larson RC
 Friday, February 19, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC

Readings for week of February 14, 2021

Sunday 2/14 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46, Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11, 1 Cor 10:31—11:1, Mk 1:40-45
 Monday 2/15 Gn 4:1-15, 25, Ps 50:1 and 8, 16-17, 20-21, Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday 2/16 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10, Ps 29:1- 2, 3-4, 3 and 9-10, Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday 2/17 JI 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17, 2 Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday 2/18 Dt 30:15-20, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 9:22-25
 Friday 2/19 Is 58:1-9a, Ps51:3-4, 5-6, 18-19, Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday 2/20 Is 58:9b-14, Ps86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Lk 5:27-32



Lent: The Work of Renewing Our Baptism. February 15, 2021

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: \$32,698.17

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 www.christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift.



Cursillo Webinar - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month @ 7pm. The Permanent Meeting ID for Zoom: 83037321641, Password: Ultreya.



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 OL-GApp.com. Register the app with our organization ID#1345.

Pope Francis Speaks to the Family The Gift of Wisdom

Think of a mother at her home with the children; when one does something, the other thinks of something else, and the poor mother goes to and fro with the problems of her children. And when mothers get tired and scold the children, is that wisdom? Scolding children—I ask you—is this wisdom? What do you say: is it wisdom or not? No!

Instead, when the mother takes her child aside and gently reproves him, saying, “Don’t do this, because ...,” “and explains with great patience, is this the wisdom of God? Yes! It is what the Holy Spirit gives us in life! Then, in marriage, for example, the two spouses—the husband and wife—argue, and then they don’t look at each other, or they do look at each other, they look at each other with displeasure: is this the wisdom of God? No! Instead, if one says, “Ah well, the storm has passed, let’s make peace,” and they begin again and go forward in peace: is this wisdom... Now, this is the gift of wisdom. May it come to our homes; may we have it with the children; may it come to us all!

General Audience, St. Peter’s Square, April 9, 2014

Do Something Beautiful for God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, He said: “I thirst.” Jesus is thirsting for our love, and this is the thirst we all have, rich and poor alike. We all thirst for the love of others, that they go out of their way to avoid harming us and do good to us. This is the meaning of true love, to give until it hurts.

Children’s Corner Jesus and the Leper

In this week’s gospel story, a leper came right up to Jesus, knelt before him, and begged to be healed.

Jesus didn’t scold, or throw stones to get him away.

He could see the kindness and beauty hidden deep in the leper’s heart.

Jesus ignored the sores and the sickness. He touched the man lovingly, and healed him.

Jesus can see the beauty in everyone’s heart.

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:

www.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.

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.