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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

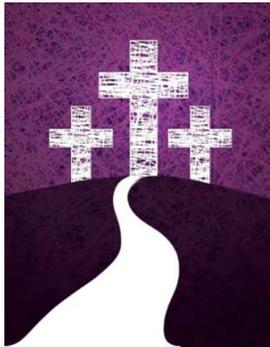
Winter Schedule: All Daily Masses will be held in the Rectory Chapel 9 AM

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

Saturday, March 13, 2021 For Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson OLM
Saturday, March 13, 2021 For Daniel Desmond McCarthy RIP by Regina McCarthy COS
Sunday, March 14, 2021 For Julia Dube Birthday by Daniel Daigler OLV
Sunday, March 14, 2021 For All Parishioners COS
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC
Thursday, March 18, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC
Friday, March 19, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC

Readings for Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday, March 14, 2021 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Monday, March 15, 2021 Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12- 13; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 18, 2021 Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 19, 2021 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27-29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Saturday, March 20, 2021 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53



Devotions to Stations of the Cross Friday’s during Lent at 3 P.M.

Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of the Valley and Chapel of the Snows

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

Cursillo

Article 11 - Cursillo School of Leaders Overview

In article 10 I talked about how Cursillo grew out of Catholic Action (CA) and how the School of Leaders for the Cursillo movement was given birth from the CA training program.

We need to talk in a concrete way, about the School of Leaders as it is today. In Catholic Action the school trained pilgrimage guides. In the Cursillo School of Leaders, people interested in learning more about Cursillo, in bringing Christ to their environments, and helping others in their pilgrimage to be Christian are informed about the basics of the movement and about living what is fundamental to being a Christian.

The School of Leaders (in the school of fish sense of the name) is a group of people who meet in mutual support of their Christianity. They plan, carry out actions, and witness to each other about what they are doing to bring Christ to their environments. Through the 3 phases of Cursillo (Pre Cursillo, Weekend, and Post Cursillo).

So there is a School of Leaders, and the big question is should I go? Not everyone senses a need or a calling to attend the School of Leaders, but many, many are called. On your weekend did you feel “This is terrific –everyone should hear this message”? You should consider the School of Leaders. Do you want to learn more about Cursillo and living what is fundamental to Christianity? You should consider the School of Leaders. Do you want to help others (who are in the movement or not) walk their Christian Pilgrimage of life? You should consider the School of Leaders. Has someone from your Ultreya or from the School of Leaders said something like “We need your help? Or Will you attend the School of Leaders? You should consider the School of Leaders. De Colores, Dan



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To get the online Giving app, go to OLGApp.com. Register the app with our organization ID#1345.

Pope Francis Speaks to the Family The Fundamental Pillar

It is necessary to insist on the fundamental pillars that govern a nation: its intangible assets. The family is the foundation of coexistence and a guarantee against social fragmentation. Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's growth and emotional development.

Humanum Colloquium, Rome, November 17, 2014

A New Mission Field

The Christian family, in fact, is the first community called to announce the Gospel to the human person during growth and to bring him or her, through a progressive education and catechesis, to full human and Christian "maturity" (Familiaris Consortio, 2). Marital fidelity is above all the foundation upon which a harmonious family life can be built. Unfortunately, in our time we see that the family and marriage are undergoing a deep inner crisis in the countries of the Western World....Globalization and postmodern individualism promote a lifestyle that makes it much more difficult to develop stable bonds between people, and it is not conducive to promoting a culture of the family.

This opens up a new mission field for the Church; for example, among groups of families where opportunities are created for interpersonal relationships and for a relationship with God, where authentic communion that welcomes everyone equally can grow, that does not close itself off into groups of the elite, that heals wounds, builds bridges, goes in search of the lost, and helps "to bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2).

Address to the Bishops of Austria, January 30, 2014

Do Something Beautiful for God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Charity begins today. Today someone is suffering, today somebody is in the street, today somebody is hungry. Our work is for today, yesterday has gone, tomorrow is yet to come. Do not wait for tomorrow.

March 15

Make every effort to walk in the presence of God. To see God in everyone you must live your morning meditation throughout the day.

March 16

My aim is to bring people closer to God.

March 17

I remember my mother, my father, and the rest of us praying together each evening. It is the greatest gift to a family. It maintains family unity. So go back to family prayer and teach your children to pray and pray with them.

March 18

Children's Corner

God said "I love you" to us in the most wonderful way of all. God gave Jesus to us so we could share his life and love now and be with God forever in heaven.

Jesus gave gifts of love too. He healed the people, helped them to know about God, told them stories about heaven, and taught them how to love one another. The he gave the greatest gift of all! He suffered and died on the cross, just to say "I love you!" God said "I love you" by giving us Jesus. Jesus said "I love you" by giving his life.

How will you say "I Love you" this week?

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.