

Offertory: March 14, 2021 OLM \$122.00, OLV \$215.00, COS \$861.00, OLG \$420.00 Total - \$1618.00



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 OLM, OLV, and COS
Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. Thank You!**

Saturday, March 20, 2021 For Elizabeth (Betty) Fedora RIP by Donna + Brent Burkott OLM
Saturday, March 20, 2021 For Audrey Dodd Tracy RIP by Cheryl Tracy COS
Sunday, March 21, 2021 For Ann Hlavna RIP by Cynthia + Thomas Rahmlow OLV
Sunday, March 21, 2021 Jacqueline Lynch Abate RIP by Ramina Ford COS
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC
Thursday, March 25, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC
Friday, March 26, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson RC

Readings for Week of March 21, 2021

Sunday, March 21, 2021 Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday, March 22, 2021 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41-62; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Ps Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, March 25, 2021 Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday, March 26, 2021 Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, March 27, 2021 Ez 37:21-28; Ps Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12- 13; Jn 11:45-56

***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***

Annual Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 27th via Zoom. The keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW in Vietnam and a lifelong Catholic. Other speakers include Bishop Coyne and Monsignor John McDermott. Registration and more information at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men

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

Cursillo

Article 12

Cursillo School of Leaders:” The nitty gritty”

We previously discussed in broad terms what the School of Leaders does, but now let’s get down to some of the details.

The First thing a School of Leaders does is pray

Second thing the School of Leaders does is it teaches us more about our faith. The movements Spiritual Advisor (priest or vowed religious) provides a presentation and discussion on Church doctrine. Then the School of Leaders teaches us more about the Cursillo Movement and its purpose, this is done by way of a witness talk and a group discussion.

The third activity of the school has with the planning, progress, and presentation of activities that involve bringing Christ to every day environments, planning Cursillo (retreat) Weekends, planning for and implementing actions to provide for the needs of Cursillistas who have lived a Cursillo weekend, Ultreya's, and the School of Leaders. In these efforts the various sections of the school, elect some of their members to serve on the Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat.

The Last thing done at the School of Leaders meeting is to again offer prayer.
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Pope Francis Speaks to the Family Sharing the Story of Life

It is significant how – even in the individualistic culture which distorts bonds and renders them ephemeral – in each person born of woman, there remains alive an essential need for stability, for an open door, for someone with whom to weave and to share the story of life, a history to belong to. The communion of life embraced by spouses, their openness to the gift of life, the mutual protection, the encounter and the memory of generations, educational support, the transmission of the Christian faith to their children...with all this the family continues to be a school unparalleled in humanity, an indispensable contribution to a just and supportive society (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium* 66-68). And the deeper its roots, the more possible it is in life to go out and go far, without getting lost or feeling a stranger in a foreign land.

Address during the Meeting on the Family, St Peter's Square, October 4, 2014

Do Something Beautiful for God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

We must never think any of us is indispensable. God has His ways and means. God may allow everything to go upside down in the hands of a very talented and capable person. Unless the work is interwoven with love, it is useless. *March 23* Religion is not something that you or I can touch. Religion is the worship of God—therefore a matter of conscience. I alone must decide for myself and you for yourself, what we choose. For me the religion I live and use to worship God is the Catholic religion. *March 25*

God is always speaking to us. Listen to Him. He wants from us deep love and compassion. Feel often during the day the need for prayer. Love to pray. *March 26*

Children's Corner Every Day Prayer

He wakes me up; He makes me sleep.

Provides for me the food I eat.

When I cry, I call on Him,

Because I know with Him I win.

Even through the hardest day,

I trust in Him in every way.

He's the One who sees me through,

Jesus lives, I know it's true.

With loving-kindness, He smiles on me.

Because He died, I am free.

Lord, for all, I thank you so,

I know you'll never let me go!

Esther Lawson

Good Morning, Jesus

Jesus, you are good and wise; I will praise you when I rise.

Jesus, hear this prayer I send, Bless my family and my friends.

Jesus, help my eyes to see, All the good you send to me.

Jesus, help my ears to hear, Calls for help from far and near.

Jesus, help my feet to go, In the way that You will show.

Jesus, help my hands to do, All things loving, kind, and true.

Jesus, guard me through this day

In all I do and all I say. Amen.

Author Unknown

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.