



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Saturday, May 1, 2021 For Lee Raitz RIP by Mary Lawlor OLM
Sunday, May 2, 2021 For Joyce Brassard RIP by Tammy + Al Claussen OLV
Sunday, May 2, 2021 Jaime + Delores Hieto RIP by Maria Lewis COS
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon by Jeffrey Larson RC
Thursday, May 6, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon by Jeffrey Larson RC
Friday, May 7, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon by Jeffrey Larson RC

Readings for the Week

Sunday May 2, 2021 Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32, 1Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15-18
Monday May 3, 2021 1Cor 15:1-8, Ps 19:2-5, Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday May 4, 2021 Acts 14:19-28, Ps 145:10-13, 21, Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday May 5, 2021 Acts 15:1-6, Ps 122:1-5, Jn 15:1-8
Thursday May 6, 2021 Acts 15:7-21, Ps 96:1-3, 10, Jn 15:9-11
Friday May 7, 2021 Acts 15:22-31, Ps 57:8-10, 12, Jn 15:12-17
Saturday May 8, 2021 Acts 16:1-10, Ps 100:1-2, 3,5, Jn 15:18-21

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Peter & Sheila Oprysko at 201-651-9367 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new [life.@nbsp;](#) Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24 Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24



Please pray for our Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday May 2, 2021. They are as follows:

Reed Brown, Marina Dion, Sam Frost, Lily Klick and Grace Wright

Cursillo Webinar - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month @ 7pm.
The Permanent Meeting ID for Zoom: 89359955090, 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 OLGApp.com. Register the app with our organization ID#1345.

Pope Francis Speaks to the Family Protect Your Families

Our world needs...holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God's plan and to be a support and example for other families. Every threat to the family is a threat to society itself. The future of humanity, as St. John Paul II often said, passes through the family (*cf. Familiaris Consortio*, 85). The future passes through the family. So protect your families! Protect your families! See in them your country's greatest treasure and nourish them always by prayer and the grace of the sacraments.

Families will always have their trials, but may you never add to them! Instead, be living examples of love, forgiveness, and care. Be sanctuaries of respect for life, proclaiming the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death. What a gift this would be to society, if every Christian family lived fully its noble vocation! So rise with Jesus and Mary, and set out on the path the Lord traces for each of you. Meeting with families, Mall of Asia Arena, Manila, Jan. 16, 2015

Do Something Beautiful for God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

When God created us, He created us out of Love. There is no other explanation because God is love. And he created us to love and be loved. If we could remember that all the time, there would be no wars, no violence, no hatred in the world. So beautiful. So simple. May 2

Children's Corner Prayer For Love

Lord, we want to be strong branches on your vine. Help us to love one another and to encourage the fruit of love to grow.

When our neighbor is hungry or cold and needs our helping hand, Lord, help us to Love.

When a friend is lonely and needs cheering up, Lord, help us to Love.

When we feel angry because something someone has done or said, Lord, help us to Love.

When we fight among ourselves, Lord, help us to Love.

Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us to be your followers. Help us always to remain strong and loving branches on your vine. Amen.

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 continue in these uncertain 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.