



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Saturday, May 22, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson OLM
Sunday, May 23, 2021 For Ruth Daigler RIP by Daniel Daigler OLV
Sunday, May 23, 2021 For Lorraine Shaw RIP by Karen Shaw COS
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 No Daily Mass Today
Thursday, May 27, 2021 No Daily Mass Today
Friday, May 28, 2021 No Daily Mass Today

Readings for the Week

Sunday May 23, 2021 Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23
Monday May 24, 2021 Gn 3:9-15, 20, Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday May 25, 2021 Sir 35:1-12, Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23, Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday May 26, 2021 Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17, Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, Mk 10:32-45
Thursday May 27, 2021 Sir 42:15-25, Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mk 10:46-52
Friday May 28, 2021 Sir 44:1, 9-13, Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 9, Mk 11:11-26
Saturday May 29, 2021 Sir 51:12-20, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Mk 11:27-33



Immigration issues force major clergy and parish realignments in the Roman Catholic community in Vermont.

As a result the diocese is losing 6 active priests, which has also affected our parish community. Fr Agnel Samy has received a new appointment to take care of the faithful at St. Charles Parish, Bellows Falls, while remaining Administrator of West River Missions. In order to facilitate the pastoral care in these regions, the celebration of weekend Masses at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Putney will be Suspended.

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
Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

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

The Permanent Meeting ID for Zoom: 89359955090, Password: Ultreya.



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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

The Foundation of Humanity

Not only would I say that the family is important for the evangelization of the ... world. The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity. Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation.

Interview, Rio De Janeiro. July 17, 2013

Bricks for the Building up of Society

It is impossible to quantify the strength and depth of humanity contained in a family: mutual help, educational support, relationships developing as family members mature, the sharing of joys and difficulties. Families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, at the same time, the “bricks” for the building up of society.

Homily at Mass for the Rite of Marriage, St. Peter's Square, September 14, 2014

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

To parents: It is very important that children learn from their fathers and mothers how to love one another. Not in school, not from the teacher, but from you. It is very important that you share with your children the joy of loving others. There will be misunderstandings. Every family has its cross, its suffering, but always be the first to forgive with a smile. Be cheerful, be happy.

May 23

Children's Corner

“Peace be with you!” Jesus said to his apostles.
“Peace be with you,” the priest says to us at Mass.
“Peace be with you,” we say to one another. Do you know what those words mean?

The apostles were not at peace. Jesus was gone. They wanted to say they missed him, that they were sorry for not always loving. But he was gone, and it was too late.

Sometimes you do things that are not good, like getting angry and saying things you didn't mean to say. Jesus forgives you—Jesus gives you peace.

The peace Jesus gives is like “making up” with God for not being as loving and kind as you can be.

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.
- **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.