

June 27, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory: June 20, 2021 OLM \$163.75, OLV \$688.00, COS \$346.00, OLG \$320.00 Total—\$1517.75



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Saturday June 26, 2021 For All Parishioners OLM

Sunday June 27, 2021 In Honor of Ken + Ellen Gibblin by Daniel Daigler OLV

Sunday June 27, 2021 For James Copeland RIP by Karen Shaw COS

Wednesday June 30, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson

Thursday July 1, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson

Friday July 2, 2021 For Fr. Francis McMahon RIP by Jeffrey Larson

Readings for the Week

Saturday June 26, 2021 Gn 18:1-15, Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55, Mt 8:5-17

Sunday June 27, 2021 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13, 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15, Mk 5:21-43

Monday June 28, 2021 Gn 18:16-33, Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11, Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday June 29, 2021 Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 2Tm 4:6-8, 17-18, Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday June 30, 2021 Gn 21:5, 8-20, Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13, Mt 8:28-34

Thursday July 1, 2021 Gn 22:1-19, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, Mt 9:1-8

Friday July 2, 2021 Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67, Ps 106:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, Mt 9:9-13

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

As a result the diocese is losing 8 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.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

In this Year of St. Joseph, we celebrate the important role of all fathers to pass along the Catholic faith to their children. We also celebrate our deacons and priests who spiritually nurture the Catholic community. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the permanent diaconate and vocations. Please consider a gift to the appeal by visiting: bishopsappealvt.org

TOTUS TUUS

Join us for a week of faith and fun as St. Michael's Parish in Brattleboro, VT hosts a high school camp from 7:00-9:00pm Sunday, July 11th through Friday, July 15th and a grade school camp (1st-8th grade) from 9:00am-3:00pm Monday, July 12th through Friday, July 16th, which includes songs, games, snacks, Mass, confession, and a water fight to close out the week. Both programs are led by high-energy college-age young adults who help campers grow in their love of God and the Church. The cost for the day camp is \$60 per student and the high school evening camp is \$25 per family with a total family maximum of \$150. Camp t-shirts are included in the tuition. Registration forms can be found under the Religious Education tab on the Parish website at stmichaelvt.com. Completed forms and payment can be sent to the St. Michael's. Please contact Tina Crocker at 413-896-8576 with any questions.

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

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



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Pope Francis Speaks to the Family

A Beautiful and Brave Testimony

We cannot ignore the hardship of many families that is due to unemployment, the problem of housing, the practical impossibility of freely choosing their own educational curriculum; the suffering that is also due to internal conflicts within families, to the failures of the conjugal and family experience and to the violence that unfortunately lurks in families and wreaks havoc even in our homes. We owe it to all and wish to be particularly close to them with respect and with a true sense of brotherhood and solidarity. However, we want above all to remember the simple but beautiful and brace testimony of so many families who joyfully live the experience of marriage and parenthood enlightened and sustained by the Lord's grace and fearlessly face even moments of the cross. Lived in union with the cross of the Lord, the cross does not hinder the path of love but, on the contrary, can make it stronger and fuller.

Message to Italian Catholics, September 11, 2013

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God and silence are great friends. We need to listen to God, because it's not what we say, but what He says to us and through us that matters.. June 26

There is so much suffering in the world—physical, material, mental. The suffering of some can be blamed on the greed of others. The material and physical suffering is suffering from hunger, from homelessness, from all kinds of diseases. Will we allow greed to rule our hearts or will we accept God's invitation to joyful generosity? June 27

Children's Corner

Jesus has helping hands. In today's gospel story, a lady who was very sick wanted Jesus to help her. The lady could not get near him. "If I just touch his robe", she thought, "I will get well." As soon as she touched the hem of Jesus' robe, the lady was not sick any more.

Think about what you can do with your hands.
How do you show love with your hands?
How do you help with your hands?
See "Explaining Gods Word" for some examples !

My Dear Parishioners,

The Dispensation has been lifted from Sunday obligation beginning July 4, 2021

The Bishop and I are asking all of you to take on the Mass obligation again, if you have not yet returned to Mass, for the weekend of July 4. If you are sick, or home bound or are concerned about your unvaccinated children, or if there is a serious obstacle to your attending mass, the obligation is not binding. It is an Obligation that we freely take on, with joy.

It's been a long road, but it feels like we are out of the tunnel of gloom to see the flowers of joy bloom. It has been such a joy to see so many people whom I haven't seen since last March. And I will continue to rejoice at seeing you again at the Altar of God!

Blessings, Father Agnel

Saint of the Week

Blessed Raymond Lull's Story

Raymond worked all his life to promote the missions and died a missionary to North Africa.

Raymond was born at Palma on the island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean Sea. He earned a position in the king's court there. One day a sermon inspired him to dedicate his life to working for the conversion of the Muslims in North Africa. He became a Secular Franciscan and founded a college where missionaries could learn the Arabic they would need in the missions. Retiring to solitude, he spent nine years as a hermit. During that time he wrote on all branches of knowledge, a work which earned him the title "Enlightened Doctor."

Raymond then made many trips through Europe to interest popes, kings, and princes in establishing special colleges to prepare future missionaries. He achieved his goal in 1311, when the Council of Vienne ordered the creation of chairs of Hebrew, Arabic, and Chaldean at the universities of Bologna, Oxford, Paris, and Salamanca. At the age of 79, Raymond went to North Africa in 1314 to be a missionary himself. An angry crowd of Muslims stoned him in the city of Bougie. Genoese merchants took him back to Mallorca, where he died. Raymond was beatified in 1514 and his liturgical feast is celebrated on June 30

Reflection

Raymond worked most of his life to help spread the gospel. Indifference on the part of some Christian leaders and opposition in North Africa did not turn him from his goal. Three hundred years later Raymond's work began to have an influence in the Americas. When the Spanish began to spread the gospel in the New World, they set up missionary colleges to aid the work. Saint Junípero Serra belonged to such a college.