

August 15, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Offertory: August 8, 2021 OLV \$487.00, COS \$452.00, OLG \$655.00 Total—\$1594.00

Offertory: August 1, 2021 OLV \$319.00, COS \$548.00, OLG \$315.00 Total—\$1182.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Daily Mass will be available W-Th-F at St. Charles, Bellows Falls 9 AM

Sunday August 15, 2021 In Honor of Dan Daigler by Dan Daigler OLV
Sunday August 15, 2021 In Honor of Maverick Shaw by Karen Shaw COS

Sunday August 22, 2021 In Honor of Julie + Troy Dube by Dan Daigler OLV
Sunday August 22, 2021 For the Repose of the Soul of Kevin Jennings by Karen Shaw COS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalm — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading — Christ, the first fruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat
(Luke 1:39-56).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Each gift received during the Bishop's Annual Appeal is used to strengthen and serve our 68 parishes, 12 schools and 117,000 Catholics throughout Vermont. If you haven't made your contribution, please prayerfully consider making a donation either on line or by sending in your gift. For your convenience envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church.

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

Please join us at St. Michael in the Youth Center as we resume our in person meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

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 “Go,” “Do Not Be Afraid,” and “Serve”

Three Ideas: “Go,” “Do not be afraid,” and “Serve.” If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized; that the one who transmits the joy of faith receives more joy. Dear young friends,...do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel.

When God sends the prophet Jeremiah, he gives him the power to “pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant” (1:10). It is the same for you. Bringing the Gospel is bringing God’s power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance, and hatred so as to build a new world.

Dear young friends, Jesus Christ is counting on you! The church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you! May Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always accompany you with her tenderness: “Go and make disciples of all nations.” Amen. Homily, World Youth Day, Rio De Janeiro, July 28, 2013

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance—it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded. August 15

Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right. August 21

LOVE THEM BOTH

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it.

—Thomas Aquinas

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St. John Eudes
Friday: St. Bernard
Saturday: St. Pius X



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42