

August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Offertory: August 15, 2021 OLV \$836.00, COS \$458.00, OLG \$315.00 Total—\$1609.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Sunday August 29, 2021 In Honor of Nancy Daigler by Dan Daigler OLV
Sunday August 29, 2021 In Honor of Eric Shaw by Karen Shaw COS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



MASS SCHEDULE: Mass time at Our Lady of the Valley has been changed to 10:45 A.M. to accommodate Fr. Agnel's new assignment. Thank you for your understanding.

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.
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Pope Francis Speaks to the Family

Swim against the Tide

God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us. Some are called to holiness through family life in the Sacrament of Marriage. Today there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion. Is it out of fashion? In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of “enjoying” the moment. They say that it is not worth making a lifelong commitment, making a definitive decision, “forever,” because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries; I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you and I pray for you. Meeting with the Volunteers of World Youth Day, Rio De Janeiro, July 28, 2013

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Those who think they are healthy but have a hidden moral cancer are incurable; the sick who want to be healed have a chance. All denial of guilt keeps people out of the area of love and, by inducing self-righteousness, prevents a cure. The two facts of healing in the physical order are these: A physician cannot heal us unless we put ourselves into his hands, and we will not put ourselves into his hands unless we know that we are sick. In like manner, a sinner's awareness of sin is one requisite for his recovery; the other is his longing for God. When we long for God, we do so not as sinners, but as lovers. August 26

—Anonymous **THE WAY**

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

—Anonymous **BLESSED**

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

FEAST OF FAITH

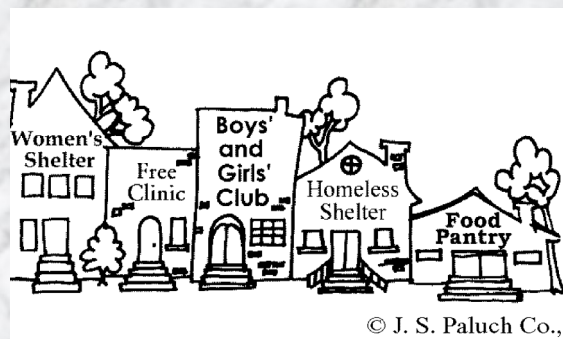
Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means “invocation upon” or “calling over here.” At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: “Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son” (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. “Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine



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As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.

—Joshua 24:15b