

Offertory: October 24, 2021 OLV \$325.00, COS \$364.25, OLG \$145.00 Total \$ 834.25

Offertory: October 31, 2021 OLV \$438.00, COS \$357.00, OLG \$120.00 Total \$ 915.00



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

November 7, 2021 For James + Betty Daigler by Dan Daigler -OLV
November 7, 2021 For the Repose of the Souls of James + Lola Nieto by Rick and Cris Lewis -COS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



Bishop’s Annual Appeal—You can make a one-time gift or pledge until June 30, 2022. You can also help us save resources by reducing our mailings by using Our Online Giving App. Be sure to choose “Our Lady of Mercy”

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign is underway! As you know, Our Lady of Mercy and the West River Missions will enjoy 60% of the funds raised. For more information, please visit www.christourhopevt.org

November is the month we pray for the “Souls of our Faithful Departed.” Completed information will be placed on the altar. Envelopes are available.

Plenary Indulgence: You can receive a plenary indulgence any day of November 2021 by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church.

Adoration Every first Friday of the Month at Our Lady of the Valley 3-4 P.M.



Cursillo Ultreya - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month @ 7pm. at Our Lady of the Valley

Valley Cares Assisted Living Mass Every Third Friday of the Month 11 A.M.

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



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 My First Christian Proclamation**

I had the great blessing of growing up in a family in which faith was lived in a simple, practical way. However, it was my paternal grandmother, in particular, who influenced my journey of faith. She was a woman who explained to us, who talked to us about Jesus, who taught us catechism. I always remember that on the evening of Good Friday, she would take us to the candlelight procession, and at the end of this procession, “the dead Christ” would arrive, and our grandmother would make us—the children—kneel down, and she would say to us, “Look, he is dead, but tomorrow he will rise.”

This was how I received my first Christian proclamation, from this very woman, from my grandmother! This is really beautiful! The first proclamation at home, in the family! And this makes me think of the love of so many mothers and grandmothers in the transmission of faith. They are the ones who pass on the faith. This used to happen in the early Church too, for St. Paul said to Timothy, “I am reminded of the faith of your mother and of your grandmother” (cf. 2 Timothy 1:5).

## **Saint of the Week**

Saint Charles Borromeo lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and helped with the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent. He also reformed the Catholic life of his diocese. Charles Borromeo was a member of the Medici family, but unlike many of his relatives, he devoted his life to the Church.

## **The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen**

The world is in a state of mortal sin, and it needs absolution. Vain platitudes and ‘regeneration,’ ‘the Constitution’ and ‘progress’ are not going to save us, even though we go on shouting them louder and louder. We need a new word in our vocabulary and that word is: God. November 6

If a ship is sailing on a polluted canal and wishes to transfer itself to clear waters on a higher level, it must pass through a device which locks out the polluted waters and raises the ship to the higher position. Mary’s Immaculate Conception was like that lock... Through her, humanity passed from the lower level of the sons of Adam to the higher level of the sons of God.. November 7

## **FEAST OF FAITH**

### **Concluding Rites**

The Prayer after Communion gives us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, of which we have had a foretaste in the Eucharist. The concluding rites speak of what we are to do with this great gift of God. That includes the parish announcements, which are usually given following the Prayer after Communion. Believe it or not, the announcements, which are not an “official” part of the Mass, have been included in the Mass from as early as the fifth century! The deacon or the homilist—even the bishop—would announce coming liturgical celebrations and encourage the people to participate. Today’s parish announcements include opportunities for prayer, service, learning, and community building. They should be succinct and should include only significant events and activities in the life of the parish. But even when they are long and tedious, the announcements (and the parish bulletin) flow out of the concluding rites of the Mass. They offer us ways to live the Eucharist, to become what we have received—the Body of Christ, living and active in our local community.

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### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Daylight Saving Time ends;  
National Vocation Awareness Week
- Tuesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Wednesday: St. Leo the Great
- Thursday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
- Friday: St. Josaphat
- Saturday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

## **Do Something Beautiful For God**

### **The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa**

Let us keep the joy of loving Jesus in our hearts. And let us share that joy with everyone we meet. Passing on joy is something which is very natural. We have no reason for not being joyful, since Jesus is with us. Jesus is in our hearts. Jesus is in the poor we meet. Jesus is in the smile we give to others, and He is in the smile we receive from others. November 8

Each one of us is here today because we have been loved by God who created us, and by our parents who cared enough to give us life. Life is the most beautiful gift of God. That is why it is so painful to see what is happening today in so many places around the world; life being deliberately destroyed by war and every type of violence. November 9