

Offertory: November 28, 2021 OLV \$542.00, COS \$341.00, OLG \$120.00 Total \$1003.00

Offertory: December 5, 2021 OLV \$383.00, COS \$563.00, OLG \$125.00 Total \$ 1071.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

December 12, 2021 Gregory Daigler by Dan Daigler OLV
December 11, 2021 RIP Fr. Francis McMahon by Jeffrey Larson COS
December 12, 2021 For All Parishioners COS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Christ Our Hope—Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

Today we are asking you to prayerfully consider donating to the “Christ Our Hope Campaign.” Donations may be made on line, be sure to select “Our Lady of Mercy” or by dropping your donation in the collection basket.

Diocesan Synod for a Synodal Church

Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to take part in the celebration of the 2021-2023 “Synod for a Synodal Church.”

The theme for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24, Our Lady of the Valley 5:30 P.M. and Chapel of Snows 4:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 25, Our Lady of the Valley 10:45 A.M. and Chapel of Snows 12:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 26, Our Lady of the Valley 10:45 A.M. and Chapel of Snows 12:30 P.M.

What is Prop.5? An informational webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 14 @ 7 P.M. For more information on this important matter please register in advance at

www.vermontcatholic.org/event/prop-5-webinar

or call Respect Life Office at 802-658-6110x1201

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



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 Evangelization Begins in the Home Memory and Promise

The memory of our elderly people sustains us as we journey on. The future of society, and precisely of Italian society, is rooted in the elderly and in the young: the latter, because they are to carry history ahead; the former, because they have the strength and are of the age to carry history ahead; the former, because they are a living memory. A people that does not take care of its elderly, its children, and its youth has no future, because it abuses both memory and promise. *Message To Italian Catholics, September 11, 2013*

Saint of the Week Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Blessed Virgin's appearance at Tepeyac to Saint Juan Diego in 1531, was the beginning of a beautiful story of God's and Mary's love and care for the peoples of Mexico. As Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin was named patroness of all of the Americas in 2003.

Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Many people make the great mistake of aiming directly at pleasure; they forget that pleasure comes only from the fulfillment of a duty or obedience to a law—for man is made to obey the laws of his own nature as inescapable as he must obey the laws of gravity. A boy has pleasure eating ice-cream because he is fulfilling one of the "ought's" of human nature; eating. If he eats more ice-cream that the laws of his body sanction, he will no longer get the pleasure he seeks, but the pain of a stomachache. To seek pleasure, regardless of law, is to miss it. December 10

(Repose) reminds us that all actions get their worth from God: "Worship" means "admitting worth." To worship is to restore to our workaday life its true worth by setting it in its real relationship to God, who is its end and ours. December 11
The world blesses not the meek, but the vindictive; it praises not the one who turns the other cheek, but the one who renders evil for evil; it exalts not the humble, but the aggressive. Ideological forces have carried that spirit of violence, class-struggle, and the clenched fist to an extreme the like of which the world before has never seen.
December 12

Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit
as we gather together in your name.**

**With you alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.**

**Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father
and the Son, forever and ever. Amen**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Lucy

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

Do Something Beautiful For God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

I can understand the greatness of God, but I cannot understand His humility. It becomes so clear in Him being in love with each one of us separately and completely. It is as if there is no one but me in the world. He loves me so much. Each one of us can say this with great conviction. December 10

Come, O blessed Spirit of knowledge and light, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father. Show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for your glory and my own salvation. Looking ever beyond them to you and your eternal reward. December 11

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Guard me then, O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy. Amen. December 12