

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Offertory: December 12, 2021 OLV \$317.00, COS \$763.00, OLG \$115.00 Total \$1195.00

Offertory: December 19, 2021 OLV \$283.00, COS \$568.00, OLG \$100.00 Total \$ 951.00



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

December 24 and December 25, 2021 For All Parishioners OLV

December 24 and December 25, 2021 For All Parishioners COS

December 26, 2021 RIP Natale Bove by Karen & Barry Emerson OLV

December 26, 2021 RIP John Nicholson by Karen Shaw COS

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**AS AN ACT OF CHARITY TOWARDS OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS, BISHOP COYNE IS ASKING THAT MASKS BE WORN AT ALL MASSES, ESPECIALLY AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS REQUEST.**

**New Years Mass Schedule—Chapel of Snows, Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.**



**Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.**

**Our Lady of the Valley, Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 10:45 A.M.**

**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 Ecumenical Preaching from My Grandmother**

When I was four yours old—it was 1940, none of you were born yet! - I went out with my grandmother. In that time, it was thought that all Protestants went to hell. On the other side of the sidewalk there were two women of the Salvation Army...And I remember like it was yesterday; I said to my grandmother, “Who are they? Nuns?” And my grandmother said, “No they are Protestants, but they are good.” Therefore, because of your good witness, my grandmother opened the door to ecumenism to me. The first ecumenical preaching I ever heard was in front of YOU. Address to a Delegation of the Salvation Army, December 12, 2014

## **Saint of the Week Nativity of the Lord**

All feast days celebrate, in one way or another, the gifts of God granted to us human beings. Today we celebrate THE gift the Son of God made flesh. A gift granted to all people of all times and places. Truly we have been gifted.

## **Wisdom of Fulton Sheen**

There has been no single influence which has done more to prevent man from finding God and rebuilding his character, has done more to lower the moral tone of society than the denial of personal guilt. This repudiation of man’s personal responsibility of his action is falsely justified in two ways: by assuming that man is only an animal and by giving a sense of guilt the tag “morbid.”

December 23

It is not the sanctuary that is in danger; it is civilization. It is not infallibility that may go down; it is personal rights. It is not the Eucharist that may pass away; it is freedom of conscience. It is not divine justice that may evaporate, it is the courts of human justice. It is not that God may be driven from His throne; it is that men may lose the meaning of home; For peace on earth will come only to those who give glory to God! It is not the Church that is in danger, it is the world! December 25

**Greetings of peace and joy to you from Fr. A. Agnel Samy, HGN.**

I hope this letter finds you in good health and cheer. I wish and pray that the blessings of Infant Jesus be showered upon you and your loved ones in this joyful season. I also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the parish during this pandemic through your prayers and offertory gift. Your love for the Church and the Parish community is immensely appreciated, which helps to live through these difficult times.

As a synodal church at the macro-level and as a parish community at micro-level, let us learn the art of walking together by listening to each other with the heart. Thus, the birth of Christ be an experience of communion and participation in the mission of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

May this Christmas be filled with happiness in all that you do, and may this joy continue the whole year through.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022.**

Yours in Infant Jesus,

Fr. A. Agnel Samy, HGN



## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents

Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve

Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace;

## **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**