

February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Offertory: January 23, 2022 OLV \$387.00, COS \$1101.00, OLG \$155.00 Total \$1643.00

Offertory: January 30, 2022 OLV \$547.00, COS \$ 368.00, OLG \$100.00 Total \$1015.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

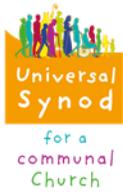
February 6, 2022 RIP William Scaplan by Linda Scacciaferro - OLV

February 5, 2022 RIP David Campbell by Barbara Campbell - COS

February 6, 2022 RIP Bert & Betty Copeland by Karen Kopkins Shaw—COS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



Pope Francis has announced a universal Synod inviting all Catholics across the globe to discern together how to better listen and communicate with each other to bolster our communion in Christ Jesus. Similar to our recent diocesan synod, all Catholics in Vermont will be invited to participate in parish listening sessions, diocesan listening sessions and digital surveys.”

—Bishop Christopher Coyne

Take the synod survey at vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod

A Lenten Scriptural Journey with Fr. Agnel.
P.M. at St. Charles Parish Social Center,



Wednesdays in March from 6:00 P.M.-7:00
Bellows Falls, VT. Please register in advance.

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



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

Please choose Our Lady of Mercy.



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Pope Francis Speaks to the Family An Attentive Mama

The Church, in the fruitfulness of the Spirit, continues to generate new children in Christ, always listening to the Word of God and in docility to his plan of love. The Church is mother. The conception of Jesus in Mary's womb, in fact, is the prelude to the birth of every Christian in the womb of the Church...

We understand, then, how the relationship which unites Mary and the Church is so deep: by looking at Mary, we discover the most beautiful and most tender face of the Church; and by looking at the Church, we recognize the sublime features of Mary. We Christians are not orphans, we have a mama, we have a mother, and this is great! We are not orphans! The Church is mother, Mary is mother.

The Church is our mother because she has given birth to us in Baptism. Each time we baptize a baby, he or she becomes a child of the Church, who enters the Church. And from that day, like an attentive mama, she helps us grow in faith and she shows us, with the strength of the Word of God, the path of salvation, defending us from harm...

Dear friends, this is the Church, this is the Church we all love, this is the Church I love: a mother who has the good of her children at heart and who is able to give her life for them. We must not forget, however, that the Church is not only the priests, or we bishops; no, she is all of us! The Church is all of us! Agreed? And we, too, are children, but also mothers of other Christians. All who are baptized, men and women, together we are the Church. So often in our life we do not bear witness of this motherhood of the Church, of this maternal courage of the Church!

General Audience, St. Peter's Square, September 3, 2014

Saint of the Week—Our Lady of Lourdes

Devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes runs deep in the hearts of the faithful as a sign of God's care and healing. The mediation of Mary, his mother, is a real consolation to those who suffer any ill. .

Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

You cannot always depend on prayers to be answered the way you want them answered but you can always depend on God. God, the loving Father often denies us those things which in the end would prove harmful to us. Every boy wants a revolver at age four, And no father yet has ever granted that request. Why should we think God is less wise? Someday we will thank God not only for what He gave us, but also for that which He refused. Feb-
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Council involving right and wrong should never be sought from a man who does not say his prayers. February 8

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: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Scouting Sunday
- Tuesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
International Day of Prayer and Awareness
against Human Trafficking
- Thursday: St. Scholastica
- Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the
Sick;
National Shut-in Visitation Day
- Saturday: Lincoln's Birthday

Do Something Beautiful For God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

The beginning of prayer is silence. If we really want to pray we must first learn to listen, for in the silence of the heart God speaks. And to be able to see that silence, to be able to hear God we need a clean heart; for a clean heart can see God, can hear God, can listen to God; and then only from the fullness of our heart can we speak to God. But we cannot speak unless we have listened, unless we have made that connection with God in the silence of our heart. February 8