

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Offertory: February 6, 2022 OLV \$493.00, COS \$840.00, OLG \$115.00 Total \$1448.00

Offertory: February 13, 2022 OLV \$323.00, COS \$947.00, OLG \$100.00 Total \$1370.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

February 20, 2022 RIP Ruth Daigler by Dan Daigler - OLV

February 19, 2022 RIP Lois Callum by Debra Shugard - COS

February 20, 2022 For God and Country by Karen Kopkins Shaw - COS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



A Lenten Scriptural Journey with Fr. Agnel.
P.M. at St. Charles Parish Social Center,
Sign-up sheet available at the back of the



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



We are being asked to participate in the Universal Synod Survey on the Diocese Website:
The theme is Communion, Participation, Mission.

Please take survey, so your voice may be heard: vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod

Saint Michael School is Enrolling for the 22/23 School Year!

We are pleased to share that Saint Michael School, in Brattleboro, VT, is enrolling for the 2022/2023 school year. This means we have seats available in our classrooms and employment opportunities for this fall! With all that is going on in the world of right now, we invite you to reconsider a Catholic education for your child. We offer private tours for families and shadow days for students to make sure SMS is a good match. Come spend a day with us! If you would like to learn more about enrolling a student, please call Lindsay O'Neil at 802.254.6320 or email lindsayoneil@smsvt.info



Adoration Every First Friday of the month at Our Lady of the Valley 3-4 P.M.



Coming soon to a bulletin near you: As many of you know we have relocated our office to the basement of Our Lady of the Valley located at 92 Grafton Rd, Townshend, VT. 05353. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 235 in Townshend, VT. 05353 **The biggest change is with our email address.** Going forward we will only be using the following: ourladyofmercy@vermontcatholic.org We ask that you replace the old with the new so all your communication will reach us. Our phone number remains the same. 802-387-5861

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 The Freedom to Say Yes

A good mother...helps [her children] to make definitive decisions with freedom. This is not easy, but a mother knows how to do it. But what does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window.

No, that is not freedom! Freedom is given to us so that we know how to make good decisions in life! Mary as a good mother teaches us to be, like her, capable of making definitive decisions; definitive choices, at this moment in a time controlled by, so to speak, a philosophy of the provisional. It is very difficult to make a lifetime commitment. And she helps us to make those definitive decisions in the full freedom with which she said "yes" to the plan God had for her life (cf. Luke 1:38).

Address at the Recitation of the Rosary, Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major, May 4, 2013

Saint of the Week—Saint Polycarp

Without knowing a whole lot about Saint Polycarp, he has entered into the life of the Church because he was a martyr, a witness to the faith with his life. That alone links all Christians together. That level of testimony to the faith is notable.

Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

In order to love anyone with your whole heart, in order to be really peaceful, in order to be really wholehearted, you must go back again to God to recover the piece He has been keeping for you from all eternity. February 21

Imagine a large circle and in the center of it rays of light that spread out to the circumference. The light in the center is God; each of us is a ray. The closer the rays are to the center, the closer the rays are to one another. The closer we live to God, the closer we are bound to our neighbor; the farther from God, the farther we are from one another. The more each ray departs from its center, the weaker it becomes; and the closer it gets to the center, the stronger it becomes.

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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: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day
Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
Wednesday: St. Polycarp
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Do Something Beautiful For God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Whether one is a Hindu or a Muslim or a Christian, how you live your life is proof that you are or are not fully His. We cannot condemn or judge or pass words that will hurt people. We don't know in what way God is appearing to that soul and what God is drawing that soul to: therefore, who are we to condemn anybody? February 22

Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my call and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience. February 25