

Offertory: March 20, 2022 OLV \$738.00, COS \$1035.00, OLG \$155.00 Total \$1928.00

Offertory: March 27, 2022 OLV \$2214.00, COS \$718.00, OLG \$100.00 Total \$2932.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

April 3, 2022 RIP Ann Elizabeth Chapman by Mark Chapman—OLV
April 2, 2022 RIP Greg Holowach & Rick Holt by The Zimmerman Family—COS
April 3, 2022 For a Special Intention for the Pope by Karen Kopins-Shaw —COS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



Listening Session for Synod on Synodal Church
Come share your thoughts, ideas, and dinner.
Today, April 3, 2022, 5-7 P.M. at Our Lady of the Valley



Lenten Devotions: Adoration and Stations of the Cross, Friday April 1 at 3 P.M. at OLV

The Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday, April 12, at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Burlington. At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Parking for free is available along Elmwood Avenue and at the former Cathedral, and pay lots/garages are near the Cathedral (first two hours are free in city-owned parking garages). All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



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

Coffee Hour Every First Sunday of the Month.



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Saint Julie Billiard's Story

Born in Cuvilly, France, into a family of well-to-do farmers, young Marie Rose Julie Billiard showed an early interest in religion and in helping the sick and poor. Though the first years of her life were relatively peaceful and uncomplicated, Julie had to take up manual work as a young teen when her family lost its money. However, she spent her spare time teaching catechism to young people and to the farm laborers.

A mysterious illness overtook her when she was about 30. Julie was paralyzed and became a complete invalid. For the next two decades, she continued to teach catechism lessons from her bed, offered spiritual advice, and attracted visitors who had heard of her holiness.

As time passed and Julie continued her mobile life, she made the acquaintance of an aristocratic woman, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, who shared Julie's interest in teaching the faith. In 1803, the two women began the Institute of Notre Dame. The following year the first Sisters of Notre Dame made their vows. That was the same year that Julie recovered from the illness: She was able to walk for the first time in 22 years.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Isidore

Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer

Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

Friday: Abstinence

Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Truth does grow, but it grows homogeneously, like an acorn into an oak...The nature of certain things is fixed, and none more so than the nature of truth. Truth may be contradicted a thousand times, but that only proves that it is strong enough to survive a thousand assaults.



Mary, Queen of Peace, please preserve the world from the madness of war.

Reunite families torn apart.

Comfort frightened children.

Console the sick and elderly who suffer alone.

Shield the men and women defending their homes.

Change the hearts of leaders to seek peaceful solutions.

Bring harmony to our broken world.

We ask all this through your help and intercession, Most Blessed Mother, as you lead and direct us each day into greater love for and obedience to your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen. Prayer taken from Bishop Christopher Coyne statement regarding invasion of Ukraine

Do Something Beautiful For God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

God has not called me to be successful, He has called me to be faithful. When we stand before God, results are not important. Faithfulness is what matters. April 1

Maybe there is a rich person who has no one to visit him; he has plenty of other things, he is nearly drowned in them, but there is not that touch and he needs your touch. April 2

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.