

Offertory: May 1, 2022 OLV \$344.00, COS \$296.00, OLG \$115.00 Total \$ 755.00  
Offertory: April 24, 2022 OLV \$563.00, COS \$415.00, OLG \$140.00 Total \$1118.00



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

May 8, 2022 RIP Edward Gal by Martin & Carol Bemis—OLV  
May 8, 2022 RIP Poor Souls in Purgatory by Karen Kopins-Shaw—COS

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



**Annual Baby Bottle Campaign May 8, 2022-June 19, 2022**

Sponsored by Branches Pregnancy Center in Brattleboro, VT

Sign out a bottle, fill it with coins, cash or write a check and return to church. Bottles may be returned at any time between now and Father’s Day. Thank you for helping this worthwhile organization.

**From the Eye to the Heart: Symbolism in Marian Imagery**

Please join Jenny Healy for an opportunity to discuss and think through the perennial importance of art in the Christian Life on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 5 P.M. in the Youth Center at St. Michael Church Brattleboro, VT.

**Retreat at the Ephesus House of Prayer** on Saturday May 21st from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Patricia Sandoval from EWTN will be the speaker and will share her testimony.

**Ordination Mass**, May 21st at St. Joseph Cathedral. 10:00 am – 11:30 am The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to Holy Orders as Deacons Brandon Schneider and Gregory Caldwell are ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Christopher Coyne.

**St Bernadette Relic Tour**

The Relics of St. Bernadette will tour the United States for the first time, bringing the grace of Lourdes to parishes across the country. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes will have the relics from May 25-28 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. each day. Our Lady of Lourdes is located in Pittsfield, N.H. 03263 and will be the only church throughout New England to have them. For more information please visit <https://www.ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org>

**Totus Tuus** - Join us for a week of faith and fun as St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro hosts a high school camp from **7:00-9:00pm Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th** and a grade school camp (1st - 8th grade) from **9:00am-3:00pm Monday July 11th through Friday, July 15th**. Both programs are led by high-energy college-age young adults who help campers grow in their love of God and the Church. A registration form is at the entrance to the church or can be found under the Religious Education tab on the St. Michael Parish website at [stmichaelvt.com](http://stmichaelvt.com). Completed forms and payments can be mailed to the St. Michael Rectory or brought the first day of camp. Hope you can join us!!



**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.



**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



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila  
Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras  
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Saturday: St. Matthias

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Our Lady of Fatima**

**May 13**

Like the apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, this appearance was not given to Church officials, but to children. Through them, Mary requested that the Church spread devotion to the rosary to all the faithful.

## Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Leisure is a form of silence, not noiselessness. It is the silence of contemplation such as occurs when we let our minds rest on a rosebud, a child at play, a Divine mystery, or a waterfall. May 12

Joy is not the same as pleasure or happiness. A wicked and evil man may have pleasure, while any ordinary mortal is capable of being happy. Pleasure generally comes from things, and always through the senses; happiness comes from humans through fellowship. Joy comes from loving God and neighbor. Pleasure is quick and violent, like a flash of lightning. Joy is steady and abiding, like a fixed star. Pleasure depends on external circumstances, such as money, food, travel, etc. Joy is independent of them, for it comes from a good conscience and love of God. May 14

## Do Something Beautiful For God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

I remember when I was leaving home fifty years ago-my mother was dead set against me leaving home and becoming a sister. In the end when she realized that this was what God wanted from me, she said something very strange: "Put your hand in His hand and walk all alone with Him." I didn't understand it at the time, but this is life. We may be surrounded by many people, yet our vocation is really lived out alone with Jesus. May 11

We are able to go through the most terrible places fearlessly, because Jesus is in us. Jesus is our joy, our strength, our joy, and our compassion. May 16



*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

## PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY

Father, Thank you for my family. I pray that you draw them closer to you and they submit to you with all their hearts and all their minds. Help them in all their doings. Father, you are the only one who knows what each one of us is going through and what weights on us.

I pray that You Oh Lord, will give my family the strength to overcome whatever problems that will come their way. Help anyone fighting a silent battle. Let them find peace and comfort in You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen! Anonymous

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Do not feel totally, personally, irrevocably responsible for everything . . . That's my job.

—God