

Offertory: May 15, 2022 OLV \$561.00, COS \$279.00, OLG \$115.00 Total \$955.00

Offertory: May 22, 2022 OLV \$442.00, COS \$272.00, OLG \$140.00 Total \$854.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 29, 2022 RIP Ruth Daigler by Dan Daigler—OLV

May 29, 2022 RIP Poor Souls in Purgatory by Karen Kopins-Shaw—COS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



Universal Synod—you are encouraged to take part in the Synod Survey

go to this site: https://vermontcatholic.org/about/who-we-are/universalsynod and click on Synod Survey

06 | 24 FRIDAY

World Priest Rosary Relay

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington 4 pm

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will again take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will be its thirteenth year, involving more prayer locations than ever, having grown from 24 single prayer locations in June 2003 its first year to 2,600 in 2020. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne will be leading the Rosary in Vermont, from the Cathedral of St. Joseph. All are invited to attend either in person or via live-stream. Learn more or access livestream at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/worldpriest-rosary-relay/

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.

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. 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: The Ascension of the Lord;
Monday: Memorial Day
Tuesday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Justin
Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions;
First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat's Story

The legacy of Madeleine Sophie Barat can be found in the more than 100 schools operated by her Society of the Sacred Heart, institutions known for the quality of the education made available to the young.

Sophie herself received an extensive education, thanks to her brother Louis, 11 years older and her godfather at baptism. Himself a seminarian, Louis decided that his younger sister would likewise learn Latin, Greek, history, physics, and mathematics—always without interruption and with a minimum of companionship. By age 15, she had received a thorough exposure to the Bible, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church and theology. Despite the oppressive regime Louis imposed, young Sophie thrived and developed a genuine love of learning.

Meanwhile, this was the time of the French Revolution and of the suppression of Christian schools. The education of the young, particularly young girls was in a troubled state. Sophie, who had discerned a call to the religious life, was persuaded to become a teacher. She founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, which focused on schools for the poor as well as boarding schools for young women of means. Today, co-ed Sacred Heart schools also can be found, along with schools exclusively for boys. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on May 25.

Do Something Beautiful For God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

We are here to be witnesses of love and to celebrate life, because life has been created in the image of God. Life is to love and to be loved. That's why we all have to take a strong stand so that no child-boy or girl-will be rejected or unloved. Every child is a sign of God's love. May 29

Our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them. May 30

Every day is a preparation for death. By realizing this, it helps somehow, because we each have to die a little each day. Death is nothing except going back to Him, where He is and where we belong. May 31



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

Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

It doesn't take much time to become a saint, only much love. May 29

Humility is not underestimating oneself, such as the talented singer denying that he can sing. Humility is truth, or seeing ourselves as we really are—not as we think we are, nor as the public believe us to be, or as the press notices us. May 31

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
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.

Reflection question:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

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OPEN AND SHUT

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut:
when swimming and when angry.

—Anonymous