

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

Offertory: May 29, 2022 OLV \$808.00, COS \$409.00, OLG \$115.00 Total \$1332.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 5, 2022 RIP Edith Stiles by Martin & Carol Bemis—OLV

June 5, 2022 Special Intention by Karen Kopins-Shaw—COS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
 Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



Bishops Annual Appeal 2022-23

In this Year of "Communion: Creed, Worship & Life," we celebrate our unity in faith as one Catholic community. Our doors are once again wide open, and we are gathering together in prayer, song and worship. With great joy we celebrate baptisms, First Communions, confirmations and weddings. In sadness and hope, we are able to mourn the death of our loved ones at funerals and Memorial Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick are being renewed as Covid protocols are relaxed. And we Catholics continue to do what we do so well as we feed the hungry, visit the sick and the elderly, support our families and shepherd our children in the faith. This past Easter, our churches were filled once again with many friends and parishioners whom we have missed over the past two years. It is a "renaissance," a rebirth. God is good.

We have much to celebrate – at the Rite of Election at the beginning of Lent we had the largest number of candidates in more than seven years — men and women who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil. We have seven candidates preparing to be ordained to the permanent diaconate this fall. I have ordained two men to the priesthood in May. In the January cold of Montpelier, we had the largest "Rally for Life" in years. We are seeing a steady increase in Catholic school enrollment.

But here's the challenge. We need your financial support to keep the momentum going. The pastoral and financial stress of the last two years has had a significant impact on the Bishop's Annual Appeal which supports all these ministries, including emergency aid to the rising number of families in crisis. While care will be taken to stay within our means, we want to do so in a way that does not impact the important work that we are doing.

This is where we need your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift this year, so our Catholic Church can continue to thrive.

Yours in Christ,
 Bishop Christopher J. Coyne

World Priest Rosary Relay 6/24 Friday *Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington 4 pm*
 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 Thank you for helping this worthwhile organization.

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: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Ephrem
Saturday: St. Barnabas

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Justin Martyr's Story

Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate.

For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should also be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe.

Do Something Beautiful For God The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

If the poor die of hunger, it is not because God does not care for them. Rather, it is because neither you nor I are generous enough. It is because we are not instruments of love in the hands of God. We do not recognize Christ when once again He appears to us in the hungry man, in the lonely woman, in the child who is looking for a place to get warm. June 7

People often ask me, "You work to bring about peace, why don't you work to lessen war?" If we work for peace there will be fewer wars. But I won't mix our work with politics. War is the fruit of politics, and so I don't involve myself, that's all. If I get stuck in politics, I will stop loving, because I will have to stand by one, and not by all. June 11



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

Pentecost Sunday

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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.

SMALL PLEASURES

Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.

—Georges Bernanos