

Offertory: February 21, 2016 OLM \$1,073, OLV \$744, COS \$1,516, Total \$3,333
 February 18, 2017 OLM \$639, OLV \$641, COS \$2,016, Total \$3,296 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 8, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, April 8, COS 4:30 PM For Maureen, Anna May and Peter Herron, requested by Kate and Bob Zimmerman
 Sunday, April 9, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, April 9, OLV 10:30 AM For Rose Franco, requested by Carol Bemis
 Sunday, April 9, COS 12:30 PM For Edward F. and Elizabeth Sweeney, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden
 Saturday, April 15, OLM 4:00 PM For All Our Parishioners
 Sunday, April 16, OLM 8:30 AM For All Our Parishioners
 Sunday, April 16, OLV 10:30 AM For All Our Parishioners
 Sunday, April 16, COS 12:30 PM For All Our Parishioners



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 8 & 9: Special Collection, Fuel # 1
April 9: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord
 April 11: The Chrism Mass, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 11 AM
April 13: Holy Thursday, OLM-6 PM, OLV-6 PM
April 14: Special Collection, Good Friday, OLM-6 PM, OLV-6 PM (Fast and Abstinence)

April 13: Holy Thursday

Our Lady of Mercy 6:00 PM
Our Lady of the Valley 6:00 PM

April 14: Good Friday

Our Lady of Mercy 6:00 PM
Our Lady of the Valle 6:00 PM

April 15: Holy Saturday

Our Lady of Mercy 7:30 PM
Our Lady of the Valley 7:30 PM
Chapel of the Snows NO MASS TODAY

April 16: Easter Sunday

Our Lady of Mercy 8:30 AM
Our Lady of the Valley 10:30 AM
Chapel of the Snows 12:30 PM

Holy Week

Please join us in praying for individuals who have experienced abuse and neglect... April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and during this time of the year we pray for healing and peace for those who have experienced abuse and neglect. The Diocese of Burlington is hosting four Evening Prayer for Healing services to remember victims/survivors of abuse and their families, and we invite everyone to come to a service near you and join us in prayer. **All four services will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 PM.** The following locations are hosting a service: Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish Church (at Christ the King - Burlington, VT), Christ the King Parish Church (Rutland, VT), Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/St. Louis Parish Church (at NBVM - Swanton, VT), St. Charles Parish Church (Bellows Falls, VT). *All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we support our neighbors and loved ones in their suffering.*

The Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday, April 11, at 11:00 am at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral 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. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection
 Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!** For more information go to www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Weekly Intention:
 For the grace this week to return to living our Baptismal promises.

“You can’t go back and make a new start, but you can start right now and make a brand new ending.”—James R. Sherman



From Fr. Fred:

A rich man was near death, and was saddened because he had worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to take it with him to heaven. So, he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth along. An angel heard his plea and appeared to him.

“Sorry,” the angel said, “but you can’t take your wealth with you.” The man implored the angel to speak to God to see if He might make an allowance. The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man got his largest suitcase, filled it with pure gold bars, and placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man died and showed up at the gates of heaven to greet St. Peter. St. Peter, seeing the suitcase, said, “Hold on, you can’t bring that in here!” The man explained to St. Peter that he had permission, and told him to verify his story with God.

St. Peter checked and came back saying, “You’re right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I’m supposed to check its contents before letting it through.” He opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind, and exclaimed, “You brought PAVEMENT???”

Just for Fun: As a new bride, Aunt Edna moved into the small home on her husband’s ranch. She put a shoe box on a shelf in her closet and asked her husband never to touch it. For fifty years Uncle Jack left the box alone, until Aunt Edna was old and dying.

One day when he was putting their affairs in order, he found the box again and thought it might hold something important. Opening it, he found two doilies and \$82,500 in cash!

He took the box to her and asked about the contents. “My mother gave me that box the day we married,” she explained. “She told me to make a doily to help ease my frustrations every time I got mad at you.” Uncle Jack was very touched that in 50 years she’d only been mad at him twice. “What’s the \$82,500 for?” he asked. “Oh, that’s the money I made selling the doilies.”



Quote of the week:

“Let me beg pardon for all of our sins and ask for help against those vices toward which we are most tempted, bringing all our wounds to the heavenly Physician to be cured by God’s grace.”

St. Peter of Alcantara

