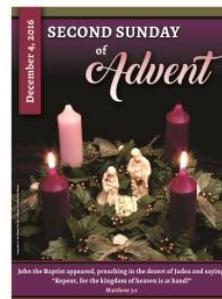


Offertory: October 25, 2015 OLM \$609, OLV \$566, COS \$557 Total \$1,732
 October 23, 2016 OLM \$424, OLV \$750, COS \$444 Total \$1,618 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 3, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, Dec. 3, COS 4:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Dec. 4, OLM 8:30 AM For Terry E. Tyler, requested by Mary Tyler
 Sunday, Dec. 4, OLV 10:30 AM For Mike and Kay Adrian, requested by Mike and Pat Adrian
 Sunday, Dec. 4, COS 12:30 PM For Sue Driscoll, requested by Deacon Jerry
 Saturday, Dec. 10, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, Dec. 10, COS 4:30 PM For Ruth Gorius and Polly McAllister, requested by their families
 Sunday, Dec. 11, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Dec. 11, OLV 10:30 AM For John and Joan Kopins, requested by Karen Shaw
 Sunday, Dec. 11, COS 12:30 PM For Nancy Delio requested by her family



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 7: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV

Dec. 8: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Masses:
COS 4:30PM, OLM 5:30PM, OLV 7:30PM

Dec. 10 & 11: Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec. 14: Parish Book Club, 7-8 PM OLV, *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation* by Matthew Kelly.



Rosary—OLM-Fridays 3-4PM



Parish Book Club Announcement:
 Our December book club selection is *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation* by Matthew Kelly. Father Fred presented each parishioner with this book last Christmas.

Matthew Kelly is a *New York Times* bestselling author known for his straightforward writing and positive approach to living faith in challenging times. In *Rediscover Jesus*, Kelly invites us to look with new purpose and new vision at the possibilities God places before us every day. We are guided to seek answers to questions we hold deep in our hearts in order to both know Jesus and ourselves in a new and joyous way.

Book details: 187 pages. Paperback ISBN: 978-1-942611-20-2. Ebook ISBN: 978-1-942611-39-4. Published by Beacon Publishing, © 2015. Advent will soon be upon us. What better time to make a positive change in our lives through the faith we share in Jesus Christ? Please consider reading this powerful book. Then, join us for an hour of sharing and discussion on **Wednesday, December 14th** from 7-8pm at Our Lady of the Valley. **Contact Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions. Hope to see many of you at our club meeting!!!**



Weekly Intention:
 For the grace this week to have hope and live lives that glorify God.



“Design is a funny word. Some people think design means how it looks. But of course, if you dig deeper, it’s really how it works.” Steve Jobs

6-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico including Our Lady of Guadalupe and other religious and cultural sites (**April 24-29, 2017**): Join Father Dwight Baker, UVM Chaplain and Vermont Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, departing from Boston. Daily Mass at all Holy Sites. Brochures available at the church entrance.



Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to come celebrate the **21st Ecumenical Festival of Lights.**

When: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

Gathering time: 4:15PM

Procession, Caroling and Blessing of the Living Crèche: 4:30PM

Turning on all the Lights for the Season: 5:00PM

Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds or angels!!

BONFIRE—HOT CHOCOLATE—DOUGHNUTS

For directions and information call 802-896-6000 or check our web page:
ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org
 (Please use the directions from our web page and not your GPS)

Tune in!

Special Presentation on EWTN for the showing of “Miracle Hunter”—Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:30 PM featuring **Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer**, including Mary Tarinelli, Fr. Skip Balz and others.
 (Repeated December 13, 2016 at 2:30 AM) Don’t miss it!

From Fr. Fred:

It's much more powerful to me to read something written by a saint than something written about a saint. The great missionary priest, St. Francis Xavier, was one of the first to join the new Jesuit order founded by St. Ignatius Loyola. They had met at university in Paris. This letter was written from India.

From the letters to Saint Ignatius by Saint Francis Xavier, priest

Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel

We have visited the villages of the new converts who accepted the Christian religion a few years ago. No Portuguese live here—the country is so utterly barren and poor. The native Christians have no priests. They know only that they *are* Christians. There is nobody to say Mass for them; nobody to teach them the Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Commandments of God's Law.

I have not stopped since the day I arrived. I conscientiously made the rounds of the villages. I bathed in the sacred waters all the children who had not yet been baptized. This means that I have purified a very large number of children so young that, as the saying goes, they could not tell their right hand from their left. The older children would not let me say my Office or eat or sleep until I taught them one prayer or another. Then I began to understand: "The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

I could not refuse so devout a request without failing in devotion myself. I taught them, first the confession of faith in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; then the Apostles' Creed, the Our Father and Hail Mary. I noticed among them persons of great intelligence. If only someone could educate them in the Christian way of life, I have no doubt that they would make excellent Christians.

Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians. Again and again I have thought of going round the universities of Europe, especially Paris, and everywhere crying out like a madman, riveting the attention of those with more learning than charity: "What a tragedy: how many souls are being shut out of heaven and falling into hell, thanks to you!"

I wish they would work as hard at this as they do at their books, and so settle their account with God for their learning and the talents entrusted to them.

This thought would certainly stir most of them to meditate on spiritual realities, to listen actively to what God is saying to them. They would forget their own desires, their human affairs, and give themselves over entirely to God's will and his choice. They would cry out with all their heart: *Lord, I am here! what do you want me to do? Send me anywhere you like—even to India!*

Quote of the week:

"To kill in the name of God is Satanic." Pope Francis

Just for Fun:

The great U.S. downhill ski racer, Peekaboo Street (her real name), reportedly worked as a nurse in the off season. The story goes, however, that they didn't like her to work in the Intensive Care Unit. When the phone rang she answered: "Peekaboo, ICU."

