

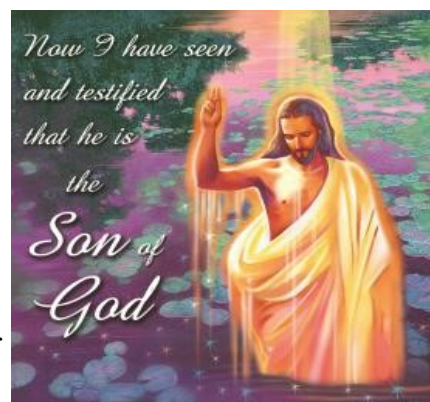
Offertory: November 28, 2015 OLM \$420, OLV \$478, COS \$973, Total \$1,871
 November 27, 2016 OLM \$518, OLV \$554, COS \$598, Total \$1,670 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 14, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, Jan. 14, COS 4:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, Jan. 14, COS 6:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Jan. 15, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Jan. 15, OLV 10:30 AM For Milford and Jeanette Anderberg, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg
 Sunday, Jan. 15, COS 12:30 PM In memory of Sepp Hundhammer requested by Guenter and Ingrid Lauk
 Saturday, Jan. 21, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, Jan. 21, COS 4:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Jan. 22, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Jan. 22, OLV 10:30 AM For Peter Fama, requested by Frank and Rosa Cannella
 Sunday, Jan. 22, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 18: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, at OLV
 Jan. 19: Finance Council Meeting, 6 PM, Rectory
 Jan. 20: Adoration, 3:00 PM, OLV
Jan. 28 & 29: Special Collection: Catholic Education
 Feb. 1: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM OLV
 Feb. 3: First Friday Mass, 5:30PM, St. Edmund of Canterbury, Saxtons River
Feb. 11 & 12: Special Collection: Church in Latin America



Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to do God's will faithfully from moment to moment.

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."
 John Quincy Adams

6-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico including **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and other religious and cultural sites (**April 24-29, 2017**): **Time to register is now! Deadline for registration is January 15, 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.

-Vermont Catholics represent the largest pro-life community in the State. Help show the strength of this movement by attending the annual Rally for Life Events in Montpelier on Saturday, January 21, beginning with Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier, to be celebrated by Bishop Coyne. Following Mass, there will be a peaceful March down State Street, ending at the State House. A Rally will take place in the House Chamber, with opening remarks by Bishop Coyne, followed by speakers arranged by the Vermont Right to Life Committee.

-**WOOL SOCKS FOR REFUGEES IN GREECE.** John Bohannon at OLM is collecting good used wool socks, any size, for a friend to take to Greece when she goes there in February to work with refugees. There is a collection point at OLM. If parishioners from COS or OLV collect socks for this project, just call John (802-869-2961) near the end of January and he will come to pick up the donations. This is a good chance to help many people in desperate need. As Father Fred says, "Sock it to 'em!!"

-**Married Couples-** "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." No matter how strong the winds, Jesus is there to take our hands and guide our marriage. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on the upcoming World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 3/17 – 3/19 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. For info or to apply, contact Gary & Lynn Root @ vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go on-line @ www.wwmvt.org. **Note that the application deadline is February 24, 2017.**

From Fr. Fred:

This is taken from the St. Andrew Bible Missal. Should we call it “extraordinary” time?

Ordinary Time

Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.



But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or Eucharist.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord’s Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord’s Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and for ever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian Living.

Just for Fun:

A first-time visitor to Australia was so startled by the sight of a kangaroo hopping across the road in front of him that he lost control of his car. When he woke up he was lying in a bed with a pretty young woman in a white uniform leaning over him. There was a smile on her face and a bright light behind her. He panicked and blurted out: “Did I come here to die?” In her delightful accent the nurse replied: “No lovey. Yesterdye.”



Quote of the week:

“Each day in our world beauty is born anew. It rises transformed through the storms of history.”
~Pope Francis.

