

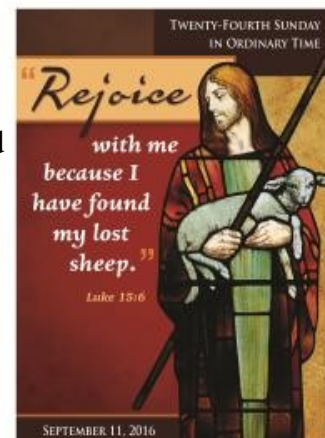
**Offertory:** July 25, 2015 OLM \$433, OLV \$711, COS \$682 Total \$1,826  
 July 24, 2016 OLM \$586, OLV \$730, COS \$474 Total \$1,790 (incl. online giving)


**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Sept. 10, OLM 4:00 PM For Joan Kopins, requested by Karen Shaw  
 Sunday, Sept. 11, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Sept. 11, OLV 10:30 AM For Irene Vaiana, requested by Eleanor C. Crombie  
 Sunday, Sept. 11, COS 12:30 PM For the deceased family members of Guenter and Ingrid Lauk, requested by Guenter and Ingrid Lauk  
 Saturday, Sept. 17, OLM 4:00 PM For Teresa Blood, requested by Marie Lee  
 Sunday, Sept. 18, OLM 8:30 AM For Stan Golec, requested by Pauline Golec  
 Sunday, Sept. 18, OLV 10:30 AM For the Shipman and Sorrentino families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
 Sunday, Sept. 18, COS 12:30 PM For Nancy and Vincent Delio, requested by their family

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sept. 15: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectorry  
 Sept. 16: **Cancelled:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, OLV 3-4 PM  
 Sept. 21: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, at the Cagneys'  
**Sept. 24 & 25: Special Collection: Catholic University of America**  
**Oct.: 1 & 2 Special Collection: Fuel #3**





**Weekly Intention:**  
 For the grace this week to return to the Father, trusting in His love.

“What is not started today is never finished tomorrow.” Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

~**REGISTRATION** is open for the **2016-2017** year of **Religious Education at Our Lady of the Valley** for grades K- 10. The first class is scheduled for September 18th. We will meet two times each month from 9:15 to 10:20 until May. Forms and a schedule are available at the church, or please call Ann Marie Scott at 874-7095 or email her at [tangotesoro03@yahoo.com](mailto:tangotesoro03@yahoo.com)

~**JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS:** On Sept. 18 there will be a Jubilee for Catechists and School Teachers. As the new school year begins, this will be an opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy with other Catholic educators. The event will take place at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen St., Burlington. Light refreshments will be served after.

**St. Therese Digital Academy**  
 The St. Therese Digital Academy is holding its first open house on Sept. 12th at St. Edward’s Parish in Derby Line, VT. This will be an opportunity to meet with the school’s principal, Lisa Lorenz, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Burlington, along with the principal of ADOM Virtual School in Florida, Rebeca Bautista, via teleconference. Whether you have registered your student with St. Therese Digital Academy, or are solely interested in what this four year online Catholic high school has to offer, please attend this information session in Derby Line to meet administrators and experience an online class demonstration. Consistent with its mission, St. Therese welcomes your digital presence at the open house as well. If you would like to attend via teleconference, link is below to register. You will be sent information in how to connect to the event from wherever you may be.  
**Any questions** please contact Lisa Lorenz, Superintendent of Catholic Schools at [llorenz@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:llorenz@vermontcatholic.org) or Karen Maklad, Admin Assistant at [kmaklad@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:kmaklad@vermontcatholic.org).

~**INSPIRE: Called to Love, Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

“Catholics. . . Whether you’re young or old, married or single, religious or ordained, **INSPIRE: Called to Love** is for you! Join thousands in Lake Placid on Sunday, **September 25, 2016**, to reflect on your baptismal call to holiness. The Vocations Summit will **INSPIRE** you with dynamic prayer, world-renowned speakers including **Bishop Robert Barron**, and will conclude with the celebration of Mass. Together we can cultivate a culture of vocations.”

~**Join us on Sunday, September 25th, 2016** For more information and to register go to: [www.inspirecalledtolove.com](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.com).

~**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.

~**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windham County** is currently searching for volunteers to mentor the youth in our community. Bigs spend time with their Little doing various activities such as playing outside, baking, playing sports, going to the movies, and arts and crafts. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windham County has lots of community partners to help make outings easy! For more information on how you can get involved, please contact our Enrollment and Matching Specialist, Sarah Caito at [802-257-0361](tel:802-257-0361) or by email at [sarah.caito@youthservicesinc.org](mailto:sarah.caito@youthservicesinc.org).

## **From Fr. Fred:**

Here is an excerpt from a beautiful meditation on the Lord's Prayer by one of the greatest female saints of all time. How wonderfully relevant her words still are for us today!

From the book *Way of Perfection* by Saint Teresa of Avila, virgin

*Your kingdom come*



*Anne de la Roche*

When asking a favor of some person of importance would anyone be so ill-mannered and thoughtless as not first to consider how best to address him in order to make a good impression and give him no cause for offense? Surely he would think over his petition carefully and his reason for making it, especially if it were for something specific and important as our good Jesus tells us our petitions should be. It seems to me that this point deserves serious attention. My Lord, could you not have included all in one word by saying: "Father, give us whatever is good for us"? After all, to one who understands everything so perfectly, what need is there to say more?

O Eternal Wisdom, between you and your Father that was enough; that was how you prayed in the garden. You expressed your desire and fear but surrendered yourself to his will. But as for us, my Lord, you know that we are less submissive to the will of your Father and need to mention each thing separately in order to stop and think whether it would be good for us, and otherwise not ask for it. You see, the gift our Lord intends for us may be by far the best, but if it is not what we wanted we are quite capable of flinging it back in his face. That is the kind of people we are; ready cash is the only wealth we understand.

Therefore, the good Jesus bids us repeat these words, this prayer for his kingdom to come in us: *Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come*. See how wise our Master is! But what do we mean when we pray for this kingdom? That is what I am going to consider now, for it is important that we should understand it. Our good Jesus placed these two petitions side by side because he realized that in our inadequacy we could never fittingly hallow, praise, exalt or glorify this holy name of the eternal Father unless he enabled us to do so by giving us his kingdom here on earth. But since we must know what we are asking for and how important it is to pray for it without ceasing and do everything in our power to please him who is to give it to us, I should now like to give you my own thoughts on the matter.

Of the many joys that are found in the kingdom of heaven, the greatest seems to me to be the sense of tranquility and well-being that we shall experience when we are free from all concern for earthly things. Glad because others are glad and forever at peace, we shall have the deep satisfaction of seeing that by all creatures the Lord is honored and praised, and his name blessed. No one ever offends him, for there everyone loves him. Loving him is the soul's one concern. Indeed it cannot help but love him, for it knows him. Here below our love must necessarily fall short of that perfection and constancy, but even so how different it would be, how much more like that of heaven, if we really knew our Lord!

## **Quote of the week:**

"Even if we speak with a low voice, even if we whisper without opening the lips, even if we call to God only from the depths of the heart, our unspoken word always reaches God and God always hears." —St. Clement of Alexandria

## **Just for Fun:**

Why does an archeologist make a good husband?

Because the older you get, the more interested he is in you.

