



FEBRUARY 16, 2020

6th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

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<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 AM Monday & Tuesday 9:00 AM Holy Days 9:00 AM</p> <p>CONFESSIONS - upon request</p> <p>BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.</p>	<p>WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.</p> <p>ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Our Lady of Good Help Rectory Chapel First Friday 1-3 PM</p>
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OFFICE HOURS
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Mary Kay Wilczynski,
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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PARISH COUNCIL
 Second Wed of the month

BINGO Saturdays,
 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Website:
<http://www.stalphonsusvt.org>

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 Last Tue of the month

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

16 SUN Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

✠ 9:00 AM **Ferdinando and Rosa Falco** by
Tom and Isabelle Kingsley

17 Mon The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

✠ 9:00 AM **Peter Senatore** by Christina & Perry Melvin

18 Tue Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

19 Wed Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26

20 Thu Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33

21 Fri Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1

22 Sat The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

23 SUN Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

✠ 9:00 AM **Mary O'Keefe** by Jack O'Keefe

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ **1,412.00**

Online Giving \$ 15.00

Total \$ **1,427.00**

Last Year this Date \$ 1,148.00

Building \$ 100.00

Thank you for making up your envelopes.

The basket will be passed a second time for **Fuel**. Please be generous. Thank you.

FEBRUARY

Sun 8:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal

Mon 8:30 AM Rosary, followed by Mass

Tue 8:30 AM Rosary, followed by Mass

21 10:30 AM Crafters, Rectory

25 6:00 PM Finance Council, Rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Catechesis Night! Please see details in Otter Valley Roman Catholic Community Events.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

Don't Live a Lie

One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important the telling the truth was to him, he just smiled. Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense.

Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes' and your 'no' mean 'no.'" He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them).

Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God's call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great. Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well.

LIVE THE LITURGY - LPi

One of the greatest and most necessary gifts God gives us is free will. We always have the ability to choose. Life or death and good or evil are two of the core decisions every human being must make. We can choose to love and choose whether to pursue a relationship with God. True salvation comes when we make the choices that keep us focused on God and God's commandments. How we view others reveals what choices we have made. People are not property, and they are not dispensable. We cannot exchange them at will or use them for our own self-serving ends. For this reason, God holds high the commitment of marriage and the integrity of all of our relationships. This is the basis of God's teaching on forgiveness and reconciliation, and the reason adultery is prohibited.

RETROUVAILLE - A Lifeline for Married Couples, **February 21-23**. This program is for couples with marital problems, including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced. For more information and to register: call 508-271-7155, or email RetrouvailleNE@gmail.com.

THE FIRST BIG CHRISTIAN CONCERT of the year is just weeks away. Unspoken, with songs like "Reason", "Higher", and "Start a Fire", will be here with Apollo LTD and Dave Pettigrew in Burlington at North Avenue Alliance Church on **Friday February 21, 7PM**. Tickets ranging from \$25-\$40/ea. More information online at www.VTChristianMusic.com

UNPLANNED - the movie. True-life journey of Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinical directors, who became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers. unplannedfilm.com Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall, **Sunday, March 1, 2:00 PM**.

LENTEN RETREAT DAY for anyone who works for or ministers in the parish Retreat facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis. The retreat is being held at Saint Stanislaus in West Rutland, on **Wednesday, March 18**, from 9:30am-3:00pm. To register or for more information, contact Valerie Parzyck at 802-846-5813, or vermontcatholic.org/retreats.

SAVE THE DATE for the MSJ-CKS Annual Auction & Dance at the Holiday Inn on **Saturday, March 21**, from 7-11 pm. This is an adult-only, fun-filled evening that kicks off with a Silent and Live Auction, followed by dancing with music provided by MC Sounds! Donations, large or small, are also welcomed. If you are interested in donating an item; vacation rental or a service, please contact Mary Lou Tedesco Harvey at mharvey@msjvermont.net or 236-3485.

3RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE **Saturday March 28**, at Saint Anthony's Church, White River Junction. There will be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men.

Otter Valley Roman Catholic Community Events

Sun Feb 16: Family Catechesis, Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall, 5-7 PM. This week's topic is *The Holy Spirit*.

Mon Feb 17: RCIA Program, Our Lady of Good Help Rectory, 7PM.

Wed Feb 19: Scripture Study and Reflection, 7 PM, Our Lady of Good Help Rectory

Mon Feb 24: RCIA Program, Our Lady of Good Help Rectory, 7PM.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, Spring Campaign, will begin Ash Wednesday and go through Palm Sunday. Vigil will take place outside Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Ave, Rutland, from 6am-6pm. For more information on this national and international campaign for life, go to 40daysforlife.com, or your local leader, Delia Warnecke, at 802-287-0354, or havefaith180103@yahoo.com.

ARE YOU AGING WELL? Does aging feel like a thief in the night? The Ageless in the Lord Lenten Retreat has nothing to do with age, but everything to do with attitude! Join us on Mondays (3/2-4/6) from 10am-noon, at Christ the King Engle Hall. Cost: \$10 includes materials and light refreshments. Registration: Christ the King Rectory, 66 South Main St, Rutland, 773-6820, or rwecatholic@gmail.com. For more information or questions, contact: Terri McCormick (282-8809) or Susan Roland (483-2606).



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