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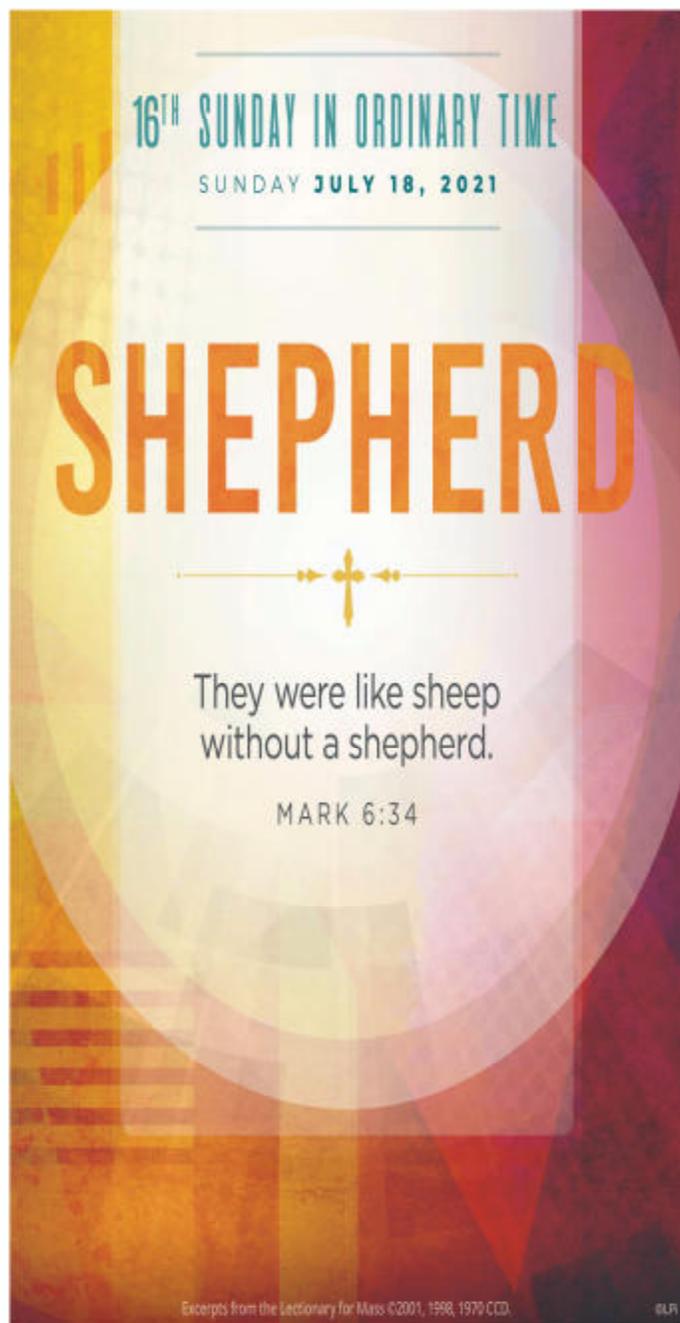
**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

**CONFESSIONS** – upon request

**BAPTISMS** - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

**WEDDINGS** – Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday and Tuesday  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Dee Daly  
Administrative Assistant

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

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**ONLINE GIVING** <https://osvhub.com/st-alphonus-liguori-parish/funds>

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

**18 SUN** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

✠ 9:00 AM **Karen Dido** by Jim and Sharon Freese

**19 Mon** Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

**20 Tue** Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Ex 14:21—15:1/Mt 12:46-50

9:00 AM **Cecilia Lesznik** by George & Laverne Lesznik

**21 Wed** Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

**22 Thu** Saint Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

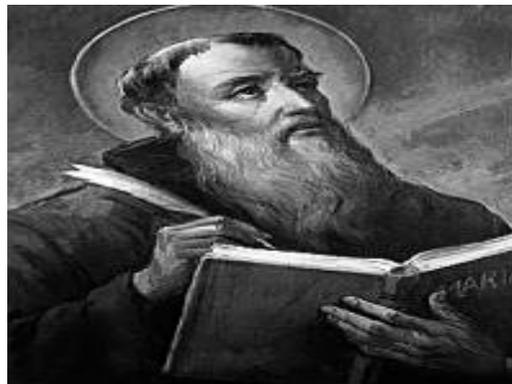
**23 Fri** Saint Bridget, Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

**24 Sat** Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30

**25 SUN** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

✠ 9:00 AM **Carol L'Herault** by Brent & Robbin Gifford



July 21, 2021

### Saint Lawrence (OFM Cap.) of Brindisi's

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. His parents William and Elizabeth Russo gave him the name of Julius Caesar, *Caesare* in Italian. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice.

At just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23.

With his facility for languages Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order. Beginning in 1599, Lawrence established Capuchin monasteries in modern Germany and Austria, furthering the Counter-Reformation and bringing many Protestants back to the Catholic faith.

Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings. Eleven of these 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies chiefly on scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching.

### Outdoor Mass

9:00 am Sunday Mass will be celebrated outside in the upper parking lot. We will continue holding Sunday Mass outside throughout the summer. If it is raining, Mass will be held in the church.

### New Web site

Per request of the Bishop, all Vermont Parishes are required to join e-catholic in hosting their website. As a means of being cost efficient and promoting the Otter Valley Catholic Community brand name, we have joined Our Lady of Good Help in this endeavor. Our new web site address is: [ovcc.vermontcatholic.org](http://ovcc.vermontcatholic.org).

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER** a loved one, Mass cards are available for anyone who would like a Mass offered on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. Other occasions when we have Masses offered for others are birthday, anniversary, pre-surgery, or recovering from an illness/surgery. Please contact the rectory 483-2301 (email: [stalphonsus@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stalphonsus@vermontcatholic.org)) or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.

**MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES** are available for those who would like to donate the wine and hosts used at Mass for the week in memory of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00. Please contact the rectory 483-2301 or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.



**Saint Bridget of Sweden July 23**

In 1317, at the age of 14 she married Ulf Gudmarsson of the family of Ulvåsa, Lord of Närke. Bridget became known for her works of charity, particularly toward Östergötland's unwed mothers and their children.

When she was in her early thirties, she was summoned to be principal lady-in-waiting to the new Queen of Sweden, Blanche of Namur.

After the loss of her husband in 1344. Birgitta became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and devoted herself to a life of prayer and caring for the poor and the sick.

It was about this time that she developed the idea of establishing the religious community which was to become the Order of the Most Holy Savior, or the Brigittines, whose principal house at Vadstena was later richly endowed by King Magnus IV of Sweden and his queen. One distinctive feature of the houses of the Order was that they were double monasteries, with both men and women forming a joint community, though with separate cloisters. They were to live in poor convents and to give all surplus income to the poor. However, they were allowed to have as many books as they pleased.

In 1350, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome accompanied by her daughter, Catherine, and a small party of priests and disciples. This was during the period of the Avignon Papacy within the Roman Catholic Church, however, and she had to wait for the return of the papacy to Rome from the French city of Avignon. In 1370 Pope Urban V, confirmed the Rule of the Order.

During her trips to Rome, Jerusalem and Bethlehem, she sent "back precise instructions for the construction of the monastery" now known as Blue Church, insisting that an "abbess, signifying the Virgin Mary, should preside over both nuns and monks.

She called Rome her home until her death on 23 July 1373, urging ecclesiastical reform.

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —LPI**

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

### **RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

#### **The Steward's Work Is Never Done**

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

## **Bishop Appeal**

The Bishop's Appeal is 36% to its overall goal!

Saint Alphonsus is at 22% of our Parish goal of \$10, 072.85.

Thank you for all those who have made a gift or pledge. This year the Superintendent's Office provided the Catholic schools with the safety protocols and support necessary to provide in-person education thanks to your support. Please consider a gift or pledge by visiting [vermontcatholic.org/giveonline](http://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline).

### **Church Offertory**

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ **1,690.00**

Online Giving \$ 50.00

Total \$ **1,740.00**

Last Year this Date \$ 1,665.00

Building \$ 239.00

Peter's Pence \$ 10.00

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