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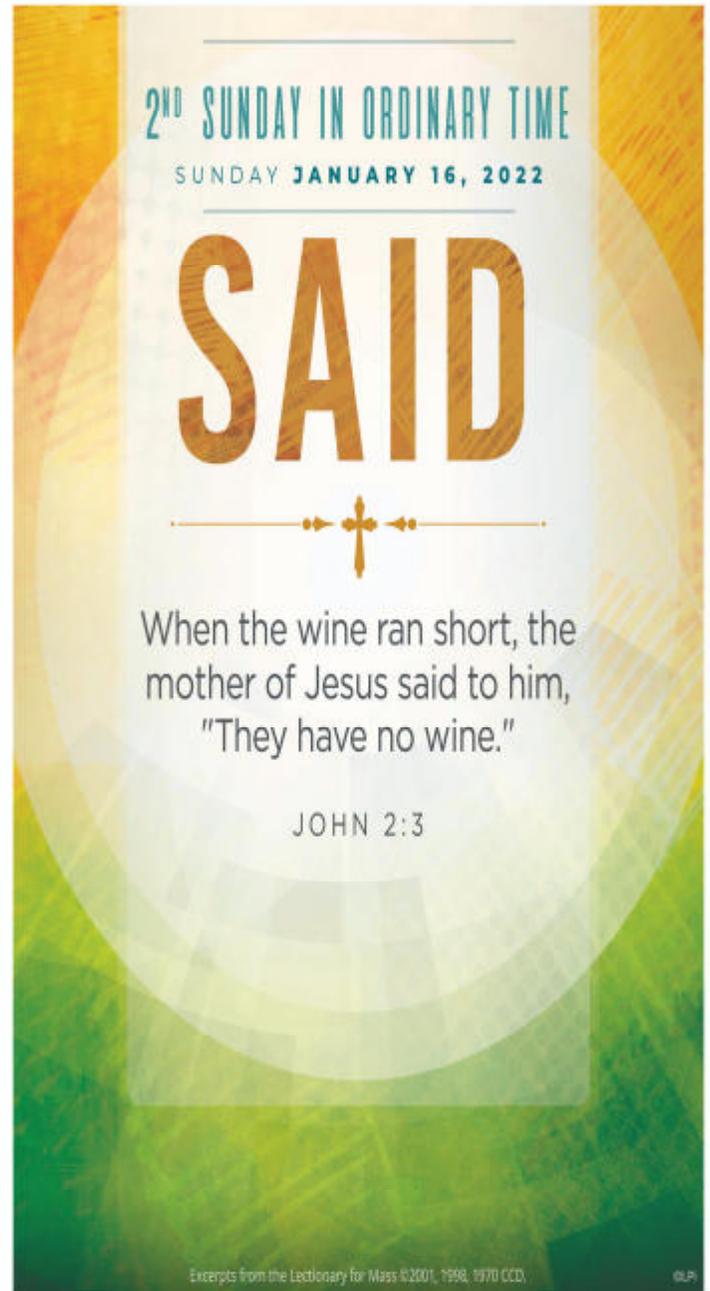
MASS SCHEDULE

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

16 SUN Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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

17 Mon Saint Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

18 Tue 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

19 Wed 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

20 Thu St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

21 Fri St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

22 Sat Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

23 SUN Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

Saturday January 22nd



He Will Ask

Please people, search your conscience for the truth. Did you know that abortion in our country used to be considered murder back before 1973? Have you also heard recently that approximately 63 million babies have been murdered by abortion since 1973. Do you remember the Holocaust in Germany where the Nazis were responsible for the deaths of over six million Jews? The United States helped win that war over the evils of Hitler and his army. What are we doing now to combat abortion that has us pitted against one another? Our courts and even our Supreme Court justices are arguing an abortion case at this time do doctors who perform abortions deserve rights to a hospital? And a tiny baby that has a fetal heart beat is considered "alive" and don't they deserve the right to live? We cannot allow them to be killed' We are not a cruel country. We need to strive for "peace". Then did you know our federal law protects the Bald Eagles with fines of over \$20,000 for killing or even wounding an eagle? Are they that far superior to a tiny human baby? Rev. Billy Graham's son Rev. Franklin Graham recently said, "President Trump is the most pro-life friendly president in modern history". Finally, and most important, what will you say to our God when he asks what did you do to help put an end to abortion? And he will ask. (Ruth Weber Davenport Iowa—Chancery Bulletin Dec 2021)

Church Offertory

Weekly Offertory Goal \$ **1,500.00**

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ 2,081.00

Online giving \$ **50.00**

Offertory Total \$ **2,131.00**

Building & Maintenance \$ 365.00

Utilities \$ -

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

**Sunday January 16th Second Collection:
Catholic Education**

THERE ARE VOTIVE CANDLES in front of the Statue of Mary. Feel free before or after Mass to light a candle in honor of Mary, our Mother, and to ask for her powerful intercession.



Milestone Marriage Anniversaries will be celebrated on February 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, with Bishop Coyne. Catholic married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2022, who wish to be recognized at this Mass should contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, ext. 1131, by Friday, January 28, 2022

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) 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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

Anthony was born in Coma in Lower Egypt to wealthy landowner parents. Though he belonged to a rather wealthy family, from an early age he showed little interest in the flattery and luxury of worldly life: to parties and banquets he preferred work and meditation. When he was about 20 years old, his parents died and left him with the care of his unmarried sister. He distributed all his wealth to the poor and turned over his sister to a convent choosing to live as a hermit and retired into solitude, to work and pray, at first near his hometown and later in the desert.

His whole life was not of observing, but becoming. Every time he heard of a holy person he would travel to see that person - if he admired their constancy in prayer, courtesy or patience, he would imitate it then return home.

He lived sealed in a room for twenty years, while his friends provided bread. Most of his life was spent in solitude, but no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance. Disciples came from all over to learn from him, hearing how his intercession had brought about miraculous healings, and his words comforted the suffering.

At first when people came to talk to him, to be healed by him, he refused to come out. Finally they broke the door down. Anthony emerged, not angry, but calm. Some who spoke to him were healed physically, many were comforted by his words, and others stayed to learn from him. Those who stayed formed what we think of as the first monastic community, though it is not what we would think of religious life today. All the monks lived separately, coming together only for worship and to hear Anthony speak.

Though he led a hard life, full of deprivation, Anthony lived to be 105. He never stopped challenging himself to go one step beyond in his faith.

Saint Anthony is the patron saint of:

Pets, livestock, of the farmer, and common workers (such as butchers, bakers, grocers, basket makers, shearers, etc.), fire, skin diseases (e.g. herpes zoster, the “fuoco di sant’Antonio ...

In His Footsteps: Fast for one day, if possible, as Anthony did, eating only bread and only after the sun sets. Pray as you do that God will show you how dependent you are on God for your strength.

Prayer:

Saint Anthony, you spoke of the importance of persevering in our faith and our practice.

Help us to wake up each day with new zeal for the Christian life and a desire to take the next challenge instead of just sitting still.

Amen

The Otter Valley Catholic Community

<p>FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS Tuesday, January 18th Parish Hall</p> <p>Finance Meeting 5:45 PM Parish Council 6:30 PM</p>

Monday January 17th



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