

# Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Agnes



Pray for .....

The safety of our service men and women working as peacekeepers in today's trying times and for all who are ill, especially Lindsey Layn, Linda Bunn, Richard Barra, Mary McManus, Virginia Wolf, Joel Rivera, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipsen, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, and Stanley Delorm.

## SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS Week of November 3, 2019



### Ministry Schedule

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
11/02 Donna Swingleton	Diane Benware
11/03 Sally Foster	Aaron Boynton
11/09 Diane Benware	Laurie Bertrand
11/10 Jeannine Griffin	Trish Bertino
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
11/02 S. Munger & C. Mitchell	
11/03 Glenda & Bob Gearwar	B. Thornton & B. Stanley
11/09 T. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
11/10 T. Depatie Family	A. Hayes & M. Harding

### Collection Counters



11/03 Tina Wiles & Paula Bizon  
11/10 Donna Swingleton & Katherine Bryant  
11/17 Helen Williams & Glenda Gearwar

### PARISH WEBSITE

Please visit our parish website: [www.saintmaryagnes.org](http://www.saintmaryagnes.org) for updates, news, activities, schedules of liturgical ministries and various resources to help you. For suggestions on our website, send your ideas to: [gale@ottercreekmedia.com](mailto:gale@ottercreekmedia.com).

**Office is open on Wednesday**  
**10:00 am—3:00 pm**  
**Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

### 2nd Collection for weekends in Oct./Nov.:

**11/03 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)**  
**11/10 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)**  
**11/24 Human Development**

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**An Evening Hayride and S'mores Around the Bonfire:** has been re-scheduled for Sunday, November 10th at 5:00 PM. Meet at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 38 Carver St., Brandon, VT

**Church Envelopes:** Please be sure to mark the amount of your donation on your envelopes. People have been forgetting lately and it makes it difficult to credit your account properly. Thank you

**Catholic Variety Show:** Have you ever seen a priest juggle or dance and sing on stage? Then make sure to join us for our 3rd Annual Catholic Variety Show to benefit our diocesan seminarians on Friday November 15, 2019 @ 7pm at the McCarthy Arts Center at St. Michael's College. We have several priests performances that will amaze you! We will have snacks and a silent auction and pass the basket so make sure to bring your money and don't miss this awesome show! Tickets and information available online at [vtchallengers.org](http://vtchallengers.org).

**St. Alphonsus Christmas Craft Fair & Basket Raffle:** Saturday, November 23, 9 am—2 pm. Come shop with us! Craft vendors, basket raffle, Silent Auction, Vermont Goods, Knitted items, Delicious food, Woodware, jewelry, and much, much more!!

**MSJ welcomes Students to be a Mountie for a day on Monday, November 11th!** MSJ invites aea students, currently in grades 7 and up, to visit Mount Saint Joseph Academy for a school day. Middle and High School-aged prospective students who are interested in learning more about MSJ are invited to meet out students, faculty, and staff and to participate in our day from 8:00 am to 2:25 pm. Lunch will be provided. Mount St. Joseph is located at 127 Convent Avenue in Rutland. If you have any questions about the Open House or Mountie for a Day, please contact Bill Brusio in Admissions at [wbruso@msjvermont.org](mailto:wbruso@msjvermont.org).

### Reflections for the Week

What is really going on here in the charming encounter between Jesus and the wealthy head tax collector, Zacchaeus? Is Jesus defending a rich guy who has been wrongly maligned by his neighbors? Or is Jesus inviting himself to dinner to create the occasion for a sinner to be converted from his wicked ways? Some commentators understand Jesus' action to be a defense of a misunderstood tax collector because they take Zacchaeus's words to be a defense of his way of life; since the Greek text of his words is actually in the present tense, they take it as a description of his way of life. To paraphrase what he says in the Greek, "I (regularly) give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I happen to extort somebody, I make it up four-fold." Taken that way, the words imply behavior that is impossible. One cannot routinely give half of one's possessions (e.g. 320 acres today, 260 tomorrow, 130 the next . . . which would lead to total divestment within a week!). As for regularly repaying fourfold for extortions, that implies the behavior of regularly *extorting* and then making it up with abundant restoration—an unlikely lifestyle indeed! No, the New American Bible translators have interpreted the present-tense verbs more sensibly—that is, in the way people use the present-tense to express a *resolve*—as in, "I'm giving up smoking." This interpretation is confirmed in Jesus' words, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and save what was lost." Yes! Zacchaeus had been using his position as chief tax collector to exploit people; and his encounter with Jesus in this moment of hosting him in his home, has led to a profound change of heart, conversion. And how was he so easily led to this conversion? The tipoff was his surprising readiness to climb a tree to "see Jesus, who he is" (to translate literally). This is strikingly childlike behavior for a figure of some power in his town. But Luke has provided a context for us to understand this properly. In his Gospel, we have just read in the prior chapter that "whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it (18:17). Then we read about a rich official who is blinded by his wealth, and finds himself unready to follow Jesus. Then Jesus heals a blind beggar who knows that he needs healing. Finally, in the story about Zacchaeus we meet another kind of rich man, one who is sufficiently childlike to scamper up a tree to see who Jesus is. His openness to the truth makes him ready to be healed of his blindness regarding his greed and his readiness to exploit others. This Gospel account calls us all to seek the truth with childlike openness, so that we are ready to encounter the Lord Jesus and respond to his surprising initiatives in our lives. He might invite himself to dinner. [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)

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## Otter Valley Catholic Community Events!

Mon Nov 4: Memorial Mass for All Souls for the Otter Valley Catholic Community at Saint Alphonsus at 7 PM.

Sun Nov 17: Family Catechesis at Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall from 5-7 PM. Starts with pot luck, then the theme for this month is *Jesus Christ*. Required for Grades 6 and up, but all parishioners are invited.

Mon Nov 25: Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of Good Help at 7 PM. This Mass will have members of each church serving in various ministries. Please join us!

**Diocesan News: 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VERMONT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at St. John Vianney in South Burlington. The keynote will be award winning author and Catholic speaker, Donna O'Boyle, who will speak on "The Role and Discovery in Christ for Women," and "How to be Beautiful for God." In addition, there will be opportunity for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, small group discussion, Rosary, and of course, Catholic fellowship. Cost for this retreat is \$40 and includes lunch. Learn more and register. (Valerie Parzyck 802-658-6110 x1131 or online at [www.vermontcatholic.org/womensretreat2019](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/womensretreat2019)). A few registrations are available in the back of the church.

**Mount St. Joseph Academy Holds Open House:** on Sunday Nov. 3; 12:00 - 2:00 pm for prospective families! The Open House will include Student-Led Tours and Teacher-Student Presentations. Families will be greeted by a student ambassador who will lead them through a guided tour of the school. Faculty and staff will be on-hand to answer questions and share insights into joining the MSJ family. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Readings for the Week of November 3, 2019

**Sunday:** Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

**Next Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5