

A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

HOW TO PRAY THE TV MASS FROM HOME

Creating a sacred space to reverently watch the mass in your home

Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.

Open your bible to the gospel of the day and place it on your "home altar" to remind you that the Word of God is among you.

Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church.

Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.

Get dressed as you normally would when attending mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.

If you have holy water at home, bless yourself and your family before you begin the mass.

Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the mass.

Fully participate by standing, kneeling, sitting and responding according to the rubrics of the mass.

Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 23-24, 2020
7th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

OFFICE HOURS: Tues. & Sat. 9:30am—1:00pm
(currently no office hours...messages are checked regularly)

PARISH SECRETARY:

Christine Porter - adminstfrancis@comcast.net

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: (currently on hold)

Sundays 9:15-10:15 for Grades K-7

Sundays 5:30-6:30 for Grades 8-10

NEW PARISHIONERS: Are welcome and urged to register with Parish Office

Finance Council: Richard Fenton 885-3598 – Ginny Fox 436-2831 — Frederick Lord 356-6496 –
Andrew Robbins 738-3512 John Scanlon 484-9427

Parish Council: Barbara Barbour 299-7117 – Joyce Corbin 484-3329—Janet Farley 674-6065 –
Mary Anne Mesropian 674-9284 — Colleen DeSchamp 484-5245 – Steve Giroux 674-9509



ALL PUBLIC MASSES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19
FATHER RICK CONTINUES TO
OFFER DAILY MASS PRIVATELY
FOR OUR INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

SUSPENDED

WEEKEND MASSES

SUSPENDED

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

RECONCILIATION

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,

BAPTISMS

By arrangement

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS

The Bishop has decreed that during the suspension of public Masses, priests may offer collective Mass intentions. There will be a group of names/intentions for each private Mass. This permission has been given so that all requests for intentions can be fulfilled during this time. If you have a request for an intention, please email Christine at adminstfrancis@comcast.net

TV MASS

The celebration of all public Masses has been suspended by Bishop Coyne in light of recent and on-going public health directives. Mass is live-streamed at St. Francis every Sunday at 10:00am. Mass recorded at St. Francis can be viewed anytime on our website: <https://www.stfranciswindsor.org/mass-times>.

We encourage you to view the celebration of Sunday Mass by Bishop Coyne at 10:00 a.m., livestreamed on <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/>. Livestream of Daily Mass will also be found the Vermont Catholic site daily at 12:05pm. Additionally, televised Masses can be seen on Windsor On Air Comcast Channel 8 & 1081 at the following times every week: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 5:00 am, 7:00 am, and 5:00 pm and on WCAX-TV Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Peg Grimard, Dale West, Jan Lepisko, Lisa Moeller, Kathy Whited, Rhonda McFarland, Theo Shyne, Christiane Zue, Claire Harlow, John Hofmann, Elinor Garcia, Nancy LaBounty, Officer Kevin Valencia, Sandra Carney, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, David Dillon, Joseph Farley, John Scanlon and Ron Poulin.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ford Geno, Stephen Titus, Peter Barbour, Priscilla Spencer, Bill Moeller, Betty Lemire, Jackie Avery, Tom Baker, John M. Lynch, Nancy Hamilton, Janet McClellan, Pat Terry, Jean Hunt, William Tansey, Wesley Hrydziusko, Peter Kilfeather, Masie Ayers, Kacey Leavitt, John Crump, Gerald Lepisko, Father Raphael Kakwavu Nyabenda, Paul Koch, Peter Toepfer, Phil Turgeon, Shirley Bates, Hugh Duling, Phil Salzano, Anne Juzwiak, Nancy Levesque, Joan Lemire, Freida Leneau, Nancy Marsden and Nancy Hall.

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2020

Weekly Offertory for May 17, 2020: \$1,240.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$80,871.97
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$91,703.58

Donations/Fees received in addition to Offertory:
May 17, 2020: \$ 0.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$21,754.17
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$43,950.64

In addition to regular offertory, the collection for May 17 included additional monies for: \$20 for Home Missions and \$20 for Ascension Thursday.

We ask that you continue to support St. Francis financially by continuing your usual weekly parish offering. You can either mail a check to: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, P.O. Box 46, Windsor, VT 05089, or you can visit our website and make a donation online. You can setup a one-time or recurring donation. Visit <https://www.stfranciswindsor.org/donate>

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

The Windsor Area Covid Response Team is a coalition of professionals and citizens dedicated to helping the community meet the challenges of COVID-19 in a way that promotes the health and well-being of the community while keeping people safe and helping them have access to necessary services. The Windsor school system, Windsor town government, Mt Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, the Windsor Improvement Corporation, the Windsor Resilience Committee, Windsor churches and citizens comprise the core response team.

We are working as a team to provide support for access to food, medications, financial assistance, communication about COVID-19 and compassionate connections by phone for people who are vulnerable and in quarantine.

We have created links through a google doc., special e-mail and phone # so **that people can ask for help and volunteer help.**

For the online registration <https://sites.google.com/view/windsorvt-covid19/home>

For phone: (802) 674-5971

For e-mail: covidresponse@mahhc.org

Message from Fr. Rick,

7th Sunday of Easter

Memorial Day 2020

Strange as it might sound, Memorial Day is one of the days I cherish.

Sure, for many it marks the beginning of the Summer, that glorious season “of soda and pretzels and beer!” (As Nat King Cole famously sang!). Anyone who knows me knows how much I love and appreciate Summer! But I cherish Memorial Day above all, because it is one of two civil holidays (the other is Thanksgiving Day) that has a uniquely Religious and, indeed, uniquely Catholic dimension.

“Do This in Memory of Me...”

More perhaps than any other Religious tradition, the Christian faith calls us frequently, even daily, to “Remember.”

To remember: all that Jesus did, said, and taught. To remember” His Gospel, His miracles, above all, to “Do this in Memory of Me.” And every Sunday all year long we gather and we recall, we remember His resurrection!

Memorial Day teaches me to likewise remember, to be grateful for the gift to live here in a Free Land. A gift from God, to be sure, but a gift, too, to be defended even at the cost of one’s own life. This weekend even in the midst of pandemic there may, indeed, not be many parades, picnics, cookouts, or hikes in the mountains, or trips to the shore, but all of us can, and I hope we will, take time to recall with gratitude those who, as Abraham Lincoln put it, “Gave the last, full measure of devotion.”

Let us continue to pray for each other!

Saint Francis of Assisi, Pray for us.

Saint Anthony, Pray for us.

Thank you to all who continue to financially support our Parishes.

PRAYER FOR MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

REOPENING OUR CHURCH!

I am pleased to announce with great joy that Bishop Coyne is going to open up all churches in the Diocese of Burlington for the public celebration of Masses effective Monday, June 1st, 2020!

Please understand that we are awaiting details and a checklist of protocols that each Parish must be able to do before we can open our doors on June 1st. Nevertheless, this is an incredibly hopeful sign that, after over two months, we will be able (with some restrictions) to gather and worship and receive the Eucharist.

May we, each one of us, cherish the awesome privilege that is ours to participate once more in the prayer given to us by Christ that is Holy Mass.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

This weekend, your envelopes include a collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Burlington to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

VIRTUAL YOUTH SERVE FOR RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS

Many of you know about the Diocesan summer program, VCYS, during which Vermont teens spread out through the Burlington area, serving the needy. In the spirit of VCYS, we’re doing a Virtual Youth Serve. We can still serve the Lord’s people even when we’re stuck at home. Each day, we’ll post a daily challenge for ways teens can serve their community and/or household.

<https://www.facebook.com/vermontcatholicyouth/>

CHECKING IN ON EACH OTHER

Visits to the sick have been suspended until further notice. If you are an Extraordinary Minister who brings Communion to local residents, consider making phone calls to those people you normally visit to check in with them and pray with them over the phone. Perhaps it will boost their spirits and yours, too! We encourage all parishioners to check in on each other, especially those parishioners who may not have internet access to receive these updates. Continue to pray for each other during this time.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

During these challenging times, Catholics can still participate in devotions and worship remotely by tuning into daily Mass at 12:05pm and Sunday Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, live rosary at 11:15am, as well as many other spiritual engagement activities. You can access these live-streams from our website: <https://www.stfranciswindsor.org/mass-times>

For the weekly schedule of activities, visit www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources