

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRAYER FOR THE WEARING OF MASKS

“Holy Spirit, whose very breath brought creation into existence, Grant me the grace to wear this mask, with all its discomforts and inconveniences, in wisdom and charity. Help me to bear this cross which I carry for the most vulnerable among us. Hold us all close in your care and bring this pandemic to a swift end. Amen.”

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

PANDEMIC HOME BLESSING

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress: In faith we pray make this home a sanctuary from illness and disease, and keep far from it all anxiety and fear. May Christ dwell here, among us and within us. Bless those who reside here. As we face restrictions and quarantines, help us seek your face. Grant us the courage to follow the heart of your Son, who often retreated to quiet spaces to seek solace and intercede on behalf of others. Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying. Give strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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February 6-7, 2021
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

OFFICE HOURS: Tues. & Sat. 9:30am—1:00pm

PARISH SECRETARY:

Christine Porter - stfranciswindsor@vermontcatholic.org

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Private Instruction only at this time.

Please contact Christine Porter if you are interested

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Thursday
Mass 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11:15-12:00

FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,

BAPTISMS

By arrangement

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass intention said for a friend or loved one, please contact the Parish office. There are many dates currently available.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 02/06 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 02/07 10:30am
For the repose of the soul of Jack Matusiak by John Scanlon

Tuesday 02/09 9:00am
For Rami Russell Henning

Thursday 02/11 9:00AM
For healing and health by Joanne Maille

Saturday 02/13 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 02/14 10:30am
For discerning a vocation and increased faith by Joanne Maille

If you would like a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for special occasions, please contact the parish office. Let us know if you have a specific date in mind or if you would prefer the first available Mass. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and the person/people who are requesting the Mass (in other words, how it should be listed in the bulletin.) We will get back to you, and will do our best to accommodate your requests. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers: Peg Grimard, Dale West, Jan Lepisko, Lisa Moeller, Kathy Whited, Rhonda McFarland, Christiane Zue, Claire Harlow, Elinor Garcia, Nancy LaBounty, Officer Kevin Valencia, Sandra Carney, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, David Dillon, Joseph Farley, John Scanlon, Ron Poulin, and Archer David Ruzik.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: 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, Nancy Hall, Earl White Sr., Charles Rushia, Mark Curtis, Margaret Rising and Florence Parent

TV MASS & SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

For the weekly schedule of Diocesan activities, including daily Mass at 12:05pm and Sunday Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, live rosary at 11:15am, visit www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources

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.

Message from Fr. Rick,

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel of Mark begins with Saint Mark's account of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Galilee. These early accounts report Jesus spending His days healing, manifesting His authority over sickness and even over the demonic powers of the evil one, and revealing the true meaning of what He means by His words "The kingdom of God is at hand."

God is at work: His healings and his driving out those possessed by demons show forth what He has come to do: to free men and women, boys and girls, from sickness, from oppression and, ultimately from the awful tyranny of death. By what He says and by what He does, Jesus begins fulfilling His mission.

The Great Conquest has begun!

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank those of you who have been 'catching up' on your offertory envelopes. Our parish is truly blessed to have so many generous, caring folks who continue to support us with their donations. We also understand that many of you have, and continue to experience, financial hardship. We know that you are praying for us and with us, and we are praying for you. Only through prayer and trust in the Lord will we get through this together.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Locally, our Religious Education program has seen some changes brought about by the pandemic. Rather than meeting on Sunday mornings as we have been for years, each family has their own private instruction time each week. Some families are meeting in person and others are choosing to meet virtually. If your child has not yet joined us for this year, it's not too late. Contact Christine at the Parish Office to setup your own personalized curriculum for this year.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection taken up for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe next weekend, February 22nd and 23rd. Your generosity will help those struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds help support education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass and distribution of ashes will be at 9:00am on Wednesday, February 17th at St. Anthony's Church in White River Junction and at 5:00 p.m. here at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2021

Weekly Offertory for January 31, 2021: \$1,223.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$49,901.00
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$60,485.34

Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory:
January 31, 2020: \$0.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 6,651.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$28,315.48

ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

Offertory envelopes and calendars for 2021 are now available. Please contact the Church office to arrange pick up.

MASS ATTENDANCE

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| January 16-17 | 53 |
| January 23-24 | 60 |
| January 31 | 49 |