

A 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

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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April 10 & 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

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 04/10 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday 04/11 10:30am
For the repose of the soul of Pete Barbour by Barbara Barbour

Tuesday 04/13 9:00am
For the repose of the soul of Denise LaRoche by Jean Harlow

Thursday 04/15 9:00am
For the intentions of Stephen Buckley and his family

Saturday 04/17 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday 04/18 10:30am
For the children in the Religious Education program by Christine Porter

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, Sandra Carney, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, David Dillon, Joseph Farley, John Scanlon, Ron Poulin, Archer David Ruzik and Doreen Aube.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: William Tansey, Peter Kilfeather, Masie Ayers, 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, Florence Parent, and Officer Kevin Valencia

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2021

Weekly Offertory for April 4, 2021: \$1,279.00
 Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14
 Offertory for Easter \$1,357.00

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$64,808.00
 Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$78,045.60

Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory:
April 4, 2021: \$110.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 8,136.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$43,672.44

In addition to regular offertory and donations, we received \$110.00 for Mass Stipends. We also received \$170 for the Holy Land/Good Friday collection.

MASS ATTENDANCE

March 14	74
March 21	82
March 28	85
April 4	153

Message from Fr. Rick,

**2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

“My Lord, and my God!”

Although St. Thomas the Apostle is probably best known for the doubt he expressed when he first heard from the other Apostles that they “had seen the Lord”, he ought to be remembered, too, for his humility.

“I’ll never believe” he said, “unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side.” Then, confronted with the evidence of the reality of the Resurrection, Thomas surrenders in faith. “My Lord and my God” he exclaims. He had demanded proof and when he got that proof, he accepted it. Tradition has it that St. Thomas travelled all the way to India preaching and establishing Christian communities. To this day, Indian Christian Churches trace their founding to the preaching and example of St. Thomas. St. John’s account of “doubting Thomas” ought to remind us to have the faith and humility to look at the good reasons for faith in Christ and then, once accepted, to cling to this revealed truth for the rest of our lives!

St. Thomas, pray for us!

VERMONT CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

The Spring issue of Vermont Catholic has arrived! Pick up yours as you leave Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We have 5 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, April 17th at 11:00am. This is a great opportunity for all of us to set example by coming to receive the Sacrament as well. All are welcome on that day or any Saturday from 11:15am-12:00noon.

These students will also be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 16th at the 10:30am Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

PARENT CAFE

Blessed are they who Mourn: This presentation will be co-hosted with Terri McCormack and Michael Hagan on Wednesday, April 14 from 7:30 - 8:15pm. Join us for prayer, a brief presentation on the hidden gifts of parenting, and time for discussion. Please register for the virtual get together by visiting the following site: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This, the second Sunday of Easter, is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This Feast is based on the writings of the Polish nun and Canonized Saint, St. Faustina Kowalska, who was shown, in vision, an image of Jesus showing forth His merciful heart together with the words: “Jesus, I trust in thee!” Through this devotion, all are encouraged to acknowledge and seek out the Divine Mercy for our needs and the needs of the whole world.

