

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

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL AND
CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN**

As of March 31, we have reached 67% of our Bishop’s Annual Appeal pledge goal of \$16,809.00, with donations totaling \$11,154.00. Overall, the Bishop’s Appeal is 86% to goal. Updates will be given to us and shared on a monthly basis. Learn more at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal/gift-at-work/>.

As of April 12, we have reached 13% of our Christ Our Hope pledge goal of \$97,919, with donations totaling \$15,062.00. We will be receiving monthly updates, and will share them with you. Find out more at <https://christourhopevt.org>

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**April 17 & 18, 2021
3rd 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 04/17 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

Tuesday 04/20 9:00am
For the repose of the soul of John Takacs by John Scanlon

Thursday 04/22 9:00am
For the repose of the soul of Bob Tiger by John Scanlon

Saturday 04/24 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday 04/25 10:30am
For the young people being Confirmed this weekend 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 11, 2021: \$1,999.25
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$66,807.25
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$79,996.74

Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory:
April 11, 2021: \$30.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 8,166.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$44,607.56

In addition to regular offertory and donations, we received \$30.00 for Mass Stipends. We also received \$40 for the Holy Land/Good Friday collection and 125 for the Easter Collection

MASS ATTENDANCE

March 21	82
March 28	85
April 4	153
April 11	87

Message from Fr. Rick,

3rd Sunday of Easter

“Have you anything here to eat?”

A simple question: Yet filled with meaning, revealing an astonishing reality.

Jesus Christ is risen!

Truly put to death, He just as truly rose to life and lays before us all, just as He laid it out before His amazed and dumbfounded Apostles.

“Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” Then, “Have you anything here to eat?” By appealing directly to their senses, just as He would later do with St. Thomas, Jesus invites them, and us, to see, to touch, to watch as He does the most ordinary thing in all the world. He eats.

Through such a simple, ordinary act - eating - Jesus invites His Apostles and He invites us to trust the reality before our very eyes.

Jesus Christ is risen!

He stands before His Apostles in His risen glorified body no longer subject to death or decay or any limitations of time and space, yet still a human body, He is recognized, He can be touched, yet He cannot be confined.

Now today, in and through His Church, the joyous news continues to go forth.

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FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend! 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.

FEED THE HUNGRY

On the weekend of May 1 & 2, in honor of the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, we are collecting food for the local food shelf at Trinity Church in Windsor. This is in addition to our normal food collection basket.

Trinity’s Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community. Curbside pick-up is available Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm as well as Wednesdays from 10:30 until noon.
<http://www.trinitywindsor.com/food-shelf>

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend, we will take the collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your support of this appeal helps over 40% of dioceses in the US and its territories unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. For more info, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions

ANNOUNCEMENT

Christine Porter, dedicated parish secretary, devoted religious education director, and immensely talented cantor has informed me that she will be leaving the area to return home to Pennsylvania and family.

Christine has served St. Francis Parish and the wider Windsor community in many capacities and she will be dearly missed.

More details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please keep Christine in your good prayers.