

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.

As we continue to open up, I want you to know that we at St. Francis Parish are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. We have been adamant about our safety procedures and feel confident that this is a safe space for you. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ’s help during these times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Join in the online offerings that our diocese offers. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing as a parish priest.

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November 20th & 21st, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

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

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JOIN US AT MASS!

We have been working hard to ensure your safety. If you haven't yet come back, we encourage you to do so. Hopefully, you will notice all that we are doing to make sure that our Church building is a safe space. We are glad to see more and more of you coming

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Asha Plaustainer

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

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

11:15-12:00 noon

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 | | |
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| Saturday | 11/20 | 6:00pm |
| For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi | | |
| Sunday | 11/21 | 10:30am |
| For the Repose of the Soul of Ford Geno by his Wife and Children | | |
| Tuesday | 11/23 | 9:00am |
| For the Repose of the Soul of John Scanlon by Russell and Joyce Corbin | | |
| Thursday | 11/25 | 9:00am |
| In Thanksgiving to God for his Blessings | | |
| Saturday | 11/27 | 6:00pm |
| For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi | | |
| Sunday | 11/28 | 10:30am |
| For the Repose of the Soul of David DeSchamp by the DeSchamp Family | | |

| MASS ATTENDANCE | | |
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| Oct | 24 | 121 |
| Oct | 31 | 95 |
| Nov | 7 | 103 |
| Nov | 14 | 88 |

| OFFERINGS | |
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| Offerings Report for FY 2021-2022 | |
| Weekly Offertory for November 14th 2021: | \$1,446 (\$754) |
| Weekly Offertory Goal: | \$2,200 |
| Offertory Collected (Year to Date): | \$31,980.25 |
| Offertory Year to Date Goal: | \$44,000 (\$12,019.75) |
| Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory: | |
| Unrestricted Donation \$500 | |
| Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): | \$4,730.00 |
| Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (TBA/wk): | TBA by Finance Council |
| In addition to the above, monies were also collected for the following: | |
| None | |

| PRAYER REQUESTS | |
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| Please remember in your prayers: Raymond and Adrian Carney, Bill Dillon, Cade Bagley, Greg Stickney, Logan Young, Deacon Gerry Scillia, Glen and Julie Danielson, Elaine Marcegiani, Valerie Newton, The Fenton and Griffin Families, Agnes Grimo, Those Suffering in Haiti, Gary McKenney, Our Homeless Brothers and Sisters, The Hennings Family, Christine Porter, Lisa Bianconi, Marianne Kepler | |
| Please pray for the repose of the souls of: John Scanlon, Danny Keating, Rolland Johnston, Lene Piper, Daniel Chiara, David DeSchamp, Justin Noble, Gina Kicinski, Robert E. Frusher, Rhonda Button, Claramae Halford, Earl White Sr, Elaine Tracy, Matthew Kicinski, Matthew Chuloe, Nancy Marsden, Peter Hassett, Bill Nugent Maryellen Sullivan, Marjorie Hannawolt, Masie Ayers, Gerald Lepisko, Father Raphael Kakwavu Nyabenda, Paul Koch, Peter Toepfer, Phil Turgeon, Shirley Bates, Hugh Duling, Phil Salzano, Anne Juzwiak | |

Thursday November 25th is Thanksgiving Day

While not a Catholic Feast Day, this beloved civic holiday has a uniquely Catholic, uniquely Christian, tone to it. After all, the unique expression of our Catholic Faith is the Holy Sacrifice of The Mass in which the Eucharist, the very body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ is made present on our altars for our nourishment.

“Eucharist”, the very name means Thanksgiving

This week, plan on making the Eucharist an expression of your gratitude for all God in His goodness has done for us!

Happy Thanksgiving 2021!

Message from Fr. Rick,

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 21, 2021**

The scriptures this weekend offer contrasting images of our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe.

The first reading from the book of the prophet Daniel and the second reading from the book of Revelation describes “one like a son of man” receiving “dominion, glory, and kingship.” I am the Alpha and the Omega says the Lord God, the one who is and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” In sharp contrast we read St. John’s account of Jesus’ interrogation by Pontius Pilate.

To Pilate’s surprise and puzzlement Jesus affirms that He is indeed a king, but not a king in the sense that Pilate and others use the word.

Jesus is the true King that is to say He is a witness to the truth, a witness in fact to God the source of all truth which is what He means when He says “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Fr. Rick

**NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY**

This year, Christmas falls on a Saturday. The Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated as usual the day before on Friday 24 December. There will also be Mass on Christmas day Saturday 25 December at 10:30.

There will be no evening (vigil) Mass on Saturday 25 December.

Sunday 26 December, Mass will be celebrated at 10:30.

**CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN
Gift Distribution Change & Matching Grant**

The focus of this campaign has always been on parishes, and many are close to reaching at least one of their tiered goals. That is why 80% (instead of 60%) of new gifts made in December will go back to the parishes to support their efforts and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid. In addition, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation has allocated a \$25,000 matching grant to the campaign. On December 6, the Foundation will match the first online gifts received of \$1,000 or more with a \$1,000 grant directly to the parish, no split. There will be only one match per parish. To make an online gift visit: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate>

FLOOR REPAIRS

We will be repairing the water damaged flooring in several areas of the Church after Christmas. Performing these repairs will temporarily created a dusty industrial environment inside the Church.

We are working hard to minimize the disruption, but we will need to protect sensitive items in the Church from the dust, dirt, and activity, particularly our Seven Sacraments Sacred Art.

All of this is being done with the full knowledge and approval of the Diocese.

We will keep you advised as we move forward with these much needed repairs.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE

Christmas wreathes will again be offered for purchase at 25.00 each, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to our Church.

Wreathes are from Reading Greenhouse and feature a red bow. Please contact Crikett French 802-674-6605 or Marie Carmichael 802-674-6977 to reserve your wreath.

!LAST WEEK TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!