



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024**

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Administrator
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Very Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday 9:30-10:30

Holy Days: As announced in the Bulletin

Baptisms & Reconciliation: By arrangement

Marriage: Couples please contact the parish six months in advance

Parish Contact

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New Parishioners are welcome and are urged to register with the Parish Office

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A message from Father Cyrain....

On January 8, 2012, "John 3 16" became the top Google search in the US. It was the game known as "The 3:16 game", where Heisman winner Tim Tebow threw for 316 yards in a playoff upset against the Pittsburgh Steelers. He printed this most cited New Testament text on his eye black, notably during the 2009 BCS championship.

The central assertion of the Gospel, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life," needs to be cited time and time again and professed by us because 'faith' and 'Christianity' are taboo words in so many areas of our life now. The seeming backlash against Christianity is bordering on the absurd, America might be the king of capitalism, but secularism must never become so prevalent that our religious traditions are discarded. We know how some leaders are trying to eradicate God in their circles. We know how our young people are not allowed to pray and how some institutions are trying to get rid of Christ and God. We know how families no longer involve God in their decisions and relationships. In this context of secularism, we are tempted like Nicodemus to come to Jesus "by night". We prefer to reduce our faith-life to the private domain. Much like, Nicodemus we feel embarrassed and even afraid to be associated with Jesus. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, the council of elders, public person, afraid of the public eye.

God held back nothing in His attempt to redeem humanity, even sending and sacrificing His only Son. Why would anyone turn away from Him? We are all unworthy of God's love, and yet He continues to love us. Is this the way to show our gratitude?

Eucharistic Revival:

To listen to Christ, in fact, entails taking up the logic of his Pascal Mystery, setting out on the journey with Him to make of oneself a gift of love to others, in docile obedience to the will of God, with an attitude of detachment from worldly things and of interior freedom. (Pope Francis Angelus – March 1, 2015)

Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:

Helen George, David DeSchamp, Len Zabilansky, Louise Elias, Laurie Curtis, Kevin Curtis, Cindy DiNetta, the Longacre family, Griffin Thompson, The Thompson family, Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Amy Moeller, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Marcegiani, Christine Rose, Claire Harlow, Christiane Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Helen Michalowicz, Jan Lepisko, Patricia Lucarelli, George Veilleux, Theresa Morin, Dale West, Elinor Garcia, Ella Perry, Bill Dillon, Peter Toepfer, Ludwig Markert, Robert Leneau, Linda Parker, Loretta Gould, Lucio Cabueñas, Will Moeller, Earl White Sr. Norman Piper, Mary Ann Notaro, Donna O'Neill, Anthony Rocchio, Bill Moeller, Ray Nedderman, Father Charles Davignon, Gina Kicinski, Anna Mary Noble, William Moore, Anne Hutchins, John Barth, Raymond Scott, Paul Wynn, Mark Curtis, Margaret Blake, Theresa Marie Fenton.

Mass Intentions:

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, telephone, or drop a note in the collection basket. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Please include your contact information. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you

Second Collection: There is a second collection this weekend in support of **The Catholic Relief Services**. Your support is appreciated.

Lent:

- **Lenten Challenge:**
An **anonymous donor** has presented a challenge to St. Francis parishioners to support funding of fuel and insurance expenses.
All donations will be matched (dollar for dollar) **up to \$2,500**. The challenge **began Feb 17th and will end April 7th**. *God Bless our donor!* **(\$1,425.00 donated to date)**

- **Stations and Soup:** *See poster at Church entry*
 - ❖ The K of C will present **The way of the Cross, Jesus’ last hours** on **Friday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m.** An offering of soup and beverage will follow.
 - ❖ The Saints Martha and Mary Women’s group offered a Station and Soup night, last Friday, March 1. Thank you to all those who attended, as they shared a community meal and enjoyed faithful fellowship.

- **Lenten Sunday Mass Schedule:** While Father is away to honor the first Anniversary of the death of his Father, Lucio Cabueñas, Sunday Mass will begin at **11:00 am.**, (*instead of 10:30*).
 - **Father Rogelio Organiza (Fr. Larry)**, Holy Family Parish, Springfield will be our Celebrant for Sunday Mass on **3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24**.
 - Saturday eve. **3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23** Mass at **6:00 pm**.

- **Parish Staff/Volunteer Lenten Retreat:** The Diocese is offering a retreat day which promises to be a rich day of prayer, reflection, communion with each other and the Lord. An email will be sent out with more detailed information. The retreat will be **March 20th** 9:30-3:00 at **Holy Family Parish Springfield, VT**. To register, or for more information or questions please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-846-5813.

Holy Week Schedule :

March 28 -- Holy Thursday 5:00 p.m. will include the rite of washing of the feet.
March 29 -- Good Friday 5:00 p.m.
March 30 -- No Vigil Mass, No Holy Saturday Liturgy. (Only at St. Anthony this year)
March 31 -- Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. as usual

March Chancery Bulletin: (See notice posted on Parish Bulletin board) Catholic Men’s Conference **March 16**, 2024; Catholic Women’s Retreat, **April 6**, 2024.

Mass Attendance:

Feb 3-4	80	Feb 10 -11	91
Feb 17-18	103	Feb 24- 25	100
March 2-3	79		

Weekly Offerings: **March 2-3, 2024**

Weekly Offertory: **\$2,224.00**
*which includes \$254.00 on-line giving
and includes \$450.00 for the fuel challenge.*

Fuel challenge to date \$1,425.00

Other collections: **\$383.00** Easter Flowers Offering

Mass Stipends **\$10.00**; Coffee Hour **\$39.00**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday 03/09/24 6:00 p.m.
For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi.
Sunday 03/10/24 11:00 a.m.
For the repose of the souls of Matthew Harrington and Scott Hull by Shannon Harrington
Tuesday 03/12/24 9:00 a.m.
No Mass
Thursday 03/14/24 9:00 a.m.
No Mass
Saturday 03/16/24 6:00 p.m.
For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi.
Sunday 03/17/24 11:00 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Lisa Menanno-Jenson by Mike Belanger

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Marriage & Family Life
Totus Tuus summer 2024:

Save the Date June 16-21 for Kids Summer Program
See Registration forms at the back table on Fellowship Hall.
You may also register at www.vermontcatholic.org

To be held at White River Junction Grade school program and at Norwich for the High School program
The Totus Tuus Parish Coordinator is Diane Usher.

Office of the Bishop: Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop

ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ’s heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.