



Mass Intentions  
Twenty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9/5 SATURDAY VIGIL:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Pauline Gingras

9/6 SUNDAY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am The People of the Parish

10:30am Susan Longo

9/7 MONDAY

No Adoration

8:30am Intentions of Candace Elmqvist

9/8 TUESDAY

No Adoration

12noon Frances Routhier

9/9 WEDNESDAY

No Adoration

8:30am Edmond "Babe" Duperre

9/10 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Mary Ann & Dick Dillon

9/11 FRIDAY

No Adoration

8:30am Special Intentions

**MOST HOLY NAME PARISH**

MORRISVILLE

**MASS SCHEDULE**

NO MASS TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY - 11:00AM ADORATION  
12NOON MASS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
8:00AM ADORATION  
9:00AM MASS

Dear Parishioners,

Recently I watched an online video entitled, *Why Being Good Is Not Enough*. Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary Bishop in LA, offered this thought provoking reflection discussing how the liturgy, the Mass - from the Biblical perspective - is an essential aspect of being aligned with God.

The book of Exodus in the OT articulates how God formed Israel as particularly HIS OWN: spiritually, morally, and liturgically. We remember the stories: the burning bush, the plagues, the Passover, and the 10 commandments (to name a few). Yet Exodus 25-40 describes in detail prescriptions of religious rituals and liturgy.

Bishop Barron's surfaces what many contemporary ideologies hold towards religion: namely, religion is about producing good and ethically-minded people; that it doesn't really matter what you believe, as long as you're a good person, that's all that matters (Immanuel Kant). This reduction of religion is not only dangerous, its wrong.

Obviously the Bible is concerned about morality. To share in God's life, we must conform our lives to Christ and act as He did with love and justice. So why so many chapters in Exodus (not-to-mention the entire book of Leviticus) devoted to the ritual and liturgical formation so essential for Israel, and now through Holy Mass for us as Catholics?

First - God doesn't need, nor benefit from, our worship. The God who created the universe doesn't need anything from the universe. Rather, we as human beings, need ritual and liturgical formation. Why? Because the Mass aligns us rightly with God. Sin disorders and misaligns our relationship with God; but liturgy, the Mass, orders it properly.

How relevant to this time of pandemic! For good reasons we closed Churches and now we are allowed back with restrictions, but there has been a distancing of people from the formal worship of God at Mass, from the Eucharist - understandably. Bishop Barron's concern: that we may revert to this Kantian ideology that religion is just about being good. "Well, I've got a good relationship with God, and I've been away from ritual and the Mass for these months,

and I'm ok. I'll just watch it online. So why does it matter?

It matters tremendously! Throughout the Bible we hear how God established the temple, altars, incense, priests, vestments, sacrifice, and music as integral in aligning His people to Himself. Understandably, many are still cautious to come to Mass for good reasons. Yet, everyone I've spoken to gets that Mass online in their living room is not quite the same as being together in the Church. So to practice my faith, isn't being a good person enough? Bishop Barron answers, and I agree, "The short answer: No."

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXLZQUhCE3g>)

God bless you and have a safe and grace-filled week.

With Mary,  
In Christ,  
Fr. Jon

**BJAMS/RICE Scholarship Meeting**

There will be a brief informational meeting on Tuesday, September 15th from 5-530pm for parishioners who have children attending BJAMS or RICE this academic year who are seeking a scholarship for their child(ren). The meeting will be held in the parish hall - please follow the safety protocols regarding masks and social distancing. Please contact Phyllis to let her know you plan to attend: [blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org).

**Challenges to Grow Your Marriage**

Weekly challenges for married couples to spend time together. Weekly challenges can be found here: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/mistries-programs/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/>

**FINANCIAL NEWS FOR AUGUST 2020**

OFFERTORY	\$ 4,712
DONATIONS	\$ 2,801
E-GIVING	\$ 4,245
TOTAL	\$11,758

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Confirmation for Blessed Sacrament will be **Saturday, September 12th**. Please pray for our 16 Confirmation candidates.

We are currently planning our CCD program for 2020-21. More information about registration will be coming out in a couple of weeks. If you would like to help, please contact **Christina DeRuzza** (253-1542).

**Virtual - Parent Cafe Discussion Series**

Sign up at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kfuqsrikrH90F9NRmKWjjDmOHqFEC1V8z>

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7:30-8:15pm: What Prayer Life?  
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:30-8:15pm: Life is a Balancing Act!

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:30-8:15pm: Your Habits - The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly!

If you wish to continue to keep up with your weekly offertory you can mail it to Blessed Sacrament Church, P.O. Box 27, Stowe, VT 05672.

Also, you can make a one time donation or monthly offertory on E-Giving, just contact Phyllis via email ([blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org)) to sign up or call the parish office (messages are checked frequently). On our website ([bscvr.com](http://bscvr.com)) you can also donate through paypal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**The Sanctuary Lamp at  
Blessed Sacrament Church will  
burn this week**

**In Loving Memory of  
Michael George Mahan**

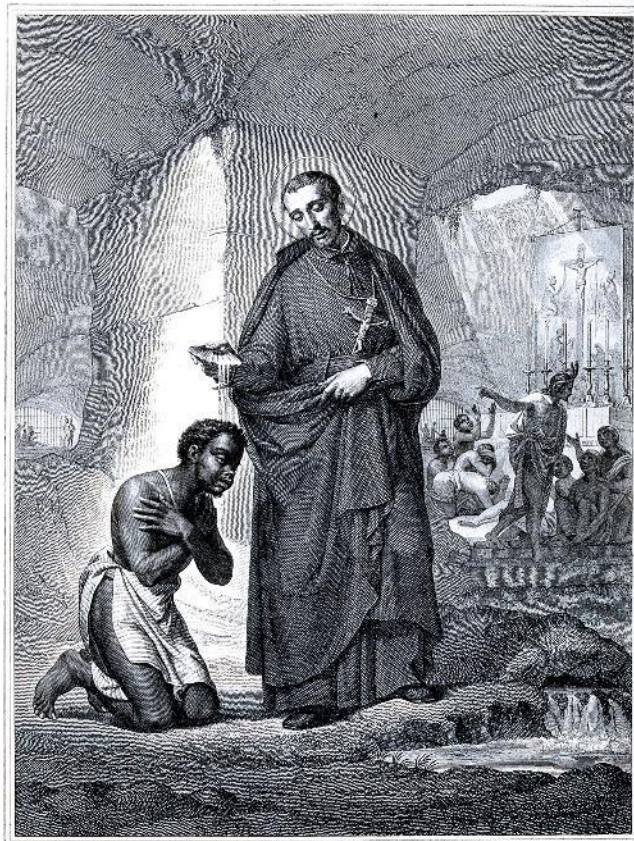


# NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 5–11, 2020  
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## MEMORIAL OF ST. PETER CLAVER • Wednesday, September 9

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TO END THE SIN OF RACISM



S. PETRVS CLAVER SOC. IESV.  
NOSTRVM APOSTOLVS  
IVSV LEONIS XIII PONT. MAX.  
CAELITVM SANCTORVM HONORIBVS AVCTVS

St. Peter Claver was born in the village of Verdú in Spain in 1580 and entered the Jesuits at the age of 20. He volunteered for the Spanish colonies and was sent to Grenada where he arrived in the port city of Cartagena in 1610. Cartagena was a slave-trading hub, and 10,000 captive Africans poured into the port annually, crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul that an estimated one-third died in transit. Working with another Jesuit priest, Father Alonso Sandoval, Father Claver quickly turned his attention to the plight of the captives. He often headed to the port as soon as a slave ship arrived, caring for them both on the ships and in the nearby yards with medicine, food, bread, brandy, lemons and tobacco.

During the time of the year when the slave ships did not normally arrive, Father Claver traveled the country, visiting plantation after plantation to give spiritual consolation to those enslaved. He continually encountered opposition for his advocacy on behalf of the enslaved people, but he persevered in doing so for more than 40 years. During his ministry it is estimated that he personally catechized and baptized 300,000 slaves.

He died in 1654, in complete poverty after a long illness. He was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1888 and is the patron saint of African Americans.

This Wednesday, Sept. 9, is the Memorial of St. Peter Claver. I invite everyone to celebrate the feast in a special way this year through the sacrifice of the Mass in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and especially in reparation for sins based upon race. Additionally, I encourage each parish and Catholic school on that day to host a Holy Hour or to celebrate the special "Stations of the Cross: Overcoming Racism" seeking the particular intercession of St. Peter Claver to end the scourge of racism in our midst and to turn our hearts to remember that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

For more information, visit our website at [www.vermont-catholic.org/liturgy-worship](http://www.vermont-catholic.org/liturgy-worship).  
—Josh Perry is director of worship for the Diocese of Burlington

The image above is: J. Vitta after P. Gagliardi, *Saint Peter Claver*, 1888, engraving, Wellcome collection, London.

Saint Peter Claver was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1888. The engraving shown above was produced in Rome to commemorate the canonization.



## Upcoming Events



09/09 WEDNESDAY  
**Christ Our Hope Campaign  
Chat with Bishop Coyne**  
Zoom • 7 pm

Register for a Zoom hour long chat with Bishop Coyne to learn more about the campaign and why we must move forward now: [www.vermontcatholic.org/events/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/events/)



09/15, 29, 10/13 WEDNESDAYS  
**Parent Café**  
Zoom • 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Join other Catholic parents in Vermont for these virtual discussions about life and faith. Each session includes a brief prayer and presentation, setting the stage for open and honest conversation on that week's topic. Join us for any or all sessions!



09/20 SUNDAY  
**Emmaus Retreat:  
A Hiking Confirmation Retreat**  
Waterbury • 1 - 6:15 pm

FOR MORE INFO: [vermontcatholic.org/event/emmaus-retreat-a-hiking-confirmation-retreat/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/emmaus-retreat-a-hiking-confirmation-retreat/)



09/26 SATURDAY  
**Ordination to the  
Permanent Diaconate**  
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington celebrates with great joy the Ordination of the Permanent Diaconate of five men to serve the Catholic Church in Vermont. More information will be posted soon.

## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home,  
Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech*  
— \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home,  
Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech*

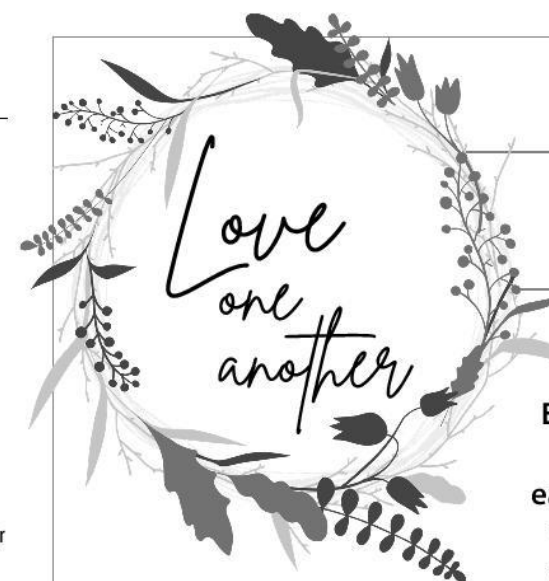
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For More Info:  
[vermontcatholic.org/careers](http://vermontcatholic.org/careers)

SEPTEMBER 6 – 12, 2020

## CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE



### WHAT IS LOVE?

Explore 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 by taking turns reading each verse. After you read, take time to share which verse or verses reminded you of your married love. Share why.



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[vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge](http://vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge)

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**TRAPPED BY TIME**  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 1  
7:30 - 8:15 PM

**WHAT PRAYER LIFE?**  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 15  
7:30 - 8:15 PM

**LIFE IS A BALANCING ACT!**  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 29  
7:30 - 8:15 PM

**YOUR HABITS — THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY!**  
TUESDAY, OCT. 13  
7:30 - 8:15 PM

CHRIST OUR  
*Hope*  
2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As we kick-off the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign to renew our parishes, strengthen our faith formation programs and increase emergency aid to people in crisis, we ask you to please first consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal. We understand that these are challenging times and some may not be able to do more. We are grateful for whatever you can offer and ask for your prayers for the success of the campaign.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: **\$2,651,157**

62% As of Aug. 26: **\$1,647,811**