



**Mass Schedule & Intentions
Baptism of the Lord
January 9th ~ 15th, 2020**

1/9 SATURDAY VIGIL:
Baptism of the Lord
4:30pm Kathleen Arnold

1/10 SUNDAY
Baptism of the Lord
8:00am The People of the Parish
10:30am Chris Hodgdon

1/11 MONDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Karen Bishop Balog

1/12 TUESDAY
11:00am Adoration
12noon Daniel Collins

1/13 WEDNESDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Timothy Corkery

1/14 THURSDAY
4:30pm Adoration
5:30pm Claire Bisceglia

1/15 FRIDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Debbie Attenborough

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday ~ 8:00am Adoration ~ 9:00am Mass
Wednesday ~ 11:00am Adoration 12:00noon Mass
Thursday ~ 8:00am Adoration ~ 9:00am Mass
Friday – 8:00am Adoration ~ 9:00am Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Confirmation Students will meet this Sunday, January 10th from 5-6:30 PM at the parish hall.

Save the Dates

Confirmation Retreat: Feb 28th & March 14th (1-4 PM)
Confirmation: Thursday, April 15th at 7PM in Burlington (Cathedral of St. Joseph)

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER
CHALLENGES TO GROW
YOUR MARRIAGE
ROMANTIC DINNER NIGHT CHALLENGE**

Choose one night this week for either a picnic inside or a fancy table setting. Decide who will set the “stage” for the dinner and who will provide the food and beverage. Share what you love best about each other.
vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

**Saturday, January 23, 2021
You are invited to join us for the
Annual Rally for Life**

We are pleased to announce that there will be two church services, both praying specifically for increased respect for human life. Both services are open to participants before the March to the State House:

9:30AM ~ Saint Augustine's Church, Respect Life Mass, 16 Barre Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05602

9:30AM ~ Lighthouse Christian Church, 3 St Paul Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05601

Immediately following the church services, we will gather together behind City Hall for the annual March to the Capitol. Signs will be provided by VRLC for everyone at that time. Those who do not wish to participate in the March are welcome to go directly to the State House steps for the remaining portions of the event.

Dear parishioners,

From the sublime to the practical...this week I would like to share some information on the nature of the vaccines for COVID 19, as there may be some confusion about them and Catholic Moral teaching. Please read this executive summary from the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) on the morality regarding the COVID 19 vaccines:

“The NCBC recognizes an ethical hierarchy among COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccines that do not use abortion-derived cell lines in any phase of design, manufacture or testing are the best ethical choice if they are reasonably available, safe, and effective. Vaccines that do not use abortion derived cell lines in the manufacturing process but did use them at one point in development, such as for confirmatory testing, are preferable to those that utilize abortion-derived cell lines in more than one phase of development and, in particular, in the manufacturing process. Nonetheless, for grave reasons, people could decide in good conscience to accept vaccines that use abortion-derived cell lines in their development and production to protect their own lives and health and that of others in the absence of any satisfactory alternative. The use of an ethically problematic vaccine, however, may be done only “under protest.” A person who discerns in conscience that he or she can take such a vaccine has an obligation to make known his or her opposition to abortion and the use of abortion-derived cell

lines. People may legitimately discern in conscience that they cannot use a vaccine with some connection to abortion and such a refusal can be a courageous witness to help build a culture of life. The Catholic Church neither requires nor forbids the use of ethically problematic vaccines, but instead urges people to discern what decision to make after having carefully formed their consciences about the moral and prudential issues surrounding the vaccines that become available.”

Please see the chart listed and the link for more information:
<https://lozierinstitute.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/>

I hope this helps in forming your conscience regarding receiving or not receiving the vaccine when available, and which company’s vaccine is more ethically generated. God bless you and have a great week!

*With Mary,
In Christ,*

Fr. Jon

Pope Francis proclaims Year of St. Joseph

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote "Patris corde" against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence."

St. Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting St. Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St. Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people." In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized.

"Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us."

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his "fiat" he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption," as St. John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation."

At the same time, Joseph is "an accepting Father," because he "accepted Mary unconditionally" — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand,

"setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

"Patris corde" highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

— Catholic News Service/Vatican Media



A Nativity scene is pictured as Pope Francis leads his general audience in the library of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican Dec. 16, 2020. — CNS photo/Vatican Media



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As of Dec. 16: \$3,570,467

Goal: \$9,582,456

Upcoming Events



01|07, 14, 21, 28 THURSDAYS
Vermont Catholic Book Club: Silence

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

This January, join us as we read Shusaku Endo's *Silence*. Two missionary priests secretly travel into 17th century Japan at a time when Christians are being persecuted harshly. What does it mean to be faithful to Christ in difficult times? This question and many others are posed in this challenging and gripping novel. We will meet four times to discuss the book and how we might learn from it. Bring a friend! Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/book-study-silence/



01|13, 20, 27 WEDNESDAYS
Family & Faith in the Home

via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm

Parents are invited to attend an interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Hermon of the Messy Family Project. Mike and Alicia have 10 children, and have much to share with parenting while living the Catholic faith. The webinars are a follows:

January 13, 8-9:30 p.m. — Communication in Marriage
January 20, 8-9:30 p.m. — Messy Parenting 101
January 27, 8-9:30 p.m. — Evangelizing Your Children
Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/



01|20 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Event

via Zoom • 8 - 9 am

Our January guest speaker is Deacon Pete Gummere — Bioethicist and Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He will be presenting, "Discernment: Family, Career and Service to the Church." Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event/



01|21 THURSDAY
"Just Mercy" Book Study Group

via Zoom • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Mercy Corps, a newly formed group of parishioners at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, is hosting an online book study for *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. The series will meet monthly, January through June. Saint John Vianney Church will have copies of the book available for \$10/copy. For more information, to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the book, or to register, please contact Connie McDonald at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.



JAN. 3-4, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

HAPPY 2021!

Make a dating folder or notebook. Make a list of 5 dates you've each enjoyed, and 5 dates that were not so fun.

Share why and make notes, to remind yourselves!

Challenge yourselves to daily share what you are each grateful.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online: vermontcatholic.org/donate

100%

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

78%

As of December 16: \$2,068,325