



Mass Schedule & Intentions

**December 3rd –
December 11th, 2022**

12/3 SATURDAY
Second Sunday of Advent
4:30pm Mass: Mary Parisi

12/4 SUNDAY
Second Sunday of Advent
8:00am Mass: People of the parish
10:30am Mass: Joseph & Anne Elkins

12/5 MONDAY
11am Adoration
12pm Mass: Intentions of Joann Bradley

12/6 TUESDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Mass: Daniel Rossetti

12/7 WEDNESDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Mass: Richard & Leslie Vlontis

12/8 THURSDAY, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Mass: Rauseo Family
5:30pm Mass: Poor Souls in Purgatory

12/9 FRIDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Mass: Irina McCarthy

12/10 SATURDAY
Third Sunday of Advent
4:30pm Mass: Gerry Griffin

12/11 SUNDAY
Third Sunday of Advent
8:00am Mass: People of the parish
10:30am Mass: Marguerite Irving

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—No Mass
Tuesday—4pm Adoration, 5pm Mass
Wednesday—11am Adoration, 12pm Mass
Thursday—11am Adoration, 12pm Mass; 5pm Mass
Friday—8am Adoration, 9am Mass
Saturday—4pm
Sunday—8am, 10:30am

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, Fr. Paul and I invited you to join us fasting on Wednesdays throughout the season of Advent. In prayer, we wanted to experience something as a community that would strengthen us and give us a concrete action to strengthen our spiritual preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Fasting is not unique to Christianity, but one shared motive for fasting is self-denial. Denying ourselves some immediate or proximate good in order to prepare for a greater good. Not only is self-denial a Gospel mandate for discipleship (“Unless you deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple”), but it also helps us to mature in our spiritual life.

Bishop, Spiritual master, and Doctor of the Church St. Francis de Sales wrote, “Besides the ordinary effect of fasting in raising the mind, subduing the flesh, confirming goodness, and obtaining a heavenly reward, it is also a great matter to be able to control greediness, and to keep the sensual appetites and the whole body subject to the law of the Spirit; and although we may be able to do but little, the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast.”

Fasting may differ for each of us depending on circumstance. Traditionally it involves a fast from food, for example: only drinking liquids, or just bread (no butter, jam, etc.) and water. Other examples are skipping one or two meals, or having 2 very small meals and one normal size meal. Sometimes because of personal health or medication, fasting from food isn't an option, so here other suggestions: technology fast, fast from your phone, fast from social media, fast from screens, from the news or TV, fast from listening to the radio in your car.

What you fast from is not as important as the spirit with which you do it. Be concrete – write it down or tell someone for accountability, and remember your intentions: (1) We are fasting as a parish family for a greater love for Jesus and His Church; and (2) your own personal intentions. Let us remember that we are united not only in fasting on Wednesdays, but in our desire to grow more in love with Jesus and His Church. Let's live this Advent together, preparing with a renewed and deepened faith, to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world! Have a blessed week!

With Mary,
In Christ,
Fr. Jon



Bishop Marshall School

Mrs. Carrie Wilson, *Head of School*
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A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ

New class being held Tuesdays (except for first session), 7pm, at MHNJ. Course is of special use to those parishioners attending the Holy Land trip—but useful whether going on the pilgrimage or not!

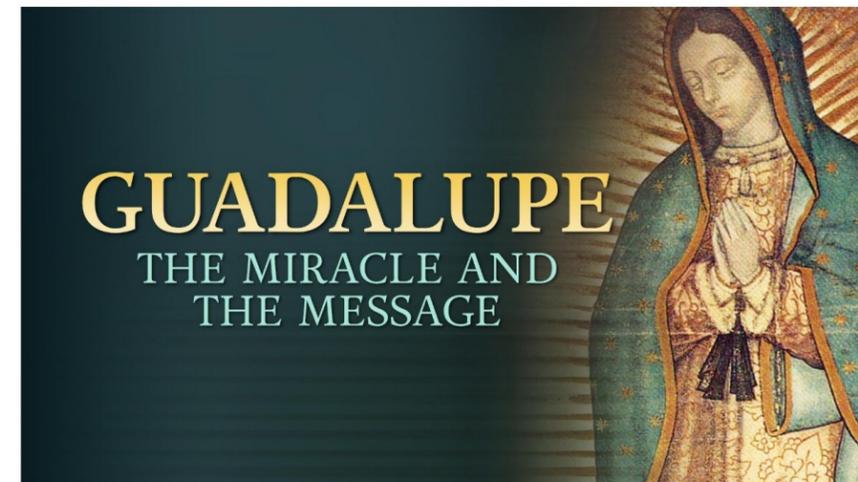
“The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.”

Preview materials [here](#); cost varies based format (hard copies vs. online-only). For those that want a hard copy order, we would like to consolidate to save on shipping. To be included in the bulk order, please reach out to Elisabeth at bscstowemusic@gmail.com to by Dec. 7th. ***Registration not required to participate in class.** Session dates: 12/11, 4pm, then Tuesdays at 7pm—12/20, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21

We're missing some folks since COVID began! Help us rebuild our community. If you know someone who hasn't been joining us, please notify the office as we would like to extend an invitation to return.

Chicken Curry Takeout—December 10, *Saturday*, pickup 5-6pm. Proceeds to go towards the Holy Land trip. \$15 per meal; meal includes chicken curry, potatoes, paratha, and small dessert. Orders can be placed for pickup at either Morrisville or Stowe parishes. **Deadline to order is THIS SUNDAY, December 4th.**
~ Stowe orders: 802-253-7536, blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org
~ Morrisville orders: 802-888-3318, mhnj@vermontcatholic.org

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Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.

Visit formed.org/signup to and enter 05661 as the zip code to set up your free account.

Religious Education

It is a family session this Sunday, 4-5:30pm. Please meet in the church for an Advent prayer session. Youth Group meets THIS Sunday at MHNJ, 4pm.



Next week's second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Christmas Maple Project



BSC is pleased to announce the return of this fundraiser to support Servant of God, Layman Joseph Dutton's Birthday Bash (SAVE THE DATE – April 23, 2023). This year, we have a limited number of cases. With each order, we'll create a custom label for you, adding whatever message you choose. Just \$150 per case of twelve 8oz bottles will provide you unforgettable Christmas gifts or a sweet "Thank You" for your clients. ORDERS CAN BE PLACED ONLINE AT bscvt.com/maple-fundraiser. Email your photo and message to mary.skelton@gmail.com for the label. Questions? Call Mary at 802-734-0661. Thank you!

Our Vermont Catholic Study Group is tackling the heart of the Gospels... **God loves you. How will you respond to that love?** in a Advent Bible Study based on the Christmas Classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Join us on zoom starting December 7th, at 7-8pm, and every Wednesday in December thru January 4th. For more info, contact Marianne at mrsbcampbell@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception—Dec 8th

Blessed Sacrament:

- ◇ 7:30am Adoration, 8:30am Mass
- ◇ 5:30pm Mass
- Most Holy Name of Jesus:
- ◇ 11am Adoration; 12pm Mass
- ◇ 5pm Mass
- St. Andrews—8am Mass

UPCOMING Events

- * **Religious Ed Classes:** Sun, Dec 4, 4-5:30pm
- * **Youth Group:** Sun, Dec 4, 4-6pm, MHNJ
- * **SoulCore:** Fri, Dec 9, 9:15am
- * **Chicken Curry Dinner:** Sat, Dec 10, 5pm
- * **Parish Coffee Hour:** Sun, Dec 11, after the 8am Mass
- * **SoulCore:** Fri, Dec 16, 9:15am

Blessed Sacrament Venmo

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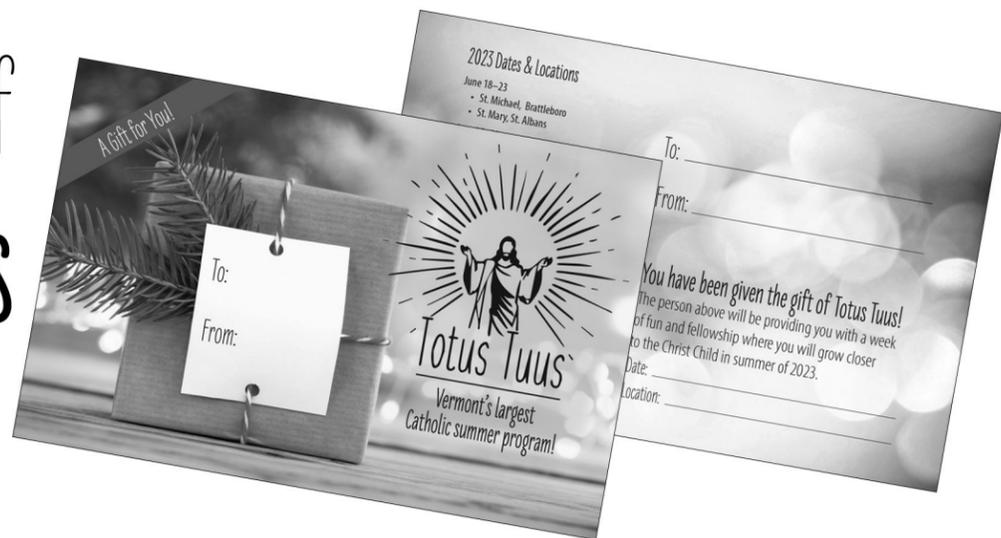


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NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 3-9, 2022 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Give the Gift of Totus Tuus



Are you looking for a stocking stuffer for a special child in your life? Consider giving him or her “The Gift of Totus Tuus.”

Every summer, the Diocese of Burlington has offered students in grades K-12 the chance to participate in a weeklong faith immersion experience called “Totus Tuus.” Summer might seem a long way off, but many families begin planning their summer break well in advance.

That’s why this Advent season we are happy to announce the dates for Totus Tuus 2023:

June 18-23	St. Michael Parish, Brattleboro St. Mary Parish Hall, St. Albans
June 25-30	St. Peter Parish, Vergennes/Bristol St. Monica Parish, Barre
July 9-14	Sacred Heart/St. Francis de Sales Parish, Bennington Christ the King Parish, Rutland
July 16-21	Mater Dei Parish, Newport/Derby Line St. John Vianney Parish, South Burlington
July 23-28	St. John the Baptist Parish, Enosburg Falls Blessed Sacrament Parish, Stowe
July 30-Aug. 4	Corpus Christi Parish, St. Johnsbury Ascension Parish, Georgia

In addition, every parish has been given a set of “Give the Gift of Totus Tuus” sponsorship cards. These cards are a creative way to save the date while also pledging your financial support to that special child in your life. Here’s how it works:

- Step 1:** Pick out one of the cards from the back of the church or from the parish office.
- Step 2:** Fill out the “To” and “From” lines with the appropriate names.
- Step 3:** Choose which location and date work best for the young person’s family.
- Step 4:** Place the card in the child’s stocking for Christmas.

These are neither gift cards nor registration cards. By filling them out, you simply are making a promise to that special young person that you will register him or her for Totus Tuus once sign-ups begin in the spring. It will also help you better plan your family’s summer so that you can make certain that Totus Tuus will be a part of it.

Here is what people are saying about Totus Tuus:

“Totus Tuus gave my children their best experience of the summer!” — Totus Tuus parent

“Totus Tuus is one of the most rewarding experiences for kids and the parish community. I would recommend it for anyone.” — Totus Tuus missionary

“Totus Tuus is fun, educational and great for socializing!” — Totus Tuus participant

— Daniel Lacourrege is catechetical leader for the Diocese of Burlington.

Upcoming Events



12|05, 12, 19 MONDAYS
Old Testament Scripture Study
St. John Vianney Parish Hall, S. Burlington
9:15 – 10:30 am

Brush up on your Bible Basics with an Old Testament Scripture Study. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, we will look into all that led up to that glorious event, from the beginning of creation. For more info or to register: sjvgoodnews@gmail.com.



12|05, 12 MONDAYS
From the Gospel of St. Matthew — Advent to Christmas
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 – 8 pm

Join us for this two part series with Rev. Richard Berube SSE PhD. All are welcome.



12|08, 15 THURSDAYS
Weekly Bible Study
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 7 pm

Every Thursday at 7 pm we will gather in the parish hall library to read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. All are welcome!



12|08, 15, 22 THURSDAY
Advent Study for Women
via Zoom • 7:30 - 9 pm

The Vermont Catholic Women's Group is watching “Behold” an Advent series by Sr. Miriam Hiland. You can find the companion book on the AveMaria Press website. **FOR MORE INFO: contact Carolina, caro3600@gmail.com.**



12|09, 16 FRIDAYS
SoulCore
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 9 – 10:30 am

Integrating the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movements to nourish body & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues. What to bring: Mat, water, weights optional (1-3lbs.) Who should come? Everyone! SoulCore is self-paced and can be modified for any ability.



12|10 SATURDAY
What is Christmas? A Nativity Program
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 5pm

Join us for a program of scripture, music, and display of Christmas artwork through the centuries and around the world.



12|11 SUNDAY
Breakfast Buffet
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 – 10 am

Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, french toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muffins, juice, milk, and coffee. \$10 adults, \$6 children 8 to 12yrs., \$32 immediate family maximum. Sponsored by Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus.



12|11 SUNDAY
DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington Pancake Breakfast
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am

Breakfast served on the 2nd Sundays of each month. Cost is \$10 per person and \$25 for a family of four.



12|13 TUESDAY
In the Bleak Midwinter: The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College
St. Peter, Rutland • 7 pm

Join us for a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmastide. The acclaimed 20-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord’s Nativity. This concert is part of the choir’s In the Bleak Midwinter tour that is taking place at major churches across New England this December. It is free and open to the public.



12|15 THURSDAY
Our Lady’s Kitchen: A “meal and a movie” Night
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6 - 8 pm

Come join us for an incredible meal, popcorn, and a great movie! Free and open to all.



12|15 THURSDAY
Married Life — The First 5 Years
Online • 7 – 8:15 pm

Navigating the first five years of marriage can be a challenge — no matter how long you’ve known each other. Enhance your relationship, meet other couples, and grow your marital relationship. You only need to register once to join. We meet virtually, once a month, 7 – 8:15pm. Please pre-register for any one or all: vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years/



12|18 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus St. Stephen’s Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast
St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 8 am - 12 pm

Held in the St. Francis School Gym, cost is \$10, includes pancakes — plain & blueberry, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.



12|18 SUNDAY
Organ Concert: Sing We Now Noel
St. Michael’s College chapel, Colchester
2 pm

Dr. William Tortolano, emeritus professor and college organist, will present the 62nd annual festive concert with the classic two-manual, 14-stop Casavant pipe organ.

The program is designed to cover a variety of musical compositions to encourage the audience to participate. Jerry Proulx, a St. Michael’s graduate, with extensive theater credentials, will sing the famous Italian carol, *Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle*, in Italian. A free-will offering gratefully.



12|18 SUNDAY
Lessons and Carols
Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield • 2 pm

This year features singers from Thomas Aquinas College in Northfield MA, Ruth Tintle and her husband Leigh, and Ann Harvey. An outdoor reception with fire pits, warm drinks and dessert will follow. This is a family friendly event.



12|18 SUNDAY
3 Part Series on The Christian Crisis of Teen Doubt
St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 5:30 pm

Parts 1 and 2 were held on Oct. 9 and Nov. 20. Part 3: Doubt: A Threat or Opportunity?



12|19 MONDAY
The History of the Christmas Tree — from Luther to the present age
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 – 8 pm

Join us for this presentation by Dr. Damian Costello, Ph. D. All are welcome.



12|25 SUNDAY
Free Christmas Dinner!
St. Anthony, Bethel
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious dinner.

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