



Mass Schedule & Intentions

December 2nd –
December 10th, 2023

12/2 SATURDAY

First Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Mass: +Poor Souls in Purgatory

12/3 SUNDAY

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass: People of the parish

& +Marcellino Cantone

10:30am Mass: +Mary Cremins

12/4 MONDAY

11am Adoration

12pm Mass: +Poor Souls in Purgatory

12/5 TUESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Mass: +Robin Stinnett

12/6 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Mass: +Stephen Sands

12/7 THURSDAY – Immaculate Conception Vigil

5:30pm Mass: +Carol Ann Smith

12/8 FRIDAY – Immaculate Conception

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Mass: +Rauseo family

12/9 SATURDAY

Second Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Mass: People of the parish &

+Johnny Keefe

12/10 SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass: People of the parish

& +Gerry Griffin

10:30am Mass: +Carol Ann Smith

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 4pm Adoration, 5pm Mass

Wednesday – 11am Adoration, 12pm Mass

Thursday – 5:30pm Mass

Friday – 11am Adoration, 12pm Mass

Saturday – 4pm

Sunday – 8am, 10:30am



Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!! Advent ushers in a new liturgical year and inaugurates a new season of grace and growth in the life of the Church. As the Church and the priest's is adorned in violet vestments, we remember that we are entering a season of preparation and penitence.

In the Liturgy of the Word at Mass we heard predominantly from the Gospel of St. Matthew throughout this past year – Year A. Beginning a new liturgical year this first Sunday of Advent, Year B, we will be listening to the Gospels of St. Mark throughout this year – particularly during Ordinary Time (green). Also during the liturgy you'll notice that we fast from singing the Gloria during Advent because with Mary, we are waiting for the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Christmas Eve will be the first time we sing "Glory to God in the Highest..." as it was first sung by the myriad of Angels who appeared to the shepherds outside of Bethlehem to proclaim "good news of great joy!"

The one exception is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, on Friday, December 8th. Mary, from the first moment that she was conceived, was saved by Jesus from sin and death. Jesus is the savior, Mary is the saved; Jesus is the redeemer...Mary is the redeemed. She was the first to experience the power of Christ's redemption... even before He was born in time! This awesome mystery teaches us the power of God who can apply the benefits of Christ's saving action outside of time, as He did with our Blessed Mother to prepare her for the role she would have in Salvation history. In the liturgy for this Solemnity, the Gloria will be proclaimed as the joyful cry of the Church acknowledging the gift of salvation received by the human race.

Remember your Advent candles. There are some great apps you can use to prepare. The dollar store is selling Advent Calendars. Please do something in your home to celebrate and honor this beautiful season of grace. And for your heart, remember to make a commitment to prayer and silence. If its been awhile since you've gone to confession, I can think of no better way to prepare your soul for Christmas. May this season bless you with an increased longing for the hidden one, the babe of Bethlehem.

With Mary
In Jesus,
Fr. Jon



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Immaculate Conception Masses:

(It is a Holy Day of Obligation)

BSC: Thursday, Dec 7, 5:30pm & Friday, Dec 8, 8:30am

MHNJ: Thursday, Dec 7, 5:30pm & Friday, Dec 8, 12pm

St. Andrew's: Thursday, Dec 7, 4pm & Friday, Dec 8, 8am and 11am



Maple Fundraiser 2023!

Proceeds to benefit the drafty window replacement project. We'll create a custom label for you, adding whatever message you choose. Just \$150 per case of twelve 8 oz bottles will provide you unforgettable Christmas gifts or a sweet "Thank You" for your clients. Orders can be placed online or forms are available in the back of the church.

Send your photo, logo, or text to mary.skelton@gmail.com and she will create a sample to approve. Turnaround is 24-48 hours.

Pssst... they're also perfect for special events: graduations, anniversaries, engagement announcements, milestone birthdays, you name it!

Starting in December, we welcome Cynthia Heraty in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. New office hours will be as follows:

- * Mondays & Wednesday, 9am –2pm
- * Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am-3pm
- * Fridays closed



SINNERS' LAST CHANCE CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be available Tuesday, Dec 12, 2-4pm. Please consider making this part of your Advent preparation.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship Sunday, December 10th, after the 8am Mass.

4th Sunday of Advent v. Christmas Obligations

December 24 falls on a Sunday this year. Note there are two obligations – for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for the Solemnity of Christmas. The obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent is fulfilled by a vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or Mass on the *morning* of December 24. The obligation for Christmas (a Holy Day of Obligation) is fulfilled by Mass in the *late afternoon/evening* of December 24 (after 4pm) or on December 25.

BSC Masses for Christmas weekend

4th Sunday of Advent Masses—*regular Mass times*: Sat, Dec 23, 4pm and Sun, Dec 24, 8am & 10am

Christmas Masses: Sun, Dec 24, 5pm with Religious Ed students performing a Christmas pageant at 4:30pm; Sun, Dec 25, 12am & 10am

MHNJ Masses for Christmas weekend

4th Sunday of Advent Masses—*regular Mass times*: Sat, Dec 23, 4pm and Sun, Dec 24, 8am & 10am

Christmas Masses: Sun, Dec 24, 4pm and Sun, Dec 25, 12am & 10am

Blessing of the Bambino Bring the Baby Jesus from your nativity scene December 16th and 17th and there will be a special blessing at all Masses.



Join us EVERY FRIDAY after the 8:30am Mass at 9:15am. WHAT IS SOULCORE?

SoulCore is an apostolate that intentionally engages the whole person in the sacred experience of the rosary with core strengthening and strengthening movements to nourish body & soul. WHAT TO BRING: Mat, water, weights optional WHO SHOULD COME? Everyone! SoulCore is self-paced and can be modified for any ability.



Religious Education

Upcoming sessions/snack families:

~12/3—Family Session; Advent

Holy Hour

~12/10—CORRECTION: NO CLASS

~12/17—Caroling at West Branch— please meet there at 4pm (park in back) and bring cookies, treats to share with the residents

Next week's 2nd collection is for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Saturday, Dec 9 @ 7PM: VT Christian Music is excited to announce our Christmas 2023 show featuring *The White Christmas Tour with Ben Laine and The Band Jaren*. VIP Meet & Greet will be at 5:30pm and general doors open at 6pm.

Where: Vibrant Church, 2025 Williston Rd., South Burlington, VT

Tickets: \$10-\$20 at VTChristianMusic.com

Thank you to all who donated turkey feather items for the local baskets!

Sing We Now Noel—

a celebration of Christmas and seasonal music with Dr. Tortolano. Sunday, December 17, 2pm at Chapel of St.

Michael at St. Michael's College, Colchester. Free will offering.



UPCOMING
Events

* **Religious Education Family Session:** Sun, Dec 3, 4-5:30pm

* **Immaculate Conception Vigil:** Thurs, Dec 7, 5:30pm

* **Immaculate Conception:** Fri, Dec 8, 8:30am

* **SoulCore:** Fri, Dec 8, 9:15am

* **Anne Olejar Funeral:** Sat, Dec 9, 11am

* **Coffee Hour:** Sun, Dec 10, after the 8am Mass

* **Sinners' Last Chance Confessions:** Tues, Dec 12, 2-4pm

* **SoulCore:** Fri, Dec 15, 9:15am

* **Blessing of the Bambino:** all Masses, 12/16 & 12/17

* **Religious Education Classes Caroling at West Branch:** Sun, Dec 17, 4-5:30pm

* **Christmas Masses (see note):** Sun, Dec 24, 5pm w/ Christmas pageant starting at 4:30pm; Mon, Dec 25: 12am and 10am

* **Office closed:** Mon, Dec 25—Fri, Dec 29

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NEWS FROM
December 2–8, 2023
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Taking the time for Advent

When we think of Advent, it's natural that Christmas isn't far behind in our minds.

And with Christmas on our minds, the time of Advent becomes obscured. Instead of a "period of devout and expectant delight" as one Church document describes Advent, we find the endless to-do lists: Christmas shopping, Christmas-card writing, prepping for meals, Christmas decorating. Advent is indeed a time of preparation for Christmas, but I'd like to propose another way of thinking about Advent, and it is simply this: at the center of Advent is the theme of time.

As a season of preparation for Christmas, Advent gives us an opportunity to look back in time — at the coming of God in the flesh into the world. Observing the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas is an ancient custom in the Church, and the Nativity forms one of the two hinges of the liturgical year (Easter is the other one). Just as we need to prepare for our own celebration of Christmas, we also need to spend time spiritually preparing to celebrate and remember the birth of our Lord. Advent gives us that time. The latter part of Advent, especially, focuses on this theme of looking back in time in preparation to celebrate the first coming of Jesus.

Much of Advent, however, gives us the opportunity to look forward in time — to the glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. Thinking about the end times can be a frightening idea and scripture even alludes to this fear ("May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping!" Mark 13:36 — First Sunday

of Advent), but this doesn't have to be a fearful time. In fact, Advent calls us to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ and to wait for the Second Coming with joyful anticipation. Why is this? Because of what is ultimately promised in the Second Coming: "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 3:9 — First Sunday of Advent). In the midst of the calamity that is foretold, there is a message of hope and redemption.

Finally, Advent calls us to take the time to look at the present and seek Christ in our lives today. Advent offers us a time to renew our relationship with Christ today, especially through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. Do we see Christ in those in need? Sometimes, we don't even need to look further than our own families.

So, let us take the time for Advent. Let us take the time to thank God for the gift of Himself in the child Jesus. Let us take the time to continually acknowledge the presence of God in our lives today. Let us take the time to prepare ourselves for the Second Coming or, more personally, take the time to prepare to meet Christ at the end of our own earthly existence. If we take the time to enter into the opportunity Advent gives us to look at time — past, present, and future, then we will be ready to receive Christ into our lives, not only at Christmastime, but all the time.

— Josh Perry is director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington.

Upcoming Events



12|06, 13, 20 WEDNESDAYS
FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession
via Zoom • 6:30-8 pm

This program from Augustine Institute explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. Led by Fr. William Beaudin, pastor of Christ Our Savior, Manchester Center. This series began on Nov. 29. Register at: forgivenco-sp@gmail.com.



12|08 FRIDAY
Essex Community Dinners
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm

They are intended to feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available for those who still need to avoid crowds.



12|09 SATURDAY
St. Peter's Cemetery Bingo
St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 pm

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. Family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



12|09 SATURDAY
Catered Roast Pork Dinner
St. John the Evangelist, Northfield • 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Scrumptious food, catered by Sambels! Tickets are \$20 each and the space is limited to 100. Take out containers are available as well. RSVP at (802) 485-8313 to RSVP.



12|07, 08 THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Vermont Catholic Advance Directive Presentation
12|07 at St. Jude, Hinesburg, 6:30 pm
12|08 at Assumption, Middlebury, 6:30 pm

Bioethicist Deacon Pete Gummere will lead a discussion on the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive, which explains Catholic teaching on end of life care and enables you to appoint a healthcare agent to act on your behalf in the event you are unable to communicate or participate in healthcare decisions.



12|10 SUNDAY
K of C Breakfast Buffet
St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am
\$12 adults, \$7 children 8 to 12 yrs., \$38 immediate family maximum.



12|10 SUNDAY
Monthly COSP K of C Fund Raising Breakfast
Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm



12|10 SUNDAY
K of C DeGosbriand Council # 279 Community Breakfast
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am
Join us for an old-fashioned all-you-can-care-to-eat pancake breakfast. \$10 per person or \$ 25 for family of four or more.



12|12 TUESDAY
Spanish Mass
Assumption, Middlebury • 7 pm
Join us for a Mass celebrated in Spanish by Edmundite Father Marcel Rainville. All are welcome.



12|13, 14 WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Advent Retreat
Our Lady of Angels, Randolph • 5 - 8 pm
Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE will present her two part retreat *The Eucharist: The Bread of Life* and *The Eucharist: Bread for Others*. Wednesday evening will be a potluck and Thursday will be a catered dinner of bread and soup. If you plan to attend the Thursday dinner, please RSVP by December 4 to estuart@vermontcatholic.org. Dinner is free — donations will be accepted to help offset the costs.



12|16 SATURDAY
Men's "Cor" Formation
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 11:30 am
Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on the third Saturday of the month. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C.



12|16 SATURDAY
Eucharistic Presentation
All Saints, Richford • 2:30 pm
Father Michael Carter, SSE, will be offering a presentation on the Holy Eucharist, including Adoration, Reconciliation and the Holy Mass. Please call the rectory to register: (802) 848-7741.



12|16 SATURDAY
The Chosen — Movie Night and Potluck
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:45 pm

Come join us for a movie night and potluck dinner on the third Saturday of the month. We will watch an episode of The Chosen together and have food and fellowship!



12|17 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast
St. Francis Xavier School gym, Winooski
8 - 11 am

\$10 per person or \$25 per family of 4 (each additional family member \$5). Menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee, and juice.



12|20 WEDNESDAY
Lessons & Carols
St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 pm
Join us for an Advent service of Lessons and Carols. Let hymns, sacred music, and readings from Holy Scripture prepare your heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas. All are welcome!



12|21 THURSDAY
BINGO
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm
The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus have restarted a monthly bingo, to be held on the third Thursday of each month. The jackpot is \$1,000. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



12|25 MONDAY
Free Christmas Dinner!
St. Anthony, Bethel • 12:30 - 2:30 pm
Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious dinner cooked by Cathy Day and her crew. This meal is for anyone who wants a warm dinner and conversation this Christmas Day. Come and know the dignity you have in God.



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