



Mass Schedule & Intentions
December 16th – 25th, 2023

12/16 SATURDAY
Third Sunday of Advent
4:30pm Mass: +Peter Scheuermann

12/17 SUNDAY
Third Sunday of Advent
8:00am Mass: People of the parish
& Intentions of Cathy Davis
10:30am Mass: +Sheila Graff

12/18 MONDAY
11am Adoration
12pm Mass: Intentions of Ken Rauseo

12/19 TUESDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Mass: +Carol Ann Smith

12/20 WEDNESDAY – NO MASS @ BSC

12/21 THURSDAY – NO MASS @ BSC

12/22 FRIDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Mass: Intentions of Linda Sands

12/23 SATURDAY
Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30pm Mass: +Ferrari Family

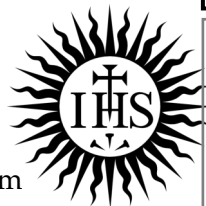
12/24 SUNDAY
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00am Mass: People of the parish
10:30am Mass: +Anderson and O'Donnell families

12/24 SUNDAY – CHRISTMAS VIGIL
5pm Mass: +Dr. George Jennings

12/25 MONDAY – CHRISTMAS
12am Midnight: +Johnny Keefe
10am Mass: +Natalina Toffolo

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS MASS SCHEDULE

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



Dear Parishioners,

Perhaps the most iconic hymn of the Advent season is, “Veni, Veni, Emmanuel” or “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – and for good reason! While the words have their root in the Bible (*mostly Old Testament*), the lyrics trace back to monasteries from the 8th century. They adapt what is known as the “O Antiphons” – seven special titles attributed to the Messiah that conclude the final week of Advent as a proximate preparation for Christmas that enrich the meaning of the mystery of the Incarnation. Each antiphon begins as follows:

O Sapientia (Wisdom)
O Adonai (Hebrew word for God)
O Radix Jesse (stem or root of Jesse)
O Clavis David (key of David)
O Oriens (dayspring)
O Rex genitium (King of the Gentiles)
O Emmanuel

Interestingly, each of these names were chosen and ordered to reveal a hidden meaning of the ‘O Antiphons.’ When the first letter of each of the titles in Latin is put together, it spells the acronym, “SARCORE.” When read backwards, as one is leading up to Christmas, the letters form a two-word acrostic, “ERO CRAS,” which is Latin for, “I will be present tomorrow.”

That haunting melody traces back to a 15th century French missal discovered in Lisbon, Portugal, and it was chanted during a funeral procession while carrying the body from the Church to the cemetery. How fitting that a melody used to mark the end of one’s earthly life would now become the tone that begins the new liturgical year. Consider the powerful image which matches the order of nature around us – out of the darkness and the cold comes the Light of the world who brings forth the warmth of the Father’s love.

The experience of both lyrics and melody together are meant to evoke a time in history when the people of Israel longed for the fulfillment of God’s promise to send the Messiah, and one experiences this deep desire awaken within. It is this desire that Christians embrace as we long for the celebration of a Father who keeps his promises and sent His only Son to save us.

*With Mary
In Jesus,
Fr. Jon*

All 7 verses in Latin – beautiful and chilling:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqWT9oE6EUK>

Cello and piano:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO7ySn-Swwc>



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Mrs. Carrie Wilson, Head of School
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Maple Fundraiser 2023!

There’s still time to order the perfect Christmas or celebration gift—think ahead for graduations and other milestones! Proceeds to benefit the drafty window replacement project. 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.



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

Eileen George Prayer Group: It’s that time of year again, to experience God’s love. Join us December 17, 2pm for a showing of Eileen George’s DVD A Christmas Miracle. In the Crosby Center at Most Holy Name of Jesus. All are invited.

Note on Christmas Donations: If you want to make a specific donation to Fr. Jon or Fr. Paul, please make your check out to them directly or put their name on the envelope.



Christmas Pageant— Come support the children of our parish by attending our pageant before the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass. The pageant starts at 4:30.

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Religious Education



Upcoming sessions/snack families:
~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 Fuel.

*Young Adult Advent Potluck
and Vespers*

12/17 at Mary Theotokos with Fr. Curtis Miller from Barton. Evening starts with a potluck at 5pm, followed by Vespers and Adoration. 572 Lake Rd, West Burke, 05871.

November Financials

	2023	2022
Offertory	\$7,437	\$6,355
E-Giving	\$3,970	\$3,635
<u>Donations*</u>	<u>\$23,814</u>	<u>\$20,040</u>
Total	\$35,221	\$30,030

* Includes Giving Tuesday

Lessons & Carols Services

~12/17, 2pm: Our Lady of the Snows will host Lessons and Carols. This year again features singers from Thomas Aquinas College (Northfield, Massachusetts), and Ruth Tintle and her husband Leigh. An outdoor reception of warm drinks and dessert will follow.

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**

- * **Caroling at West Branch:** Sun, Dec 17, 4-5:30pm
- * **NO SOULCORE:** Fri, Dec 22
- * **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
- * **NO SOULCORE:** Fri, Dec 29
- * **Soulcore:** Fri, Jan 5th, 9:15am

Blessed Sacrament Venmo

@Blessed-Sacrament-VT



The *NEWS FROM* **Inland See**
December 16–22, 2023 *FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON*

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses around the diocese

ALBURNINGHAM • **St. Amadeus** • Christmas Eve: 6:30 PM
BARRE • **St. Monica** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 8:30 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BARTON • **St. Paul** • Christmas Eve: 7 PM
BELLEFALLS • **St. Charles** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
BENNINGTON • **Sacred Heart/St Francis de Sales** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 8 AM
BETHEL • **St. Anthony** • Christmas Eve: 12 AM
BRADFORD • **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BRANDON • **Our Lady of Good Help (St. Mary)** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 11 AM
BRATTLEBORO • **St. Michael** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BRIDPORT • **St. Bernadette** • Christmas Day: 9 AM
BRISTOL • **St. Ambrose** • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
BURLINGTON • **Cathedral of St. Joseph** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM & 12 PM (Vietnamese)
BURLINGTON • **Catholic Center at UVM** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BURLINGTON • **Christ the King** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 5:30 PM • Christmas Day: 9:00 AM & 11 AM
BURLINGTON • **St. Anthony** • Christmas Eve: 4:15 PM, 8 PM & 12 AM (Latin) • Christmas Day: 9 AM (Latin)
BURLINGTON • **St. Mark** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
CAMBRIDGE • **St. Mary of the Assumption** • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM
CASTLETON • **St. John the Baptist** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
CHARLOTTE • **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM (at Old Lantern) & 10 PM
CHESTER • **St. Joseph** • Christmas Day: 9 AM
COLCHESTER • **Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel at SMC** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM
COLCHESTER • **Holy Cross** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
COLCHESTER • **Our Lady of Grace** • Christmas Eve: 5:30 PM
DANVILLE • **Our Lady Queen of Peace** • Christmas Eve: 7 PM
DERBY LINE • **St. Edward the Confessor** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
EAST FAIRFIELD • **St. Anthony - St. George** • Christmas Day: 11 AM
ENOSBURG FALLS • **St. John the Baptist** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 9 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
ESSEX CENTER • **St. Pius X** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 6:30 PM • Christmas Day: 9:30 AM
ESSEX JUNCTION • **Holy Family** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
ESSEX JUNCTION • **St. Lawrence** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
FAIR HAVEN • **Our Lady of Seven Dolors** • Christmas Day: 10 AM
FAIRFAX • **St. Luke** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
FAIRFIELD • **St. Patrick** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM (Children's Mass) & 7 PM
GEORGIA • **Ascension** • Christmas Eve: 6 PM • Christmas Day: 8:30 AM
GRAND ISLE • **St. Joseph** • Christmas Day: 9 AM
GREENSBORO • **St. Michael** • Christmas Eve: 6 PM
HARDWICK • **St. Norbert** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
HIGHGATE CENTER • **St. Louis** • Christmas Day: 9 AM
HINESBURG • **St. Jude** • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
IRASBURG • **St. John Vianney** • Christmas Day: 9:30 AM
ISLAND POND • **St. James the Greater** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
LUDLOW • **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
LYNDONVILLE • **St. Elizabeth** • Christmas Eve: 12 AM
MANCHESTER CENTER • **Christ Our Savior** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 5:30 PM & 8 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM

MIDDLEBURY • **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7:30 PM
MILTON • **St. Ann** • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
MONTGOMERY CENTER • **St. Isidore** • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
MONTPELIER • **St. Augustine** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
MORETOWN • **St. Patrick** • Christmas Day: 11 AM
MORRISVILLE • **Most Holy Name of Jesus** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
NEWPORT • **St. Mary Star of the Sea** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 7 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
NORTH BENNINGTON • **St. John the Baptist** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
NORTHFIELD • **St. John the Evangelist** • Christmas Eve: 6 PM
NORWICH • **St. Francis of Assisi** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
ORLEANS • **St. Theresa** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
ORWELL • **St. Paul** • Christmas Day: 10 AM
PITTSFORD • **St. Alphonsus Liguori** • Christmas Eve: 6 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
POULTNEY • **St. Raphael** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
RANDOLPH • **Our Lady of the Angels** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
READSBORO • **St. Joachim** • Christmas Day: 8:30 AM
RICHFORD • **All Saints** • Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 8 PM • Christmas Day: 8:15 AM
RICHMOND • **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 8:30 AM
RUTLAND • **Christ the King** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM
RUTLAND • **St. Peter** • Christmas Eve: 4:15 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM
ST. ALBANS • **Holy Angels** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 7 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
ST. JOHNSBURY • **St. John the Evangelist** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
SHELburnE • **St. Catherine of Siena** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
SHELDON SPRINGS • **St. Anthony** • Christmas Day: 10 AM
SOUTH BURLINGTON • **St. John Vianney** • Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 8 AM & 10 AM
SOUTH HERO • **St. Rose of Lima** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
SOUTH STRAFFORD • **Our Lady of the Light** • Christmas Day: 8 AM
SPRINGFIELD • **Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** • Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 8 PM
STOWE • **Blessed Sacrament** • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
STRATTON MOUNTAIN • **Chapel of the Snows** • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
SWANTON • **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM
TROY • **Sacred Heart of Jesus** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
UNDERHILL CENTER • **St. Thomas** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
VERGENNES • **St. Peter** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM
WAITSFIELD • **Our Lady of the Snows** • Christmas Eve: 6:30 PM
WALLINGFORD • **St. Patrick** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM
WATERBURY • **St. Andrew** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 11 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
WELLS RIVER • **St. Eugene** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
WEST RUTLAND • **St. Bridget** • Christmas Day: 9 AM
WEST RUTLAND • **St. Stanislaus Kostka** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
WILLISTON • **Immaculate Heart of Mary** • Christmas Eve: 9 PM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
WILMINGTON • **Our Lady of Fatima** • Christmas Eve: 5:30 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
WINDSOR • **St. Francis of Assisi** • Christmas Eve: 6 PM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
WINOOSKI • **St. Francis Xavier** • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 7 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM



12/17 SUNDAY
Lessons and Carols
Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield • 2 pm
 Featuring singers from Thomas Aquinas
 Waitsfield, MA, and Ruth Tintle and her husband
 Reception with refreshments will follow.



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



12|20 WEDNESDAY
**FORGIVEN: The Transforming
Power of Confession**
via Zoom • 6:30-8 pm
from Augustine Institute explores the grace and
ed in Confession and shows how this sacrament
als the depth and bounty of God's love. Led by
audin, pastor of Christ Our Savior, Manchester
er at: forgivencosp@gmail.com.



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



01|12, 02|09 FRIDAYS
Essex Community Dinners
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm
 Essex Community Dinners are provided in
 and promote our community! They are intended
 angry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals
 but donations to cover parish expenses are
 take out dinners are also available for those who
 void crowds.



01/13, 02/17 SATURDAYS
St. Peter's Cemetery Committee
– Bingo
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 pm
 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6 PM. This is a family
 event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold.
 Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to
 fund on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.




01|14, 02|11 SUNDAYS
Knights of Columbus
Breakfast Buffet
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am
 der, scrambled eggs, french toast, bacon,
 , plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup,
 y on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muf-
 , and coffee. \$12 adults, \$7 Children 8 to 12yrs.,
 te family maximum.

Upcoming Events



 01|14, 02|11 SUNDAYS
**Monthly COSP KofC
Fund Raising Breakfast**
Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm
Proceeds to support parish and community outreach programs.




 01/18, 02/15 THURSDAYS
Knights of Columbus BINGO
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Held on the third Thursday of each month. The
jackpot is \$1,000. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game be-
gins 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.



 01|20 SATURDAY
Men's "Cor" Formation
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
10 am - 11:30 am

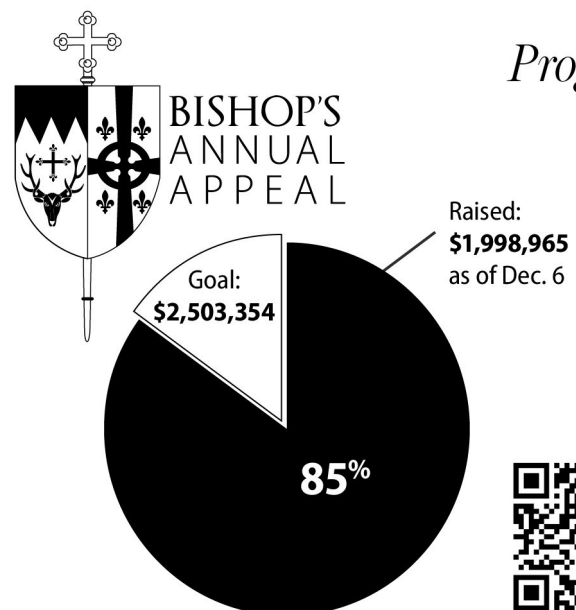
Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. "Cor" is Latin for Heart. Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on third Saturdays beginning on October 21st at 10 AM in the Saint John Vianney Church basement. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C. All men from all parishes are welcome.



 01|21 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus
St. Stephen's Council #2284
Pancake Breakfast
St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski • 8 - 11 am
Serving in the school gym. Cost is \$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.



BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL



02|04 SUNDAY

Diocesan Marriage Day Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 ext. 1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more years. The deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024. Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally can request certificates signed by Monsignor John McDermott and mailed to the parish.



02|18 SUNDAY

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Monsignor McDermott on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. During the Rite of Election, the Church “elects” those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us.



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