

Fourth Sunday of Advent through New Year

December 19, 2021 to January 2, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

5:30pm – Comfort of the Widger Family

Sunday, December 19

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am – Nancy White by COSP Choir

Monday, December 20

8:00am – Healing for Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Tuesday, December 21

8:00am – NO MASS

Wednesday, December 22

8:00am – Peter Michael Lucas
by Tom and Victoria Lenz

Thursday, December 23

8:00am – Frances Scott by Mark Templeton

CHRISTMAS December 24

4:00 pm – Owen and June Holbrook
by the Family

5:30 pm – Gail Pisaniello by Mary
Pisaniello and Steven Riederer

8:00 pm – *Pro populo*

December 25

10:00 am – Intentions of the Monroe
Family by Stephen and Joan
Monroe

Saturday, December 25

5:30pm – NO MASS

Sunday, December 26

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am – Larry Washburn, by wife Sue

Monday, December 27

8:00am Monday –

Tuesday December 28

8:00 – Healing for Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Wednesday, December 29

8:00am -

Thursday, December 30

8:00am -

Friday, December 31

8:00am –

Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:30pm – Vincent and Margaret Mattison

Sunday, January 2

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am – Larry Washburn, by wife Sue

LITURGICAL NOTES

CONFESSIONS

Sunday 12/19 4pm

Wednesday 12/22 1030am

Thursday 12/23 630pm

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the Parish choir
will precede the eight pm Mass on Christmas eve

THERE IS NO 5:30PM VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

You must assist at Mass on Christmas and on the
Sunday following

NEW YEAR'S DAY, the feast of the Mother of
God, falls on a Saturday. For this reason, it is not
kept as a holy day of obligation this year

Let us remember in prayer:

All the Sick, the Dying, those who care for them,
and those who mourn them.

Rest in peace... Charles Travers has been called
home to the Father. Let us pray for his peaceful
repose and for his wife, Barbara and family and
those who mourn his passing.

Dear All,

As you can tell from the extraordinarily long Mass
schedule, this is the last bulletin for 2021 and the
last of these columns for the year ... and what a
year it has been! And what a year it bids fair to be!

More than any year in my lifetime the message of
the various angels who crowd the stories of Jesus
birth and childhood seems -- more than appropriate
-- absolutely necessary: *Be not afraid.*

Of course, like so many things, that is easier said
than done. This infernal virus seems to mutate
faster than we can keep track of. That is the nature
of viruses. Just when one climate crisis fades from
view, another is on the horizon. 'We will always
have weather'. No sooner does one sensational
trial come to a close (never with a universally
satisfactory verdict) than two indictments are
handed down somewhere else for the same kind of
thing. No one seems able to learn except from his
or her own mistakes. Deadlock paralyzes
government and political differences seem to have
invaded even the churches.

Why not be afraid!

I have this thought to offer ... or to glean from the
events we celebrate in this holy season.

If we give into fear of the things and people and
forces that surround us, we will stop our own ears
to the words of hope, we will harden our own hearts
against the promise of love, we will close our eyes
against the light. Where these happen, despair and
hatred and ignorance will become all that we see
... and we will not recognize them for what they
are! In the dark, we will think that they are truth,
when they are truly lies; we will think that they are
reality, when they are actually the end of life; we

will think that they are wisdom, when they are in
fact just the folly of human self-will.

And, as Jesus said, *If your light be darkened, how
deep will the darkness be!*

For, you see, the light of the stars and the messages
of the angels and smile of the young mother and the
sweet breath of the baby and the silent caring of the
father, these are not things that once were and are
no more. They have been given to us to be our
Christmas gift to the world ... to be our daily gift
to the world ... to make of us a gift to the world.

So, as I wish *Merry Christmas!* To you, I wish you
to all the days that are not Christmas.

Really and truly and 'angelically' yours,
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Memorial donations
for Christmas flowers must be made by
Tuesday, 12/21

The Christ Our Hope:
Building a Vibrant Church!
Because of your generosity Christ Our Savior
Parish is 29% to its goal of \$260,233. Thank you!
To learn more about the campaign or to make a gift
visit: www.christourhopevt.org

Bishop Appeal 2021
Christ Our Savior Parish is 66%
to its goal of \$62,660. Thank you!

As an act of charity towards our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne has asked that masks be worn at all Masses during this flu season