



Saint Anthony Parish

15 Church Street
White River Junction
Vermont 05001

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023

Reverend Fr. Cyraín G. Cabueñas
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Very Rev. Msgr. John J. McDermott, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday from
3:15 to 3:45 PM or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents must contact the
parish for the necessary forms at least
one month in advance.

Marriage: Couples must contact the
parish at least six months in advance.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM

Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin.

PARISH CONTACTS

Please contact the parish by email or phone. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a message. Father is available for appointments at St. Anthony Parish on Monday and Friday and at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Windsor on Tuesday and Thursday. The phone number at St. Francis is 802-674-2157.

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Religious Education: Diane Usher
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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23 **4:00 PM Thanksgiving to St Anthony** by Jean Louis Desrochers
Sunday, December 24 **8:30 AM The People of Saint Anthony Parish**

Sunday, December 24, *Christmas Eve* **4:00 PM Both Masses offered for everyone memorialized in the**
Monday, December 25, *Christmas Day* **8:30 AM Christmas flower offering.**

Friday, December 29th **9:00 AM No Mass**

Saturday, December 30 **4:00 PM Special Intention** by J. Thadini
Sunday, December 31 **8:30 AM Special Intention** by J. Thadini

CATHOLIC MASS ON TV: Those **unable** to attend Sunday Mass in person due to illness or medical conditions may view the celebration of Mass livestreamed at:

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/> at 10:00 AM or watch televised Masses at:

WCAX-TV	(Channel 3)	5:30 AM
WNNE-TV	(Channel 13)	10:00 AM
CatholicTV Network	(Channel 166)	10:00 AM
EWTN	(Channel 38)	8:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Daily Mass may be found at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/> or on CatholicTV and EWTN.



SANCTUARY LAMPS

will burn this week for

In honor of Mary Guarino & the folk choir.



A Sanctuary Lamp burning in front of the tabernacle may be sponsored for your intentions. A donation to help defray the cost of the candle is appreciated, but not necessary. Please contact the parish office for availability.

RECTORY CHAPEL

The rectory chapel is now open for visits on:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlotte King	Diane Reilly
Virginia Philbin	Frank Klymn
Roger Tatro	Dianne Hopkins
Elizabeth McArthur	Doug Albanese
Heidi Whidden	Jay Bement
Dan McKenney	

PARISH SUPPORT

Our weekly need to meet expenses: **\$4,250.00**

Last Week's Collection **\$2,957.00**

Collection for the Solemnity
of the Immaculate Conception **\$739.00**

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CYRAIN:

Christmas is almost upon us and on this fourth Sunday of Advent, our thoughts turn to Mary, soon to be Mother of God, at a singular moment that forever altered the tapestry of salvation history.

The Annunciation was the moment when God first revealed a mystery kept secret for ages - God not only wants to become one of us, but that we may become like Mary as well. In listening to His Word, Mary shows us an aspect of our Christian life which is of special importance. To be a Christian is to be a person who keeps his/her ears and heart open to what God is calling him/her to do.

Mary's Fiat speaks volumes of her character. No arrogance, no doubt, only a profound humility that encapsulates her soul. She understands her role as a follower of the Lord's divine will, an instrument through which God's love will manifest into the world.

Mary's humility is a star we are called to follow. It shines against the backdrop of a world that often values self-promotion over self-sacrifice. May her humility guide our actions and interactions, especially when we are puffed up with vanity and conceit.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or drop a note in the collection box. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day or if you would prefer the first available Mass, weekday, or weekend. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please include your contact information if we are unable to reserve the date you have requested. The customary offering is \$10.00. Thank you.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: The Appeal supports over 20 ministries and services throughout our diocese. If you have already received a pledge card in the mail, please send your gift directly to the diocese. There are additional brochures and pledge cards on the tables at the entrance of the church if you have not already received one and would like to make a gift to this important annual appeal. **To learn more or make a gift online, visit: bishopsappealvt.org. As of November 15, 2023, our parish donations total \$17,629.84. This is 51% of our parish goal of \$35,032.00.**

COLLECTION BASKETS/OFFERING OF GIFTS: We have reinstated the traditional way of passing the collection basket and offering of the gifts from the entrance and down the aisle, in accordance with the rites and rubrics of the Liturgy. We appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, deputed by the Bishop/Priest for a period of time, may now assist in distributing Holy Communion to the faithful every weekend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious Education: Next class for Grades 1-6 and Coffee Hour is **Sunday, January 7.**

SAVE THE DATE: St. Anthony parish is hosting Totus Tuus this summer! Totus Tuus is a one-week, high-energy Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith for students grades 1-12 through games, evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. More information to follow. Questions? Please contact Diane User at dmgu70@icloud.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETING: An **organizational meeting** for the **Christmas Bazaar, Craft, and Bake Sale** will be held in the Church hall at 6pm on **January 9, 2024**. We will review 2023 and start planning for 2024.

Come share your ideas, talents, and spirit to continue this hugely successful fundraiser for St. Anthony Church. Contact Philomena at funari_5@hotmail.com for details.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2025 wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas. Please remember to keep “Christ” in Christmas. We wish you a happy and healthy and holy New Year.

NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE: January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday this year, and is not a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 9:00 am.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone who donated for our beautiful Christmas poinsettias. Both Christmas Masses are offered for your loved ones.



SHOW OF SUPPORT: Many Thanks for all of you who donated gifts to the PINS Christmas program! More than 70 gifts were purchased, wrapped with such beautiful care and brought to the church for delivery. On behalf of Family Services staff, I want to share their deepest appreciation for your generous spirit and your continued support for the children and families they serve. Your efforts will certainly bring many smiles to children this Christmas! God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

~ Linda James

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone. —Isaiah 9:1.

ANNUAL ADVENT APPEAL: Please consider being the light for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to Vermont Catholic Charities' annual Advent Appeal. For 29 years, you have answered the call to bring the joy and hope of the Advent season to those in need.

The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. At Christmastime and throughout the year, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families.

By giving to the Advent Appeal, you help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us — children, struggling parents, the elderly and those dealing with medical issues. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give on online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.



**Upper Valley
Haven**

THE HAVEN FOOD SHELF: The Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM & Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Visit uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/ for more information. St.

Anthony parish has long supported the Haven by collecting non-perishable food in the basket at the entrance of the church. As the holidays and cold weather near, the need for food is especially great.

Thank you for your generosity!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY IS JANUARY 6TH: The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as the magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

1. Gold — a symbol of wealth and power, identifies the recipient as a king.
2. Frankincense — the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering, is symbolic of prayer.
3. Myrrh — another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child—so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death.

May the wisdom of the Magi guide you to your own light.

Christmas Flower Offerings Have Been Made in Memory of:

Family of Harry D. Henderson

Jaros & Emery families

Patricia Bell

Patty Iannotti

Unda & Joe James

Michael Kardok

Clarence & Elnora Smith

Elizabeth Belgarde

Winston & Marie DeCaste

Darwin DeCaste

Susan & Heith Lashway

**Harry & Phyliss Smith &
family**

**Joseph & Evelyn Trombley &
family**

Ma & Dad Lessart & David

Ma & Dad Nickerson & Rick

Jerry, Bonnie, Karen, Bev &

Dawn and all those not listed.

Gerald & Isabelle Cormier

Raymond Plante

James O'Neil & family

P. N. Courtermarche & family

Paul, Karen & Scott Rench

Deborah Reed

Jerry Bachelder

**Deceased members of the Shaw
family**

**Deceased members of the
Audette & Campbell families**

John & Janice Usher

Michael Gangon

Sean Hamilton

The Usher family

The Pendlebury family

Deb McCarthy

The Gagnon family

The Baril family

Irene & Duke DuCharme

Nanette DuCharme Andrews

Ashley Durand

Debbie Audette

Marjorie & Louis Audette

Deceased members of the

Tankiewicz family

Deceased members of the

Zapolski family

Donald Phair

Charles Phair

Melody Allen

Ralph E. Funari

Mary Ann Blickarz

Gary Knotts

Richard Dunbar

Dottie Cummings

Pidy Cummings

Duncan Cummings

Edwin Patriquin

Peter & Mary Ellen Flanagan

Roger & Rosanna Gillies

Cleon & Joyce Chapman

Toni-Ann "T.A.G" Gour

Ernie Gour

"Aunt" Maggie Scelza

"Aunt" Beverlee Merrill

Stan Liang

The Hastings family

Leon & Phyllis Ashe

Ruth & Bill Voorhis

Bill Klymn & Saul Solomon

Paul & Jean Sherman

George, Doris, Francis and

Vera Daszkiewicz

Departed Members of the

Third Order of Mary

Carolyn Cheney

Philomena Sacco

Henrietta Sciborek,

Carol Grant McDowell

Joseph, Barbara, Joel, Thomas

Jane and Richard Swanwick

Mickey and Eleanor Green

Sister Theresa Ste. Marie,

RSM

Fr. Ronald Saunders

Fr. John Bruder

Eugene, Dottie Ann and

Timothy Fontaine

Celine Campbell

Laura White

Terry Rousseau

Ed and Cathy McKenney

Richard Philbin

Deceased members of Diane

Stevens-Follensbee family

Rita Curran

Richard & Ara Murphy

Bill & Phyllis Shambo

NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 30, 2023 – January 5, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



Totus Tuus

SUMMER 2024

Give the Gift of Totus Tuus



Totus Tuus is a high-energy Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through games, evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. One of our specially trained missionary teams will arrive at a parish near you for one week. They will host the grade school students (Grades 1-8) during the day from 9am to 3pm. Then, in the evening, the missionaries stick around to host high school students for a fellowship meal, formation and fun! For more information, please visit: vermontcatholic.org/totus-tuus or contact Daniel Lacourrege at dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org.

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June 16–21	• St. Albans • White River Junction/Norwich
June 23–28	• Barre • Georgia
July 7–12	• St. Johnsbury • Stowe
July 14–19	• South Burlington • Rutland
July 21–26	• Derby/Newport • Vergennes/Bristol
July 28–Aug. 2	• Enosburg • Bennington

Upcoming Events



01|06, 02|03 SATURDAYS St. Ambrose/St. Peter Youth Ministry Bingo

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes
5 pm

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.



01|07 SUNDAY 2nd Annual Epiphany Choral Concert

St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor • 2 pm

This choral concert presents area performers and special guests, accompanied by Gerry Grimo, Parish Director of Music. Come and explore the many traditions of Epiphany expressed musically by traditional and original arrangements. Enjoy some refreshments at intermission. Experience the diversity of these performers, while seated in the wonderful acoustics of the Church gathering space. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person to benefit the St. Francis Fuel Fund.



01|11, 02|15 THURSDAYS Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at Dartmouth will be offering the monthly Spanish Mass.



01|12, 02|09 FRIDAYS Essex Community Dinners

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct.
5:30 pm

Essex Community Dinners are provided in order to grow and promote our community! 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.



01|13, 02|17 SATURDAYS St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 pm

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



01|14, 02|11 SUNDAYS Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

\$12 adults, \$7 children 8-12 yrs., \$38 immediate family max.



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|17 WEDNESDAY Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

Diocesan Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am

The speaker will be Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director of the Vermont Right to Life. When interviewed for *Vermont Catholic*, Mary Beerworth said of her upcoming talk, "I hope to inspire Vermont Catholic Professionals to employ 'holy boldness' when it comes to issues of life — the truth and science are on our side." Breakfast foods and beverages will be provided. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp



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 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.



01|20, 02|17 SATURDAYS Men's "Cor" Formation

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 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. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C. All men from all parishes are welcome.



01|21 SUNDAY K of C 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).



02|04 SUNDAY Diocesan Marriage Day Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

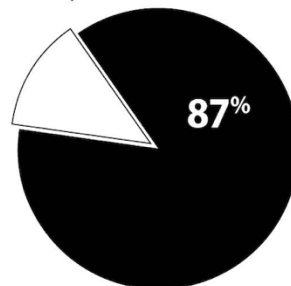
Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 ext. 1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, 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.



BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL



Progress: 87% to goal



Raised:
\$2,056,742
as of Dec. 20

Goal:
\$2,503,354

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