February 27 ~ 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Evening:

4:00 St. Rose of Lima: **Bev Dubuc** by Denny Sauve Sanctuary Lamp: the physical and mental health of students at all levels, everywhere

6:00 St. Joseph (ILM): **Michelle Regnaud** (2nd anniv.) by her mom and dad, Ann & Ray **Sanctuary Lamp:** the homeless and underfed

Sunday Morning:

8:00 St. Joseph (Gr.I): patients in Children's Hospitals and their caregivers

Sanctuary Lamp: the homeless and underfed

10:30 St. Amadeus: **John Clayton** by the Haffly & Reed Families

Sanctuary Lamp: the physical and mental health of students at all levels, everywhere

Mon. 8:30 am: St. Amadeus: patients in Children's Hospitals and their caregivers

Tues. 5:30 pm: St. Joseph (Gr. I.): the emotional comfort of those being bullied in homes, schools and workplaces
(Holy Hour begins 1 hour prior, at 4:30 pm)

Wed. 8:30 am: St. Rose of Lima: **Sharon Roy** by Bette Grenon

Thurs. 5:30 pm: St. Joseph (Gr. I.): former parishioners living in nursing homes and care facilities

Fri. 8:30 am: St. Rose of Lima: the comfort of families who have recently lost loved ones

<u>Special prayers</u> are requested at our Masses for a Lent in which our parishioners experience more blessings from our Lord through our personal prayer, fasting and almsgiving

Please pray for our sick: Ray "Papa" Allen – Michael Antonioli – Howard Atherton – Shawn Beaudoin – Adele Beck – David Brownell –Marianne Dubuque – Antoinette Howard – Jean Labombard – Norma Lafayette – Pat McCann – Bernadette Milani – Ronald Morin – David Pelkey – Jordan Pidgeon – Wayne Roberge –Lloyd Rollins – Dan Smith – Jim



Waters – those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers – those in nursing homes, rehab centers, hospitals and the home-bound – hospital and clinic workers everywhere

Recently deceased:

John Clayton ⁴
Sharon Roy ³
Roberta Bruley ³

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Listen to Him." In today's Gospel, we hear God's voice from

the heavens directing Peter, James and John, Jesus' closest disciples, to listen to Jesus. We can use this reminder as well. Are we listening to Him? How is Jesus speaking to us today as we pray, as we hear

"BUT DON'T JUST LISTEN
TO GOD'S WORD. YOU
MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.
OTHERWISE, YOU ARE
ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."
JAMES 1:22 NLT

God's Word, as we celebrate this liturgy in memory of what He has done for us? Let us listen to Him.

Please join our Parish Family for Mass!

Sign-in sheets: When you enter the church, you must add your information to the sign-in sheets near the door. This will assist us in tracking down attendees, should a COVID-19 outbreak occur in the future. Each week's list will only be on file for 30 days and then destroyed. You will be asked to give us your name, the number of people in your party, and a valid telephone number. Thank you for your understanding.

<u>Masks required</u> to attend (even if you are wearing a Face Shield). Please bring hand sanitizer to use if you have it.

Bishop Coyne is still permitting people to stay home ONLY if you are not comfortable or feel you are at risk attending in public. You are, however, still required to "attend" via TV or an internet site.

"Please continue to support (your) parish by making required offertory contributions."

Bishop Coyne

To schedule Confessions or Last Rites, please contact Father Larry: (802) 796-3481



TELEVISED MASSES

Diocese of Burlington:

<u>vermontcatholic.org/news/ communication/tv-mass/</u> **Sunday Mass:** 10:00 am Daily Mass: 12:05 pm

EWTN Television (on DISH-Ch. 261 and Direct TV-Ch. 370): Daily Mass at 8 am, Noon and 7 pm

The CW Channel (Plattsbugh): Sunday at 10 am

WCAX-Channel 3 (Burlington): Sunday at 6 am

Direct TV-Channel 307: Sunday at 8 am

Online: Catholictv.org: search any Mass, any day (by date)

Make Lent count this year

Friday Evenings: Stations of the Cross at St. Rose of Lima (S.Hero) and St. Amadeus (Alburgh) beginning at 6 pm

(VIRTUAL EVENTS)

Marriage Preparation Retreat Date for 2021:

April 24, 2021

St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington

Call either of our offices for information on this and other requirements for weddings within our diocese.

ACCESS THESE WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT FOR YOU!

Daily Recitation of the Rosary: videos available on your schedule, featuring a member of our Vermont diocesan community. If you are looking for ways to grow in holiness this Lenten season, spend just 10 minutes a day with the Rosary Recited in English, French, Spanish, Swahili, Latin and Amer. Sign Language at: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/rosary/

Challenges to Grow Your Marriage: find weekly challenges for married couples to spend time together at: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/

Families of Faith: video series focusing on people within our own ranks: Priests, Deacons, and even Bishop Coyne, providing brief (3 minutes!) family-focused reflections on the Sunday Gospels. The current catalog can be found online at the link below, with more added in the coming weeks: https://vimeo.com/showcase/7861281

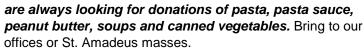


Parish Miscellany...

Hannaford Stores Food distribution: St. Amadeus Parish Center Hours: Wednesdays ONLY beginning around 9 am

(sometimes they arrive earlier). (No longer on Fridays) *This is NOT for the NEEDY ONLY*, but items go quickly so get there early!

St. Amadeus Food Shelf: St. Amadeus Rectory; open Tuesdays from 9:30 – 4:30 (or whenever Laura is working) We



Community Events...

Alburgh Residents: Know of a senior or disabled person who needs assistance with plowing or shoveling? Call Laura at the St. Amadeus Office and she'll see what she can do. She's only in on Tuesdays, so leave a message other days. DO NOT CALL THE DAY OF A SNOWSTORM! We cannot find help at the last minute.

Parish Support - Thank you!

Sunday Collections:

St. Amadeus/St Joseph (ILM) \$ 514 St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 520

Second Collections:

St. Amadeus/St Joseph (ILM): \$ 131 St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 137

* These figures do not include gifts to the parish

This Weekend's 2nd Collection: NO 2nd collection!

Next Weekend: Insurance Bucket

When making contributions to our churches please make checks out to: *Our Lady of the Lake Parish* and indicate in the memo area which church should receive your donations.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES

Domestic Violence Sexual Violence 800-228-7395 800-489-7273

Teen Dating Abuse **866-331-9474**

VT Network:

https://vtnetwork.org

Domestic Violence Resources: Http://dcf.vermont.

gov/resources/ domestic-violence



PARISH FUNDRAISERS



Currently, the only fundraisers we have scheduled in 2021 are 2 take-out dinners in the South and our Clothes Closet/ Rummage Sale in the North (to open again as soon as the weather allows). Because these are fund raisers to benefit our entire Parish, not just the individual churches who host them, we hope to see more support

across geographical lines than we have in the past. Please purchase, donate or volunteer when you can. Remember the old adage: "all ships rise with the tide"!

Chicken & Biscuit
Take-Out Dinner:
Sat., March 20:
St. Rose of Lima Hall.
Menu: chicken &
biscuits, coleslaw,
carrots and dessert.
Cost: Adults: \$12 /

Children \$6
To Reserve your meals

call or email **Val Hunter**. Call: (802) **372-7500** (leave message); email: **mvhunter88@msn.com**



For Lent, ask if one's life is centered on God or oneself, pope says

ent is a time to reconsider the path one is taking in life and to finally answer God's invitation to return to him with one's whole heart, Pope Francis said.

"Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed," he said, "toward God or toward myself?"

The pope's remarks came in his homily at Mass Feb. 17 for Ash Wednesday. In his homily, the pope said one must bow to receive ashes sprinkled on the crown of the head, which reflects the "humble descent" one makes in reflecting on one's life, sins and relationship with God.

"Lent is a journey of return to God," especially when most people live each day ignoring or delaying their response to God's invitation to pray and do something for others.

"It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends," he said.

"The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom," he said, noting the easy temptations along that journey, including yearning for the past, or hindered by "unhealthy attachments, held back by the seductive snares of our sins, by the false security of money and appearances, by the paralysis of our discontents. To embark on this journey, we have to unmask these illusions."

The way back to God, he said, starts with understanding, like the prodigal son, how "we have ended up with empty

POPE FRANCIS'S FASTING SUGGESTIONS

Do you want to fast this lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Pope Francis elevates the Eucharist as he celebrates Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 17, 2021. — CNS/Guglielmo Mangiapane, Reuters photo

hands and an unhappy heart" after squandering God's gifts "on paltry things, and then with seeking God's forgiveness through confession.

The pope again reminded confessors that they must be like the father in the story of the prodigal son and not use "a whip," but open their arms in a welcoming embrace.

"The journey is not based on our own strength. Heartfelt conversion, with the deeds and practices that express it, is possible only if it begins with the primacy of God's work" and through his grace, the pope said.

What makes people just is not the righteousness they show off to others, "but our sincere relationship with the Father," after finally recognizing one is not self-sufficient, but in great need of him, his mercy and grace.

The pope asked people to contemplate daily the crucified Christ and see in his wounds, "our emptiness, our shortcomings, the wounds of our sin and all the hurt we have experienced."

"We see clearly that God points his finger at no one, but rather opens his arms to embrace us," he said.

It is in life's most painful wounds, that God awaits with his infinite mercy because it is there "where we are most vulnerable, where we feel the most shame" and where he comes to meet his children again.

"And now," the pope said, "he invites us to return to him, to rediscover the joy of being loved."

— Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

Upcoming Events



03|01, 08, 15, 22, 29 MONDAYS

Lent with St. Joseph

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington 7 - 8 pm

Holy Hour with the Litany of St. Joseph and spiritual reflections on St. Joseph by Brandon Schneider, seminarian. Confessions will be available during Adoration.



03|02, 9, 16, 23 TUESDAYS

Encounter Jesus Bible Study

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Each week will focus on a different encounter

with Jesus as described in the Gospels which in the words of Pope Francis, "changes our lives... and fills us with joy." Hosted by Deacon Phil Lawson. www.vermontcatholic.org/event/encounter-jesus-bible-study/all/



03|02 - 04|20 TUESDAYS

The Sacraments

via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm
Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about

and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments. For Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu.



03l03 WEDNESDAY

Building a Culture of Encounter Through Fasting, Prayer, Almsgiving

via Zoom • 6:30 - 8 pm

All are welcome to attend this virtual evening of reflection and conversation, offered by Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship, that will help us consider anew the traditional Lenten disciplines: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Between each reflection, there will be time for conversation and questions, silent prayer and guided meditation, and music. Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/an-evening-of-reflection-building-a-culture-of-encounter-through-fasting-prayer-almsgiving/



03104, 09 THURSDAY AND TUESDAY

Dispel the Darkness — An Evening of Light and Hope

03|04 • Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington 03|09 • All Saints, Richford

Come rest in the light and the hope of Christ. Whatever the darkness you may find yourself in, come discover the hope of God. Evening will include reflections and prayers led by Deacon Phil Lawson, with music by Bill Gavin. There will be adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary and an opportunity for confession. This event will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.



03|10, 24, 04|07 WEDNESDAYS

Saints and Sinners

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Sinners as saints? Join us as we look at the

lives of four saints and how his or her life can inspire us to live the plan God has for each one of us. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack. All are welcome! Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners

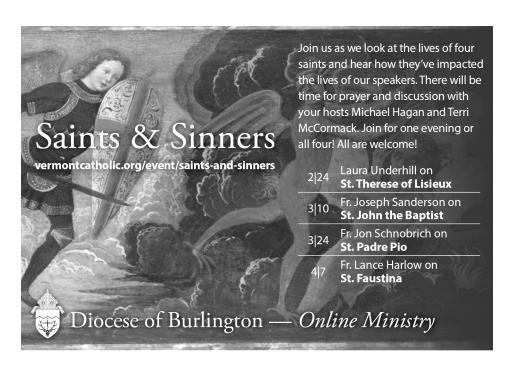


03|12, 13, 14 FRI, SAT, SUN

2021 National Catholic Womens Conference

Online

What if you could be at peace most of the time? Discover women just like you sharing similar struggles, and learn how they're finding freedom in Faith. Learn how prayer enhances your vocation as a mother, spouse, professional, and friend. Experience how God Multiplies our time and energy when we make prayer a priority. Learn how to stop wasting time and energy on guilt, comparison, and resentment and become fully alive as a Catholic Woman. This virtual retreat will have live speakers, prayer rooms, and you will have access to 40+ speakers with a free weekend pass by registering for free: go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021





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