

December 18-19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday Evening:

4:00 St. Rose of Lima: **Pauline Sauve** by Danny Sauve

Sanctuary Lamp: Diane Keefer from the Pie Ladies

6:00 St. Joseph (ILM): **there will be no Sat. evening Masses at this location until spring**

Sunday Morning:

8:00 St. Joseph (Gr.I): For **Ben Rocheleau** by His Family
Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 St. Amadeus: **Nancy Henry** by Michelle and Robert Lawrence
Sanctuary Lamp: **Elizabeth and David Letourneau Mother/Son by the Family**

Special prayers are requested at our Masses for

Those parishoners grieving the loss of a loved one

Please pray for our sick: Michael Antonioli – Howard Atherton – Shawn Beaudoin – Adele Beck – David Brownell – Ramona Bruley – Brenda Bryce – Peg Clark – Billy Duchaine – Karen Fitzgerald – John Gagnon – Antoinette Howard – Julie Hyre – Jean Labombard – Norma Lafayette – Vicky Lawrence – Gary Lockerby – Dawn McCaffrey – Pat McCann – Trudy McEnany – Bernadette Milani – Ronald Morin – Michael Parenteau – Dustin Parizo – Jordan Pidgeon – Teresa Poquette – Lloyd Rollins – Joyce Rollins – Stanley Rollo – Dan Smith – Rosie Tatro – Lawrence Theoret – Ashley Tilson – Kevin Turtle – Betty Wood – Alzheimer's and their caregivers – those in nursing homes, rehab centers, hospitals and the home-bound – hospital and clinic workers everywhere



Recently Deceased...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elanor Goodrich, David Letourneau, Nick Hyre, Larry Paul Cameron, David Mohamed, George Feiker and keep their families in your prayers during this time of great loss



Fourth Sunday of Advent

We draw close to the end of this season of expectation, this season of preparation, this season of waiting. For three weeks we have been anticipating that glorious day that is now just over the horizon. Let us break from all the hustle and bustle that threaten to overwhelm the true meaning of this holy event and share in the pure joy of Mary and Elizabeth, two mothers expecting their first children, who in today's Gospel exult in each other's blessedness.

Prayer/Comfort Ministry

At the back of the church, by the statue of the Blessed Mother, you will find items that are crafted by talented donators to benefit any one in need. If you, or if you know of anyone, that would like one, please feel free to help yourself. These are at no cost to you. They are just meant to bring **comfort** to the sick or to bring joy in someone's life. **Take one for any reason that your heart tells you to. Make someone's day!** If you yourself would like to make anything: lap blankets, shawls, scarves, hats, St. Amadeus would be glad to accept. For more information, please call Maurice at 796-4418 or Jeanne at 796-3996.

Parish Fundraisers...

Pies from the Parish Pie Ladies!: Purchase for **Christmas!** Meat Pies, all fresh and all delicious! **Pre-order your favorites at: (802) 372-4092 x12**

The Clothes Closet and Flea Market: St. Amadeus Parish Ctr. (98 N Main Street, Alburgh) **is closed for the season, if there is a need however please contact the office .**

Parish Miscellany...

Hannaford Stores Food Distribution: **St. Amadeus Parish Center** Hours: **Wed.s beginning around 9 am** (sometimes they arrive earlier) **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 Fiona is working) Household supplies also available (laundry detergent, soap, toothbrushes/ paste, shampoo, etc.) **Donations accepted at our offices.**

Diocesan Miscellany...

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign is ongoing. Our Lady of the Lake Parish is 97 % to goal. Please help us reach 100% of our goal! We are grateful to all those who were able to contribute, and especially your prayers.
You can find donation forms at the Church entrances or go online to Christourhopevt.org/



Please Pray for us...

Saint Peter Canisius : Feast day December 21



Saint John of Kanty: Feast day December 23



For additional info on the weekly saints see
<https://OurLadyoftheLake.vermontcatholic.org>

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 12/24: 4:00 pm St. Rose
7:00 pm St. Amadeus
Christmas Day 12/25: 8:00 am St. Joseph (Gr.I)



Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ



Hail Mary, full of grace; The Lord is with Thee: Blessed art Thou among women, and Blessed is The Fruit of They Womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Parish Support - Thank you!

Sunday Collections: *

St. Amadeus/St. Joseph (ILM): \$ 696
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 995

Second Collections:

St. Amadeus/St. Joseph (ILM): \$ 102
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 369

* **These figures do not include gifts to the parish**

This Weekend's 2nd Collection: Maintenance
Next Weekend: Fuel

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

Deacons Bench

My friends, on the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." We should continue to be the messenger of peace in our homes and communities. During our family gatherings this holiday season, be the one who helps to quiet the environments from all the noise of the secular world. Bring the love and joy of God as the gift to all.

Deacon Armand



*No Jesus, No Peace
Know Jesus, Know Peace*

NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 18–24, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



‘Christmas is about coming together’ even in an ongoing pandemic

Following the recommendations of health officials of the State of Vermont and the lead of the governor, the Diocese of Burlington lifted all the Covid-19-related restrictions and mandates in June. However, due to town mask mandates being enacted, some pastors have implemented parish-wide protocols for their communities.

With the onset of the delta-variant surge, Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne told pastors and parishes to follow their local mask mandates and is encouraging parishioners in places that don’t have mandates, especially those who are not vaccinated, to wear masks and physically distance as they are able. He also encourages Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to wear masks while distributing communion.

Josh Perry, director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington called wearing a mask at Christmas an act of charity. “As Christians, we should be helping each other on the path to holiness. And if someone is uncomfortable coming to Mass (for whatever reason), we should really consider how we can best help alleviate that issue,” he said. “Today, the issue of whether people are masked indoors is a real issue for some. ... You may disagree with those who wear masks or not wear masks. However, if it would make someone feel more comfortable attending Mass if they saw the majority of parishioners wearing masks when attending Mass at Christmas, then we should really consider the use of masks. That small gesture of charity and — yes — sacrifice — can go a long way in helping one another on the path of holiness.”

Hand sanitizer is also recommended, and most parishes have a supply of hand sanitizer available at the doors of the

church. “Sanitizing the worship space is not mandated, but it’s a good practice,” he said.

Last Christmas, some parishes required Christmas Mass-goers to sign up to ensure the church did not exceed its Covid-restricted capacity. But this year because there are no capacity restrictions in place, parishes are not required to have registration for Christmas Masses.

Christmas Mass gatherings are important, especially this year after the restrictions in place last year because of the pandemic. “At its core, Christmas is about coming together, because Christmas is about Emmanuel — ‘God with us,’” Perry said.

Christmas is always a Holy Day of Obligation. Because Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, Catholics must attend Mass twice over the course of the weekend.

Perry explained: “One can fulfill the Christmas obligation by attending Mass on Christmas Eve (4 p.m. or later on Dec. 24) or attending Mass anytime on Christmas Day (Saturday). Then the Sunday obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass on Saturday evening (if you’ve already gone to a Christmas Mass on Friday night or Saturday morning) or anytime on Sunday. And yes — you can go to Mass twice on Saturday — once in the morning (for the Christmas obligation) and once in the evening (for the

Sunday obligation); however, if the first Mass you attend is Saturday evening, it counts for your Christmas obligation, and you’ll have to attend again on Sunday to fulfill the Sunday obligation.”

Contact your pastor if you have questions.

VTC • Cori Fugere Urban



Upcoming Events



12|21, 28, 01|04, 11, 18, 25 TUESDAYS
Courageous Women Bible Study
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 9 am or 6:30 pm
 For this study we will use, "Courageous

Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History" by Stacy Mitch, written with a female audience in mind yet it is equally approachable for men. We will meet for 8 sessions; you can choose the time that fits your schedule best. Each session is mostly independent of the others, so participants are welcome to attend as many or as few as they can. Look for the sign-up sheet at the top of our ramp entrance. Copies of the book are available through the parish for \$12 each. **FOR MORE INFO: Connie McDonald (802) 864-4166 x204 or SJVGoodNews@gmail.com**



12|30 THURSDAY
More than the Magi: Celebrating the Riches of Epiphany 2022
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7-8:30 pm

A reflection on the history, liturgy, and spirituality of a feast of feasts, with Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.



01|05, 19, 02|02, 16, 03|02, & 16 WEDNESDAYS
Resisting Happiness Book Club
Online • 7 pm

Come explore with us Matthew Kelly's book *Resisting Happiness* at 7-8 pm every other Wednesday for six weeks. Free book and study guide, contact pturnley@aol.com.



01|07, 21, 02|04, 18 FRIDAYS
The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 8 pm

Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. It's a place for girls to learn about themselves by doing apostolic projects and creating a positive impact on family, friends and the world. **FOR MORE INFO: contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.**



01|16 SUNDAY
DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington Pancake Breakfast
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 8:30 - 11:30 am

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council 279. By donation, the suggested donation is \$8.



01|25 TUESDAY
Saints & Sinners
Online • 7 pm

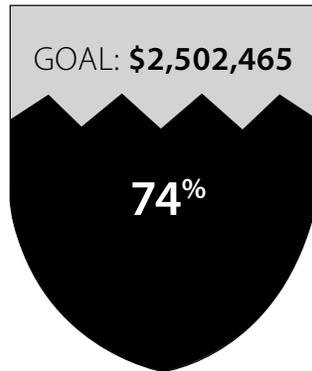
Join us in November when Deacon Phil Lawson presents on Saints Philip, Athanasius and Lawrence. **For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.**



02|05 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
 Rosary, Confessions, and Mass at 8:30 am.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
2021
 UPDATE



As of Dec. 6, 2021: **\$1,851,294**
 To learn more or make a gift visit:
vermontcatholic.org/giveonline



02|5 SATURDAY
Adoration Mini-Mission with Holy Hour
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Not sure what adoration is all about? Or maybe you've not been to adoration for awhile and could use a refresher course? In anticipation of a 40 Hours of Adoration event coming this Lent, Josh Perry, the diocesan Director of Worship, will be offering a mini-mission with instruction about adoration, followed by a holy hour.



02|06 SUNDAY
Marriage Anniversary Mass
 Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

Are you and your spouse celebrating a milestone anniversary (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2022? To register please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802)658-6110, ext. 1131.



02|12 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
 Rosary, Mass and discussion about Padre Pio.



02|22 TUESDAY
Saints and Sinners
Online • 7 pm

Join us in February when Fr. Roberly Murphy presents on Saints Therese of Lisieux. There will be time for prayer, small group and large group discussion. **For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.**

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Christ the King School, Burlington:
 Afterschool and Summer Camp Director

Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:

Human Resources Generalist

Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:
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St. Mark Parish, Burlington:
 Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

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DEC. 19 – 25, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

The Fourth Week of Advent

Who haven't you spoken to in a long time? Reach out to that person with a phone call, home visit, or a handwritten card to let them know you are thinking about them. Ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you share some positive news with him/her.

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