

December 25-26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Friday Evening: Christmas Eve
- 4:00 St. Rose of Lima: Paul Brodeur and Don & Helena Wilder by Deb and Tad Wilder  
Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of St. Joseph
- 7:00 St. Amadeus: Mary Lou Brunelle by her husband Bill  
Sanctuary Lamp: Rudy Prairie by his wife Louise and Family

- Saturday Morning: Christmas Day
- 8:00 St. Joseph (G.I.): Diane Keefer from the Parish Pie Ladies  
Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of St. Joseph
- Sunday Morning:
- 8:00 St. Joseph (Gr.I): For Elanore Goodrich from Kenneth Mann  
Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10:30 St. Amadeus: Denise Paquette by her parents  
Sanctuary Lamp: Souls recently deceased by close friends

Special prayers are requested at our Masses for Those parishoners grieving the loss of a loved one

Please pray for healing:: 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



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Just yesterday we came to this holy place to celebrate our Lord’s birth. Today we return to expand that celebration to his immediate family, the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising him in the religious traditions of their faith. In this loving environment, Luke says, “Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” Let us pray today that our families may provide fertile ground for our children to grow similarly.

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.

St Raphael Archangel Prayer for Healing

O Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or sea or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels.

Because you are the “medicine of God” I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body.

I especially ask of you the favor (mention your special intention), and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Parish Fundraisers...

Pies from the Parish Pie Ladies!: 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 Connie 802-324-8431

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: For those of you getting envelopes. The company notified us that they will be shipping late and will arrive by the end of January.

Diocesan Miscellany...

CHRIST OUR Hope

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...



- The Holy Innocents: December 28
- St. Thomas Becket: December 2
- St. Sylvester I: December 3



Pour fourth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known The Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, by the message of an Angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection. Through The Same Christ our Lord.



Amen

Parish Support - Thank you!

Sunday Collections: \*

St. Amadeus/St. Joseph (ILM):	\$ 826
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle):	\$ 725

Second Collections:

St. Amadeus/St. Joseph (ILM):	\$ 198
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle):	\$ 384

\* These figures do not include gifts to the parish

This Weekend’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Fuel  
Next Weekend: Building Fund

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

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest. and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Deacon Armand



# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 25–31, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## God first loved us

I hope this last edition of *The Inland See* for 2021 finds you and your loved ones healthy and growing in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This edition leads us through the celebration of Christmas and into the new year, a year that I have designated as a year of “Communion: Creed, worship and life.” As we celebrate Christmas, I see an opportunity for us to reflect upon the Incarnation as the greatest moment of communion between God and humanity. Consider if you will that God did not have to choose to be born through the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, but He did in the person of Jesus who later revealed why: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

Think about that for a moment, “for God so loved the world.” As such, this primary love for us, as revealed to us, calls forth a response from us to either love or not love Him in return. When we do choose to love God, we are called do so as the great commandment says, “with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul.” St. Augustine of Hippo offered great encouragement for us when he wrote, “To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”

Now out of God’s love, comes the crux of what we celebrate at Christmas, that God “gave his only Son ... so that we might have eternal life.” God did so by incarnating Himself as “true God and true man” in Jesus Christ: The Incarnation was the greatest communion because it was the primal communion, it is what began the whole great plan of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. All other communion flows from that moment. Notice as well that this moment is Trinitarian: God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, became man in the person of Jesus. Subsequently, that communion becomes manifested in each of us at the moment of baptism, when we are born again and take on the new person of Christ.

During this time of Christmas and the beginning of the Year of Communion, my encouragement is for all of us to begin by praying and meditating on the fact that God first loved us and how we love Him in return. As baptized members of the Church, we share in its communion as community and as ones in communion through the sacraments. I offer the words of Pope Leo the Great (c.400-461) from one of his Christmas homilies for your prayerful reflection:

*“Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and*



Shown is the wood engraving “Die Christnacht” by Ludwig Richter, 1854. — Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA

*brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the gentile take courage in that he is called to life. ...”*

God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Christopher J. Coyne*



The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington

## Upcoming Events



12|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. There are 8 sessions; participants are welcome to attend as many or as few as they can. **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. **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*

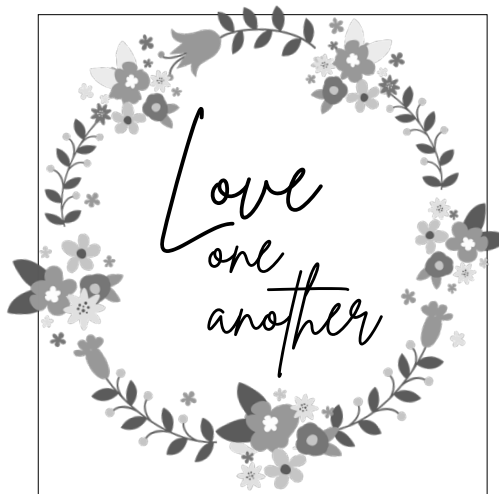
Join us in November when Deacon Phil Lawson presents on Saints Philip, Athanasius and Lawrence. **For more info:** vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



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



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



DEC. 26, 2021 – JAN. 1, 2022

### CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

#### Feast of the Holy Family

We hear how Jesus goes "missing" this week, but in truth he is in his Father's house. The fear of Mary and Joseph was real, as was their joy. This week make time to share an experience from this year when each of you experienced fear and joy. Listen to what each family member is saying to understand the situation. End with the *Our Father* in gratitude for your family.

[vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge](http://vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge)

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](http://vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners).

## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

*Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:*

Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

Human Resources Generalist

*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:*

Director of Nursing (DON) Up to \$7,500 Sign-On Bonus

*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:*

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*St. Mark Parish, Burlington:*

Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

*Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Randolph, Bethel:* Accompanist

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**2021**  
 UPDATE

GOAL: \$2,502,465

75%

As of Dec. 14, 2021: **\$1,875,133**

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