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You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing anymore but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men. You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house. So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven. ~ Mt 5: 13-16

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Baptisms
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Marriages
Call six months before date is set

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saint Luke Parish
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 10:30AM

Ascension Parish
Sunday: 8:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Luke Parish
Tuesday: 4:00 - 4:55PM *(with Adoration)*
Saturday: 3:15PM - 3:55PM
Sunday: 10:00AM - 10:25AM *(time permitting)*

Ascension Parish
Sunday: 8:00AM - 8:25AM

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule for St. Luke & Ascension Parishes

Saturday, February 4th—First Saturday

9:00 am—St. Luke: Deaceased Members of the Minor and LaVallee Families By Jim & Karen Minor

3:15 pm – 3:55 am Confessions at St. Luke

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Maurice Ratte & Yvette Leclair by Steve and Pauline Ratte

Sunday, February 5th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Leon & Roland Renaud by Art & Sue Renaud

David Molleur by Jim and Cindi Cota

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: For the people

Monday, February 6th - Saint Paul Miki and Companions

9:00 am - NO MASS

Tuesday, February 7th

4:00 pm - 4:55 pm - Adoration/Confessions at St. Luke

5:00 pm - St. Luke: Health/well-being of Owen & Alice Collins by the family

Wednesday, February 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani & St.Josephine Bakhita

9:00 am - Ascension: Mitch and Irene Sturgeon by the Sturgeon family

Lorraine Osborne by the Milne family

Thursday, February 9th

9:00 am - St. Luke: Alexander and Mary Ellen LaVallee by Jim and Karen Minor

Birthday Blessings for Ellorah Quizon by the Quizon family

6:00 pm - St. Luke: Knights of Columbus Intentions

Friday, February 10th - Saint Scholastica

9:00 am - Ascension: Claire Reis by Simeon and Julia Lewis

9:30 am - 9:50 am - Adoration/Confessions at Ascension

Saturday, February 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 pm - St. Luke: Birthday Blessings for Anthony Rosselli By Vince & Mary Beth Redding

3:15 pm – 3:55 am Confessions at St. Luke

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Michael Boissoneault by the family

Sunday, February 12th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: For the people

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: Hugh and Barbara Fitzgerald by Pete and Karen Fitzgerald

Beverly Pelletier by Duane and Jackie Becker

February 5, 2023

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Tues., February 7th: Parish Council Mtg. @St. Luke @6pm

Wed., Feb. 8th: Grade 2 Catechism Class @ Ascension 6-7pm

Thurs., Feb. 9th: Knights of Columbus meeting after Mass

Friday, Feb. 10th: Adoration at St. Luke 11am–5pm

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collections for the Weekend of January 29, 2023

St. Luke: $ 2,137.25 Votive Candles: $20.86
Ascension: $ 1,488.10

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly donations. Visit our website at: www.stlukevt.org and click "Online Giving".

This Week's Second Collection is for: Stewardship Collection

Weekly Adoration will be Fridays from 11am-5pm at St Luke

Jesus is calling to each of us to come and spend some time with Him alone. We are looking for people to commit to either a half-hour or hour of adoration, Questions? Call Patty Lawson 242-1321.

In His agony Jesus said, "Could you not keep watch for one hour?" Mk14:37

Franklin Deanery Monthly Holy Hour

The Franklin Deanery Priests will host a monthly Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & confessions on at 6pm on:

February 15—St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls
March 15—St. Patrick, Fairfield

St. Mary's Academy

An Independent Private Catholic School Grades 1-6 opening fall of 2023 in St. Albans.
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St. John the Baptist Church Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 12 @ 8am-noon

Pancakes (Gluten-Free upon request), French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Eggs & Home Fries, Juice, Milk & Coffee.

$10—Adults/$5 -Children (5-12)/4 & Under are FREE

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Companions with the suffering Christ: Please pray for the ill; in need of healing: Jean Groseclose, Barb Lecorchick, George Boissonneault, Dennis Collins, Anissa Modugno, James Austin, Linda Barrows, Tonia Barbin, Danielle & Pat Orioles, Clem Cardinal, Alice Collins, Buzz Collins, Barbara Cobiere, Sterling Coon, Charlotte, Jim Godin, Jean Gregoire, James Kendall, Jo Ann Kendall, Jinny Bogni-LeMay, Jillian Mathieu, Ronald Morin, Ronald Morin II, Daeton Orton, Lisa Ouimette, L Q., Joseph Q., Joan Richer, Mary St. Arnold, Georgette Seagal, Dan Valley, Delaney Werneke, Sam Wilbur, Fr. Maurice Roy, Inmates of the NW Correctional Facility.

DIOCESAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Burlington seeks to continue inspiring and equipping laymen for leadership roles in their parishes. Two informational webinars regarding upcoming opportunities have been scheduled – see links at the bottom. Also feel free to reach out directly to Dcn. Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org Applications will be accepted this Spring for August/September start dates in the following programs:

Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program: This 2-year program that meets one Saturday a month in person with additional formation taking place via online courses, seeks to form laity to assist in leadership roles in their parishes.

Deacon Formation Program: Following formation, deacons are ordained to be permanent ministers in the Church, serving through word, sacrament, and charity. Their total time in formation is five years, two of which are in the Lay Formation Leadership Program, followed by three years of Diaconate Formation. For additional information or to ask questions about the Permanent Diaconate, contact Dcn. Pete Gummere pgummere@vermontcatholic.org.

Pastoral Associate for Parish Life: This 1-year formation program is designed to prepare individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to serve a parish in many of its administrative and pastoral tasks, when it is not possible for the Bishop to appoint a full-time parish priest.

Informational webinars are scheduled for:

Monday, February 6th, 2023 at 7PM

Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/y6eawtj5

Wednesday February 8th, 2023 at 7PM

Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/4vs3zx53

February 8th: Feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita

Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in a village of the Darfur region of Sudan. She was a member of the Daju people and her uncle was a tribal chief. Due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous, saying that as a child, she did not know suffering. Sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. Although she was just a child, she was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market in El Obeid. She was bought and sold at least twice during the grueling journey. For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. She spent so much time in captivity that she forgot her original name.

As a slave, her experiences varied from fair treatment to cruel. She was once beaten so severely that she was incapacitated for a month. Another owner beat her daily. Josephine wrote that as soon as one wound would heal, they would inflict another. In 1883 she was sold to the Italian Vice Consul, Callisto Legani. He was a much kinder and did not beat her. When it was time for him to return to Italy, she begged to be taken with him, and he agreed. She was given away to another family as a gift and she served them as a nanny. Her new family also had dealings in Sudan had when her mistress decided to travel to Sudan without Josephine, she placed her in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice.

While she was in the custody of the sisters, she came to learn about God. According to Josephine, she had always known about God, who created all things, but she did not know who He was. The sisters answered her questions. She was deeply moved by her time with the sisters and discerned a call to follow Christ. When her mistress returned from Sudan, Josephine refused to leave. The sisters complained to Italian authorities on Josephine's behalf. The case went to court, and the court found that slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Josephine was born and she was declared free. For the first time in her life, Josephine was could choose what to do with her life. She chose to remain with the Canossian Sisters. She was baptized on January 9, 1890. The Archbishop who gave her the sacraments was Giusseppe Sarto who would later become Saint Pope Pius X.

TEEN NIGHT UPDATE! Teen Night is one evening a month at the JMMY Center for teens in 7th-12th grade. Adult volunteers from Ascension Parish and Georgia Plain Baptist Church come together to provide a fun and Christian based hang out space where teens can eat dinner, play games, watch movies, listen to Christian music, pray together, talk around a camp fire, bake for Martha's Kitchen and so much more! We operate solely on donations from community and some funds that the JMMY Center provides. Each month the cost is anywhere from $100-150 to feed all the teens and provide other materials for them to use. (There is a donation jar at church!) This night has become very popular with 40+ teens on some nights!

WE NEED VOLUNTEER HELP! This does not have to be a major commitment. Maybe your able to come once or even twice. Have a good meal, play games with some really fun teens and spread the love and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ! Please pray about this incredible evangelization opportunity. Call/Text Andrea Milne 802-578-8043. We would love to have you!

Thank You!

Thank you so much to our parishioners for all of the support given of time, talent and treasure for the funeral luncheons that we have had at Ascension this past month. These corporal works of mercy have been a mantle of comfort to those who are grieving, and are an example of our call to be the hands and feet of Jesus within our parish.

February 11th: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11, 1858, a modest young girl of fourteen years old, Bernadette Soubirous, saw in the hollow of the rock on the bank of the river at Lourdes the apparition of a lady of heavenly beauty, carrying a rosary on her arm. Being invited to return, she obeyed, and saw the lady again on March 25 learned her name. "I am the Immaculate Conception." When directed to wash in a little muddy water, the child stooped to obey, and a stream of clear water gushed forth. Afterwards, when requested to relate the story of the apparition, in order to induce pilgrims to visit the place and to build a church in honor of the Blessed Virgin, she did as she was desired, and thus procured the erection of a magnificent basilica, and brought together an un precedented number of pilgrims, first from France and Belgium, then from the rest of Europe and even America. The Immaculate Virgin blesses this devotion, and nothing in the world is talked of so much as the miracles at Lourdes.

Our Lady also told St. Bernadette: *"I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next."* It is sometimes difficult to live in acceptance of the world as the 'valley of tears,' and yet remain joyful and delight genuinely in the gifts and truly good things we may experience in it. Our Lady of Lourdes knows deeply our desire for happiness and freedom from sorrows. She reminds Bernadette that the world cannot offer us this happiness and freedom that we truly seek. This is an important reflection to make as we journey through the hardships and temptations of this life. The Blessed Mother's words are not meant to be discouraging—they are meant to direct our hearts to the place where they may find fulfillment. We are right to be grateful for and delight in the goods that the Lord sends to us in this world, however we remember them as a reflection of His Supreme Goodness and the eternal kingdom that he calls us to. Further, it is the state of this world that suffering will necessarily be a part of our pilgrimage. We are called to accept this without losing heart, following faithfully in Christ's footsteps to true happiness.

Once St. Bernadette was asked: "Did the 'Lady' say anything to you?" She replied: "Yes, from time to time, she said: 'Penance, penance, penance. Pray for sinners'".