

NOVEMBER 17, 2019



# SACRED HEART SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH • BENNINGTON, VERMONT

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our Catholic parish family is united by God's love and our belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We live and share our faith in our daily actions as a parish, as a school and as individuals.

## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil  
4:00 PM

Sunday  
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM

Mondays with Miraculous  
Medal Devotion  
5:30 PM

First Fridays (only)  
Mass: 9:00 AM  
Holy Hour & Benediction: 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration  
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

Last Sunday (only)  
Mass: 6:00 PM

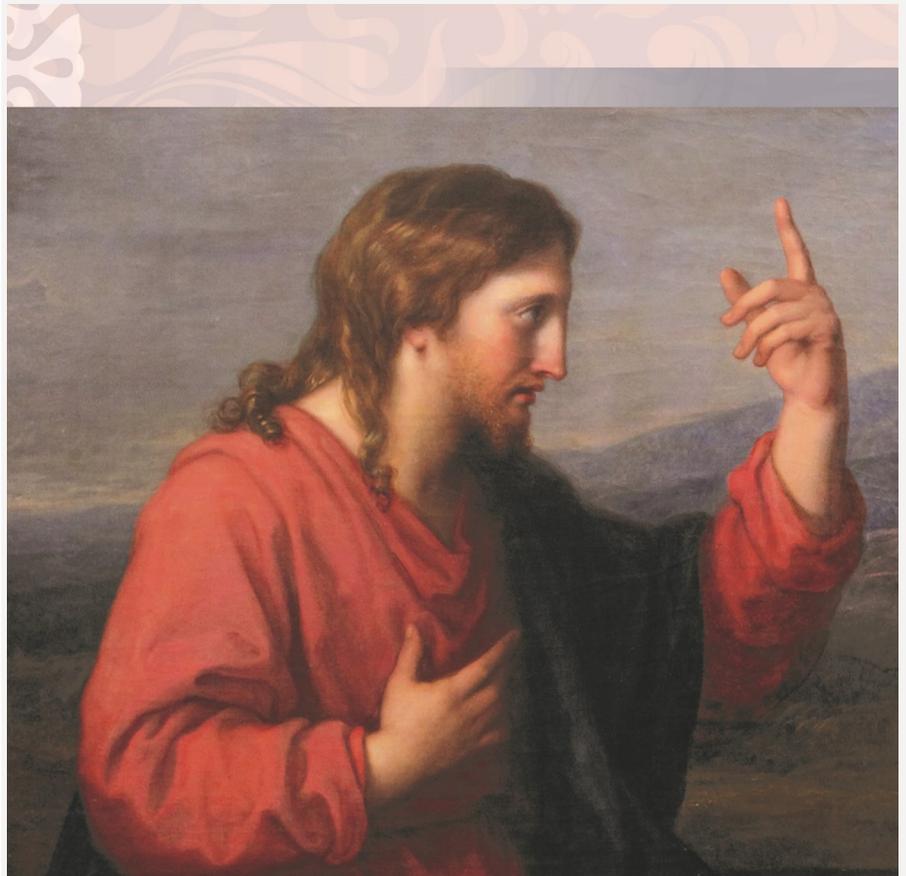
Reconciliation  
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



CONGREGATION OF  
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The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.



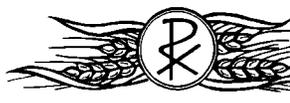
## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

## PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM  
email: [benncath@comcast.net](mailto:benncath@comcast.net)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

And Liturgical Celebrations for  
November 16 - 24, 2019

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

**Sat./Sun., Nov. 16/17 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. ✠ Gerald E. Morrissey (17<sup>th</sup>) - Mary Morrissey  
✠ Eunice Jordan - Henry  
✠ Deceased Members of the  
Elzire & Adelaide LaCroix Family  
- The Family

✠ Lillian Sarchino - Her Daughter, Marianne  
✠ Louis N. Betit - Wife & Sons  
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:30 a.m. ✠ Lorinna & Don Abrams - Rita & Family  
✠ Betty Mahon - The Murphy Family  
✠ John Mahon - Alison & Dan

**Monday, Nov. 18 Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Janet Sausville (Living) - Tom & Mary Flood  
5:30 p.m. Our Parish Family  
Miraculous Medal Novena

**Tuesday, Nov. 19 Weekday**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Rebecca Sausville-Smith - Tom & Mary Flood

**Wednesday, Nov. 20 Weekday**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Shelby Coon - Carol Salazar

**Thursday, Nov. 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Pat Farnum - Joan Douglass

**Friday, Nov. 22 Saint Cecilia**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Eva Lampon - Trina & Joe Lampron

**Sat./Sun., Nov. 23/24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

4:00 p.m. ✠ Patricia Perrott - Her Family  
✠ Kay & Al Allen - The Family  
✠ Barbara Green - Marie Morin Ray  
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family  
9:30 a.m. ✠ William & Mary Dailey - Rose Santarcangelo  
6:00 p.m. Our Parish Family



*"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - Lk 21:16-19*

### Readings for the week of November 17, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43  
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### Welcome to our Church!



If you are new to the area or looking for a spiritual home, you can register at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales parish by stopping in the Parish Office to fill out a brief census card. Or call the Parish Office and we'll be happy to mail you a form.

*Welcome to the family of God and Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church!*

### Question of the Week

#### Did Jesus have siblings?

THE NEW TESTAMENT refers to brothers and sisters of Jesus 11 times. Some are named: James, Joses, Simon, and Judas. James, "the brother of the Lord," will play a significant role in the Jerusalem church and is mentioned with some deference by Saint Paul. The precise number of such siblings or what became of the rest of them after Jesus' Crucifixion is unknown.

Curiosity alone would lead us to seek more information about potential relatives of Jesus (and their descendants!). The trouble lies in that Hebrew doesn't make fine distinctions about degrees of consanguinity: Members of the same clan were regarded broadly as brothers. James and Joses are called sons of another Mary later at the cross. It's also hard to understand why Jesus would commend his own mother to one of his disciples at the cross if she had other living children who might care for her.

The church fathers proposed that Saint Joseph had had a previous marriage that gave him children. That would make the siblings of Jesus not children by Mary at all. This theory offers a way to reconcile scripture with doctrine.

Many scripture scholars subscribe to one of these explanations. A few admit that the New Testament authors apparently believed Jesus had siblings. If we take their word as historically accurate, that doesn't affect the teaching about the Virgin Birth of Jesus but does emphasize his divine origins.

*~ Alice Camille*

### Sunday Summary

**Malachi 3:19-20a** The day of the Lord arrives like fire but those faithful to God have nothing to fear.

**Psalms 98:5-6, 7-8, 9** God is the sun of justice, dawning on a world which celebrates at the occasion.

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12** The announcement of the gospel is an invitation to rejoice but not to relax.

**Luke 21:5-19** The magnificence of the Temple impresses many. Jesus predicts its destruction.



**Faith Formation Program**

*"Growing In Faith Together"*

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com

*You are invited to join us on Facebook – SHSF Faith Formation*

**Faith Formation Classes**

Classes start after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and run until 11:45 a.m. on the following dates:

November 17  
December 1 & 8

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Pre-K and Kindergarten families now have an opportunity to participate in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program. This program will serve children at both SHSF and SJB.

CGS Classes will be held Sundays (2 times per month) 9:15 - 10:30 OR weekly on Tuesdays 10:30 - noon in the atrium at the SHSF Parish Center.

**Rite of Welcome**

Fifteen students are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers!



*"Bless these young parishioners of ours and their families with an eagerness to know, love and serve you through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Help them in their studies, and help all of us to be good examples of your love and compassion for them. We ask your blessing, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."*



Catholic Schools  
*Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*

**The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**  
**307 School Street**  
**Bennington, VT 05201**

**Mr. David Estes, Principal**  
**442-2446, Ext. 3**

*Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.*

**~ Harvest Bazaar ~**

*Thank you to all those who donated items for the Silent Auction, baked items for our Bake Sale, purchased Raffle Tickets, and gave their time and worked so hard to make this year's Bazaar such a great success!*

*Thank you to all of those that attended the Pasta Dinner on Saturday Evening and to the Ladies of St. John the Baptist for cooking! We couldn't have done it without all of you!*

*Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!*

**Big Money Raffle Winners:**

- Jenielle Shea \$500
- Merrie Carr \$200
- Jenifer Hoffman \$100



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sunday Evening Mass at SHSF**  
**November 24 @ 6:00 pm**



**Please remember the sick, including ~**

Tina Harrington, Bob Smith, Ray Vivaldi, Kim McLure, Charlie Cook, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Francis "Pete" Roy, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Dolores Pruden, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Abigail Grace Lamar, Wilfred LaBonte, James Feeney, Robert & Therese Long, Gloria VanDerzee, Jo Cadiz, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of the Vermont Veterans Home.



**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE at  
SACRED HEART  
SAINT FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH  
This Sunday, November 17, 2019  
3:00 p.m.**

You are warmly invited to join me as I give thanksgiving for 25 years of service to Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church. While I am seated at the console of our magnificent organ of 1,441 pipes, I will offer thanks, through music, for my family, the parishioners of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales, the great teachers with whom I have studied throughout the course of a lifetime, and, most of all, to Almighty God for bestowing on me the passion for music which is so very much a part of my life. (Please, no special attention, gifts, or presentations.)

*- from our organist, Donald McMahon*

**Prayer Events this Week**

Mon., Nov. 18	10:15 am	BPI Mass
Tues., Nov. 19	9:30 am	Fillmore Pond Mass
Tues., Nov. 19	6:30 pm	Prayer Group (Chp)
Wed., Nov. 20	10:30 am	CLR Rosary
Wed., Nov. 20	3:00 pm	Vets' Home Mass

**Meetings/Events this Week**

Sun., Nov. 17	3:00 pm	Organ Recital
Tues., Nov. 19	10:30 pm	Cat. of the Good Shpd
Wed., Nov. 20	1:00 pm	HIS Pantry (dwnstairs)
Wed., Nov. 20	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Wed., Nov. 20	6:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Fri., Nov. 22	10:00 am	HIS Pantry (dwnstairs)
Sat., Nov. 23	5:00 pm	Harvest Dinner
Sun., Nov. 24	1:00 pm	Thanksgiving Baskets



**Mass Bags for Children Available**

Thank you for bringing your young children to Mass. We invite you to borrow our updated parish Mass Bags to help your young disciple be more engaged during our Eucharistic Celebration. Mass Bags are available at the front entrance of the church under the image of Pope Francis. Feel free to take one during Mass - after you're done with them, please put them back in the basket.

*Children are a gift from the Lord - Psalm 127:3*



**This advent season  
All Good Gifts Around  
Us Are Sent from  
Heaven Above....  
Looking more closely  
at the gift of the Mass**

Join us for an enrichment program with Fr. Hugh  
Monday, December 2, 2019  
St. John the Baptist Church, North Bennington  
Soup and Bread 6:00 p.m.  
Program 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Adoration 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
R.S.V.P. to Nicole at 447-7504

**Gluten Free Communion**

If you require a gluten free host and you are able, please come up to the sanctuary at the same time as the Eucharistic Ministers. The Eucharist will be distributed to you at that time. Thank you for helping to make this easier for all involved.

## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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November 16 - 22, 2019



### Vermont Catholic Charities 2019 Advent Appeal

This year marks the 25th year of Vermont Catholic Charities Advent Appeal. On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families helped, thank you for bringing the joy and hope of the Advent season to those in need.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior into our world, we ask you again to join Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc. in answering the call to show our love and compassion for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to the annual Advent Appeal.

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. This Advent Season, please help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us — children, struggling parents, the elderly and the sick.

*Help people like Kate secure housing. Kate was single working mother of three children. For safety reasons she needed to move. We helped her with rent to ensure she and her children would not become homeless and could be in a safe environment.*

*Help people like John and Lisa keep electricity and heat on. John and Lisa were raising their two-year-old grandson despite Lisa being quite ill. Due to Lisa's illness and caring for the grandson, they fell behind on their utility bills. We helped them avoid the disconnection of utilities so they could stay safe and warm.*

These are real people, and with your support we can assist people just like them, our neighbors in need. Your gift helps us to continue to show God's love in concrete ways.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we assisted more than 2,000 adults and 1,500 children through the Advent Appeal and Emergency Aid Program.

We ask for your prayerful consideration of a donation to this year's Appeal; every gift — whatever the size — makes a difference. Please support this worthy effort by sending a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, Vermont, 05401 or giving online at [vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal](http://vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal).

On behalf of Vermont Catholic Charities and all the Vermonters you will help this year, thank you.

May you have blessed Advent and Christmas seasons.

- ◆ **Mary Beth Pinard, Executive Director,**
- ◆ **Vermont Catholic Charities**

### Jesse Tree

### ~ Tree of Giving



As in the past, the Jesse Tree is standing in our church sanctuary. There are tags on the Tree with a "Christmas Wish." The Social Concerns Committee has chosen HIS Pantry to receive our help and parents/guardians have been asked to let us know of one or two gifts (no more than \$20.00 in value) their child would like to receive. These "wishes" will be placed on the tree.

#### Important Date ~

All gifts need to be returned **UNWRAPPED** by **Wednesday, December 4.** It is important that we have the gifts by that date as time is needed to log and sort the gifts for each family. **PLEASE RETURN THE TAG THAT YOU TOOK FROM THE TREE WITH YOUR GIFT** (and the parish secretary begs you from the bottom of her heart not to lose the tag.)

*(If you wish to have the value of your gift(s) added to your church donations for tax purposes, please return the receipt with your first and last name printed clearly at the top.)*

#### Wrapping paper ~

If you can provide gift wrap separately, it would be very helpful. Please note that wrapping paper is not necessarily for the gift that you bring in, so don't worry about cutting to size! Sheets/rolls/partial rolls are given out to parents for wrapping of their children's gifts.

#### Gift Cards ~

You will note that some of the tags on the tree are for gift cards. These in themselves are not gifts for children. They are used in the event not all the tags are taken and/or gifts are not returned and we need to buy the gifts for some of the children.

Please do NOT include CASH or GIFT CERTIFICATES with your purchases.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 442-3141.

***We thank you for all you've done and continue to do!***

***The Second Collection this weekend  
is for Christmas Flowers.***

***The Second Collection next weekend  
is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.***



### **HIS Pantry**

*“Seeing Christ in the hungry”*

Phone Number: 442-1720

[hispantryshsf@gmail.com](mailto:hispantryshsf@gmail.com)

HIS Pantry at SHSF (Facebook link)

**Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Fridays 10:00 am – 11:30**

HIS pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community. We are very grateful for the continued donations and assistance from all who are able to lend a hand!

Here are some ways you can help:

- Financial support: cash donations, VISA or store gift cards (you can bring these to the parish office or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked for HIS Pantry.)
- Groceries: rice, spaghetti, pasta sauce, healthy cereals, coffee; canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans, shelf stable juices, tuna, canned chicken.
- Personal hygiene items: deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products.
- Miscellaneous: laundry detergent, clean plastic or reusable bags, diapers (all sizes).

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry, please call 802-442-1720 or email [hispantryshsf@gmail.com](mailto:hispantryshsf@gmail.com). All new hands and hearts are welcome!

*Note: We are now accepting clean winter coats, blankets and children's clothes, and have an ongoing need for toiletry supplies such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant and toilet paper. As always, we thank everyone for their generosity.*

### **All Souls' Day Remembrance Envelopes**

You will find the All Souls' Day remembrance envelopes in the vestibule of the church. The envelopes, with the names you wish remembered, will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

### **Remembrance Book**

As a personal way of remembering loved ones, our Remembrance Book will be located near the Sanctuary for those wishing to inscribe names of family and friends. Although different from sponsoring a Mass, the Book of the Dead provides a means to remember someone special in our lives.

## *Upcoming* **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **BENNINGTON EMPTY BOWLS EVENT**

**November 17, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Mt. Anthony Union Middle School  
East Road, Bennington**

The Greater Bennington Interfaith Community Services (GBICS) is collaborating with Bennington College students in Social Kitchen: Ceramics, Food, and Community class to host EMPTY BOWLS this Sunday November 17th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Mount Anthony Middle School. This fun event allows each guest to pick out and take home a handmade bowl after enjoying a variety of soups and breads donated by local restaurants and businesses. Proceeds support the GBICS Kitchen Cupboard food distribution program. For more information and to buy tickets, visit [benningtoncares.org](http://benningtoncares.org) or call 802-447-3700

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP

Two weeks ago, on Sunday November 3, members of our Parish answered our call to lend a hand with the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church. A special thank you Dan & Janet Lucy, Diana Center, Julie Guasconi, Julie & Phineas Inman and Carolyn & Gerry McMurray. We truly appreciate your willingness to lend your time, talent and treasure to this worthwhile community outreach.

If you (or a group) would be interested in hosting one of these dinners, just give the office a call at 442-3141. Thank you.

### **Mass Transit Card**

Engage yourself and/or your family to pray and pay more attention to the Mass. Try the Mass “Transit Card” which encourages parishioners to think about Mass before and again after. If you and/or your family completes a card and you would like to be eligible for a drawing for a **\$25.00 Amazon Gift Card**, please place each completed card in the bag labeled at the entrances of the church. Any questions—reach out to Kathy Murphy.