

August 9, 2020



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

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

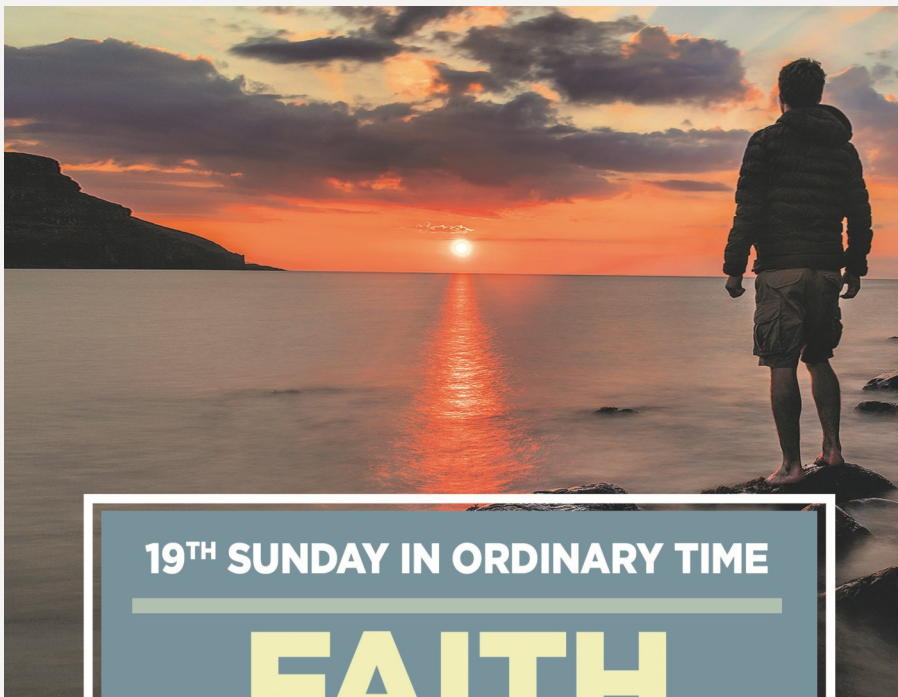
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



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Rev. Hugh Cleary, c.s.c.—Parochial Vicar

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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH

Immediately Jesus stretched
out his hand and caught
Peter, and said to him,
"O you of little faith, why
did you doubt?" - Mt 14:31

PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for
August 8—16, 2020

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., Aug. 8/9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Madeleine Fitzgerald (14th) - Theresa Wood
 † Erin Watson Holland - Penny & Brennan Holland
 7:30 a.m. † Abraham Madkour - Charles & Priscilla Salem
 Our Parish Family
 9:30 a.m. † Alda & Philip Racicot - Mary
 † Anne Legacy - Sharon Stepp
 Jake & Monique White
 (40th Wedding Anniversary) - Mom

Monday, Aug. 10 Saint Lawrence

8:00 a.m. † Irene Hilchey - The Sandquist Family

Tuesday, Aug. 11 Saint Clare

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, Aug. 12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 a.m. † Albert Racicot (60th Wedding Anniversary)
 - His Wife, Mary Pat
 † Joan Nolan-Morneau
 - Her Daughter, Patrice Nolan-Fox

Thursday, Aug. 13 Saint Pontian

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Friday, Aug. 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 a.m. † Michael Hackett - The Godfrey Family

Sat./Sun., Aug. 15/16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Lillian Sarchino - Her Daughter, Marianne
 † Richard Lyons - Marie Ray
 † Isabell R. Sleeman
 - Daughter, Juliet & Son, Timothy
 7:30 a.m. † Gary Antognioni (7th) - The Family
 9:30 a.m. † Frank & Hazel Kelly and Jo Cadiz - The Family
 Our Parish Family

Sunday Summary

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Elijah learns to listen for the Lord in the slightest whisper.

Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 We hear the Lord in the proclamation of peace.

Romans 9:1-5 Paul is frustrated because his own people do not embrace Jesus as the Christ.

Matthew 14:22-33 The disciples see the Lord but mistake him for a ghost.

Note From The Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Parish,

We want to express our heart-felt gratitude to all of you for your love and commitment to the parish. These pandemic months have been nerve-wracking and difficult for everyone. It has been a chaotic and stressful time. In order to keep the COVID-19 virus from spreading, all the routine demands and pleasures of daily life have been curtailed and disrupted. We have not even been able to gather as a community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through it all you have not forgotten the financial needs of the parish. Many of you have mailed in your envelopes or dropped off your generous contributions or contributed electronically through our parish website. You have been extraordinary in maintaining your stewardship of the Parish.

We are aware of the financial strain everyone is experiencing in these complex times which makes your generosity even more outstanding. Thank you for your goodness and for the inspiration you have given us. We are blessed to be serving here at the parish.

Please know of our prayers for you and deep appreciation.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Fr. Bob and Fr. Hugh



But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

- Mt 14:30-31

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	<i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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**



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

Mr. David Estes, Principal

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.



On Saturday, August 1, we welcomed Gabriel Thomas Cope to our Catholic Family through the Sacrament of Baptism. Standing (Left to Right) Anthony & Ellen Lattizzori (Godparents), John & Christine Cope (Parents) and Fr. Bob. Congratulations to Gabriel!



**Update on School Opening in
Full Session
Starting September 8**

Everyone is anxiously waiting for word on school opening. The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 8. The Diocesan Superintendent and Catholic School Principals created a plan for opening called "United in Faith – Returning with C.A.R.E. (Communities and Academics Reimagined Effectively)". The document is now on Bishop Coyne's desk awaiting approval. Once that has been approved, our reopening task force, made up of teachers, parents, and health professionals, will create a plan specifically for The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis. It will look specifically at how we will be addressing all the safety protocols. It will outline all the steps that will be put in place when school reopens. This should have been ready for our school community on August 1. Our primary concern is providing a safe and secure environment in which our students can continue the learning process and you as parents can feel comfortable with the fact that we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your children. This is going to take a lot of work and sacrifice on everyone's part, but that is what makes us stronger as a community. School will obviously look very different and routines will not be what they were before all of this started. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please trust that we will do our very best to be sure your children are safe at school.



Confirmation

On Sunday, August 2, during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Marissa DeJesus and Sarahi Villa Arreguin received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Standing left to right with their sponsors are Marc DeJesus, Marissa, Sarahi, and Patricia Korzec. Congratulations to Marissa and Sarahi!



Please remember the sick, including ~

Bob Hannon, Marie Parker Mayer, Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Tina Harrington, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Dolores Pruden, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Abigail Grace Lamar, Wilfred LaBonte, Therese Long, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the patients of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

**Gospel Reflection
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.



54 Day Rosary Novena

August 15 ~ October 7

*(Feast of the Assumption to
the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)*

Intentions: God's Blessings on the upcoming election.
Peace in our country.

How to Pray:

Pray first 27 days *requesting that God will save our country*

- Pray: One Rosary each day, begin with Sign of the Cross and a Hail Mary. Pray the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries (Luminous Mysteries not included)

Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet, I humbly kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow-white buds to remind thee of thy joys. Each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery. Each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace.

O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my petition. From thy bounty thou wilt give me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of thee. Show thyself my Mother!

Pray next 27 days *in Thanksgiving*

- Pray: One Rosary each day, begin with Sign of the Cross and a Hail Mary. Pray the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries (Luminous Mysteries not included)

Thanksgiving Prayer (final 27 days)

Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet, I gratefully kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow-white buds to remind thee of thy joys. Each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery. Each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace.

O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my thanksgiving. From thy bounty thou hast given me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly sought. I despaired not of what I asked of thee. Thou hast truly shown thyself my Mother.

For more information, calendars, etc. go to:
<https://queenofpeacemedia.com/fifty-four-day-novena>

The Inland See

August 8 - 14, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



Dear Friends,

During these unprecedented pandemic, we have faced personal the closing of our churches and the suspension of the public celebration of the Mass, the other sacraments, devotions and funerals. But we have also realized once again something we have known throughout the history of the Church: There is nothing that can stop us from proclaiming the Good News of salvation, caring for the neediest and spiritually feeding God's flock.

Our ministries have continued in new and creative ways. The Diocese and local parishes now live-stream daily and Sunday Mass as well as devotional prayer and other faith engagement activities. During the shutdown we continued to operate Catholic schools and provide emergency aid and residential care through Vermont Catholic Charities. Now, by the grace of God, we have been able to open our doors to celebrate the sacramental worship of the Church together again.

But we still face many challenges. Prior to the pandemic, I was about to launch the first statewide capital campaign for the Catholic Church in Vermont based on the Diocesan Synod priorities that we spent two years developing. That obviously had to be postponed. Still a great deal of time and money has gone into the planning of this campaign, and the contract with the company I engaged to help run the campaign is running down. All things being equal, I would not be starting a capital campaign at this time. But I think we have to and not just for contractual reasons.

Now more than ever, we need to move forward with our synod priorities and launch the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church capital campaign. We cannot give up on the future of the parishes and ministries serving the faith community. Many of them have seen significant downturns in terms of funding, and they need our help.

This campaign is rooted in the works of Christ (Matthew 4:23) and the outcomes of the synod to build vibrant parishes (Preaching), strengthen our evangelization (Teaching) and communicate the compassion of Christ in our service to the most vulnerable (Healing).

"And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people" (Mt 4:23).

This campaign offers a wonderful opportunity for each parish to use 60 percent of the funds they raise to address specific parish needs with the other 40 percent going to the larger Catholic community to strengthen our faith formation programs and expand emergency aid to the most vulnerable among us.

Next week I will celebrate the official public kickoff at the beginning of the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass that will be live-streamed at www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass. I invite you to join me or watch at a later time. Please also take the opportunity to watch the Christ Our Hope video which explains why we need to move forward with the campaign and how it will strengthen our church for the future: www.christourhopevt.org.

I have already made a personal pledge of over \$10,000 towards the campaign. I ask you to please join me in being generous as well. With Christ as our hope, whatever we raise will be for His glory and the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

Casual or Small

A few days ago, we were sitting with Gail* in our parlor. The previous day Gail had turned around from an abortion appointment at Planned Parenthood, and as she sat before us, her story of grace unfolded. When Gail first learned she was pregnant, she made an appointment for an abortion but did not go, knowing deep down that there was life within her and hoping that her situation would somehow change for the better. A month later, after a painful conversation with the baby's father, Gail made another appointment for an abortion. This time she went but found herself unable to walk into the clinic and so she sat down outside, fighting a war within herself.

Soon a sidewalk counselor approached her with a message of hope, and Gail received the grace to turn around from the clinic. What she didn't know is that during that time her mother, who was initially supportive of whatever she decided, even if it be abortion, had regretted her stance. She was trying to contact Gail before it was too late, but couldn't get through to her. In her helplessness, her mother dropped on her knees and prayed that a god somewhere, somehow, would save her daughter and grandchild.

"Any god who is listening out there - save her and her baby - PLEASE!"

This mother's prayer, even though it felt so small and helpless, was answered by our Heavenly Father! In our own lives we might feel like our prayers or actions are also small and insignificant, but Cardinal O'Connor taught us otherwise. On the back of every Sister of Life's medal is the phrase: *"and nothing would again be casual or small."*

In Cardinal O'Connor's own words, *"Nothing would again be casual or small, but everything with light invested" ... When our heart beats with Christ's heart, we see the whole world differently. We see every human being differently. We look into the womb of every mother and see the Image of the Son of the God in the 'Wandering Word' terrifyingly small in her womb. We see the replica of the Word of God, the Word made flesh. ... We see in every sinner ... the Word of God. Everything is invested with light, the Light which is the Christ, the Light."*

Truly, every prayer matters. Every sacrifice we offer up, every insult we bear patiently, every time we exercise virtue in our daily decisions - all these 'small' things matter. Sweeping the floor of your kitchen, putting away your toddlers' toys for the fifth time or cooking dinner for your family all have eternal value. Because of the Incarnation, every little thing is flooded with Divine Light, every little thing has meaning, and from Heaven's heights we will see that the road of this life was paved with such little things.

Father, we thank you for the gift of life and love. We ask you to pour into our hearts a double portion of your Spirit, filling us with your Divine Love. Please grant us the grace to live our daily lives whole-heartedly and please teach us to do small things with great love. We beg You to increase our faith, that we may believe and trust that all these 'small' things matter, and that You hear our prayers. Help our daily lives to give witness that in the midst of evil, Love is always possible. Amen.

- This article was provided by Rita Dee



As you may be aware, the Diocese of Burlington is in the planning stages of a major capital campaign with a goal to unite as Catholics to renew, strengthen and secure the future of the Catholic Church in Vermont.

While excited for the effort, we're also thrilled to share that the campaign will directly benefit Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales. Our parish will keep **60 percent** of the dollars we raise to use as we see fit!

To run a successful effort at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, we need your help. We need to recruit a strong volunteer team willing to reach out to their brothers and sisters in Christ. If you would like to assist, or have questions about the role of a volunteer, please contact the parish office.

You can help make a difference for the Diocese of Burlington and Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish. Please consider lending your talent to this important cause!

Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP

On Sunday August 2, members of our Hospitality Committee answered our call to lend a hand with the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church. A special thank you to Betty Palmer, Jane Taylor and Jo-Anne Amadon. We truly appreciate your willingness to lend your time, talent and treasure to this worthwhile community outreach.

Second Congregational church has gone to great lengths to create protocols that keep everyone safe during this time of the pandemic. 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.

**For the Month of August
Daily Mass Schedule**

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m.

Saint John the Baptist
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m.

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for
the maintenance of our church.
There is no **Second Collection** next weekend.
We thank you for your generosity!