

JANUARY 16, 2022



# 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)  
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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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:1-3

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## PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM  
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## SACRED HEART ST FRANCIS DE SALES



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for  
January 15 — January 23, 2022

*(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)*

**Sat./Sun., Jan. 15/16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. † Gerry P. Morrissey (17<sup>th</sup>) & Jane Morrissey  
Maloney (32<sup>nd</sup>) - Mary Morrissey
- 7:30 a.m. † Deceased members of the Knights of  
Columbus, Council #307
- 9:30 a.m. † John & Shirley Lapean - Anthony & Cindy  
Lapean
- † Claude Stolz - The Garder Family

**Monday, Jan. 17 Saint Anthony**

- 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

**Tuesday, Jan. 18 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

**Wednesday, Jan. 19 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. † Charles Noe - Alison & Carol

**Thursday, Jan. 20 Saint Fabian and Saint Sebastian**

- 8:00 a.m. † Phil O'Neill - The Family

**Friday, Jan. 21 Saint Agnes**

- 8:00 a.m. † Nancy Fell - Bill Hall

**Sat./Sun., Jan. 22/23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 9:30 a.m. † Michael Murphy & Kathleen Murphy  
- Joan Murphy

### Gospel Reflection

*Encouraging a deeper understanding of scripture.*

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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### Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

- Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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### Sunday Summary

**Isaiah 62:1-5** A new name is given to those vindicated by the Lord.

**Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10** Bless the name of the Lord in song and tell the story of God's wonderful deeds.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11** Our gifts and works may differ, but the Lord we serve is one and the same.

**John 2:1-11** The mother of Jesus becomes the first disciple to believe in him.

*"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,  
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and  
a word of kindness to every person we encounter,  
for we are welcoming the presence  
of Christ among us."*





**Faith Formation Program**

*"Growing In Faith Together"*

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or [shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org)

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



**The School of Sacred Heart**  
**St. Francis de Sales**  
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Bennington, VT 05201  
**Mrs. Tiffany McKenna, Principal**  
802-442-2446

*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.*

**Faith Formation Updates...**

Do you know anyone who is interested in the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, or simply a child who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith? If so, please contact Kathy Murphy or Mary Drew at (802) 442-3141.

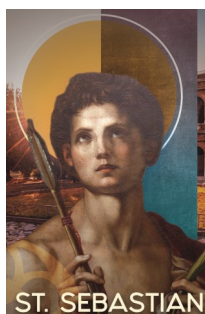
**Faith Formation dates for CGS and Grades 1 - 5**  
**SHSF Church**  
**10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

- **January 23** - In-person classes resume
- **February 20** - No Class - school break
- **April 17** - No Class - Happy Easter!
- **May 7 - 8** - Retreat, Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- **May 8** - No Class, but retreat for those receiving First Eucharist
- **May 22** - Last Class - Pentecost celebration

**Save the Date for Confirmation**

Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m.  
at Christ our Savior Church, Manchester, VT

**Saint of the Week — Examples of Our Faith**  
**St. Sebastian | Feast Day January 20**



Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint

entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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**Pick of the Week for January 16:**

**Learn:** *FORMED Now! Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina Kowalska*

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

**Listen:** *7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn*

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.

**Kids' Corner ~ Sharing the Gospel**



Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

**Prayer:** Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

**Something to Draw:** Draw a picture of the wedding servants listening carefully to Jesus.

**Mission for the Week:** What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.

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**Please remember the sick, including ~**

Jean Thomson, Jim Derby, Sally Letourneau, Joan Douglass, Mark Fortun, Kay Krawczyk, Pauline Restino, Adelaide Talbot, Nolin Danforth, Donna Peters, Kyle Dame, Rose Santarcangelo, Charlie Buckley, Frank Babcock, Tami Greene, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Christopher Rubino, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Gloria Van Derzee, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of Cora B. Whitney.



**Annual 9 Days for Life  
January 19 - 27, 2022**

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

**Annual Diocesan Mass for Life**

Please join in praying for the protection of all human life at the Diocesan Annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop Coyne on Saturday, January 22 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier. Rosary for Life will be prayed just prior at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following the Mass there will be a Rally for Life, presented by Vermont Right to Life, and a prayerful walk to the Statehouse.



**Votive Candles  
January 2022 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Beatrice Alderman  
*requested by Ron & Doris Alderman*

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.  
*requested by their Children & Families*

† James Horrigan  
*requested by his Family*

† Annette Poblocki  
*requested by Family & Friends*



**Milestone Marriage Anniversaries**

The Diocesan World Marriage Day and Milestone Marriage Anniversaries Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 6 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington with Bishop Coyne. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20... 50, 55, etc.) in 2022, who wish to be recognized at this Mass, please contact the parish office at 802-442-3141 before January 28.

**Eucharistic**

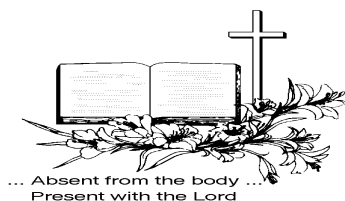


**Adoration**

*"The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to him alone."*

*— Pope John Paul II*

**Adoration Fridays in the church  
from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**



*John Thomas Bossoni*

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 15–21, 2022 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## ‘Look me in the eye’

*“The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light.” — Mt 6:22*

My mother was a great observer when it came to solving which child was naughty. She would say, “Look me in the eye and tell me what happened.” I could never get away with anything, even as an adult. I also learned that it was easier to tell the truth than to attempt to perpetuate a lie.

I find looking into the eyes of children easier than looking into the eyes of strangers; perhaps because there is a fear of what the other person might discover about me as they look back.

In the eyes of children, there is an innocence and trust, until it is broken or taken. Our faith teaches us to have a moral compass, a moral conscience, where we do good and avoid evil: “The education of the conscience is a lifelong task,” notes the Catechism of the Catholic Church. “From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law.”

As parents — and a faith community invested in teaching our children — we

might try to rely on our own experiences to guide us when fostering both justice and mercy in our children. We might attempt to share stories of our youth, when we were hurt by friends, picked on for what we wore or could not afford. We might have been the ones to do the hurting, choosing to fit in with the popular or cool kids, as the temptation to do evil was wrapped up in a well disguised package. We may continue to find these same temptations, disguised differently to lure us into keeping up with our neighbors or trying to help

our children by being their “friends” and not following up on the ground rules we set to guide them. Our children witness our actions and model what they see. What exactly are we doing to set the example?

Our children experience far greater temptations and dangers than ever before that can prey upon them at school,

at home, at soccer or dance. The battle is real. It began with Adam and Eve and continues today. Our faith, the truth of God’s love, is our saving grace.

“Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a

child will not enter it.” — Mk 10:15

Take the time to look into the eyes of your children every day. Talk about the day and listen. What is God trying to tell you at this moment in this conversation?

Choose a time to sit together and look at each other, maybe over a meal. Our children deserve our time, love and closeness. Turn off all distracting media. We all deserve this focused attention, this relationship with one another as God is present during these times too.

Practice forgiveness and how to reconcile with one another. Model the behavior you hope to instill in your children. It is not always easy, and you can always turn to God for guidance to help you find the words to say, “Please forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_. I was wrong. Will you forgive me?” This carries more weight than just saying, “I’m sorry.”

We are called to be in communion that begins at home. Parents are the first teachers of their children. God, our Father, desires this for us, His children. We can support one another, beginning at home, and bring this into the larger community. Together we can make a difference for both our children and one another as we grow in our faith.

“Act justly, love kindness, walk humbly with God.” — Mi 6:6-8

— Terri McCormack is coordinator of marriage and family life for the Diocese of Burlington.



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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### HIS Pantry

*"Seeing Christ in the hungry"*

Phone Number: **442-1720**

hispantryshsf@gmail.com

HIS Pantry at SHSF

(Facebook link)

**Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Fridays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

HIS Pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community.

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry please email hispantryshsf@gmail.com or call 802-823-0195.

#### Donations:

For those of you who would like to donate items to the pantry, we have a continued need for the following items, which the Foodbank usually does not supply:

- ◆ Peanut butter
- ◆ Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ◆ Shampoo

Due to increased concern over the delta variant, we will be continuing to operate outside on Wednesdays and Fridays for the next few months.

We can not accept any more of the following donations: used shoes, adult diapers, books and miscellaneous household items. We are overflowing and have little space left! As the weather begins to turn cooler we are accepting warm winter coats and blankets.



### Sign up for Flocknote

Flocknote enables you to receive parish event information, Holy Day reminders, Mass time changes and inspirational resources via text and/or email. Flocknote is free and you may unsubscribe at any time. Please take advantage of this invitation to join today!

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### Join us for a Zoom Adult Enrichment on

#### **Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life**

by Donald McNeill, Douglas Morrison & Henri Nouwen

Dates & Times are as follows:

(Please read following pages before each.)

(Sessions 2, 3, and 4)

Jan 24, 2022 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Read pp 47-84

Jan 31, 2022 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Read pp 87-127

Feb 7, 2022 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Read pp 129-137

Please register through the Zoom registration link:

<https://tinyurl.com/fw2vh44>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Consider attending as many sessions as you can.

Books will be available at The Bennington Bookshop at the discounted price of \$12.80. If all of these are sold, additional participants can order them for \$16.

For more information, contact facilitator Wilma Ann Johnson at [johnsonwa7@msn.com](mailto:johnsonwa7@msn.com) or 802-681-7290

### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

**First Reading:** The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

**Second Reading:** Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

**Gospel:** Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

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### 2022 Calendars

2022 Religious Calendars are available at the entrances to the church. These are free, compliments of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church.