

MAY 1, 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

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



Rev. Robert Wiseman, c.s.c.—Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, c.s.c.—Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Gary Zack—Deacon

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.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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
April 30 — May 8, 2022

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., April 30/May 1 Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 p.m. † Deceased family members of Art & Kay Hicks - Mary Morrissey
- † Henry Maynard - Tom Maynard
- † Melissa Perrott-Mason - Carol Salazar
- 7:30 a.m. † John Murphy - Alison & Dan Malmborg
- 9:30 a.m. † Rose Santarcangelo - Carol
- † Mary - Carol

Monday, May 2 Saint Athanasius

- 8:00 a.m. † Eleanore Simpatico - Catherine Flood Moorehouse
- † Margaret Mahon - Alison & Dan Malmborg

Tuesday, May 3 Saints Philip and James

- 8:00 a.m. † Madeleine Fitzgerald - Theresa Wood

Wednesday, May 4 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. † Teresa Kazberuk - The Family (Living) For the health of Joan Rauer - Joan Monroe

Thursday, May 5 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. † Walter & Yvonne LaFlamme - The Family

Friday, May 6 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. † Robert J. Myers (10th) - His Wife
- † Helen McKenna - Her Daughters
- 9:00 a.m. (Living) For the intentions of Dr. Jeanne Gearon - SHSF School Staff

Sat./Sun., May 7/8 Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 p.m. For All Mothers
- 7:30 a.m. For All Mothers
- 9:30 a.m. For All Mothers

Gospel Reflection

Encouraging a deeper understanding of scripture.

Third Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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Readings for the week of May 1, 2022

- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41 The Sanhedrin is not finished with those who persist in proclaiming the name of Jesus.

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 The mourning of the world turns into dancing when God rescues those in need.

Revelation 5:11-14 Creatures in heaven and on Earth declare the glory and might of our God.

John 21:1-19 Even those who deny Christ will hear the invitation again: "Follow me."



Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or shsfffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org

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
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.



Reenactment of the Last Supper

Faith Formation classes had a Last Supper Reenactment during class where students participated in what Jesus and his disciples experienced in the Cenacle, or the Upper Room, on Holy Thursday.



Following Easter, the classes gathered together again for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd tradition called Liturgy of the Light. During the Liturgy of the Light we process with the Easter Candle, sing, read scripture, and each student has a candle lit from

the Easter Candle to remind them of their Baptism. We also "unburied" our Alleluias and proclaimed *Rejoice! He has risen, Alleluia!*



**Saint of the Week – Examples of Our Faith
St. Rose Venerini | May 7**



The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

"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."

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Please remember the sick, including ~

Linda Kenyon Thayer, Joan Charbonneau, Barbara Marino, Dotti DePollo, Donna Savoia, Jean Thomson, Joan Douglass, Mark Fortun, Kay Krawczyk, Pauline Restino, Adelaide Talbot, Kyle Dame, Charlie Buckley, Frank Babcock, Tami Greene, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, 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 Bennington Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Please Keep Our Sacramental Preparation Students in Your Prayers!

The programs include students from both Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist Churches.

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Our Savior Church in Manchester for the deanery.

First Communion: Sunday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church.



**Votive Candles
May 2022 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.
requested by their children & families

† Art & John Hogan
requested by their family

† Melissa Perrott-Mason
requested by her family



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Pick of the Week for May 1:

Watch: *The Way of St. James*

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.

Learn: *Acts of the Apostles with Mark Hart*

The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

**Listen: *Reaching Out to Today's Culture*
by Bishop Robert Barron**

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.

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 chapel
from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets for one hour shifts are in the chapel.

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for our Parish School.

The **Second Collection** next weekend is for the maintenance of our church.

We thank you for your generosity!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 make a donation to HIS Pantry, we have a continued need for the following items:

- ◆ Canned vegetables, fruit, soups
- ◆ Pasta sauces (preferably not in glass containers)
- ◆ Peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken
- ◆ Condiments such as mayo, ketchup, mustard, vegetable oil
- ◆ Toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Our continued thanks for your kindness and generosity!



Honoring All First Responders

With Music

Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m.

This Sunday, May 1, Donald McMahon will perform a recital at our magnificent parish organ at 3:00 p.m. The program will begin with Richard Wagner's thrilling masterpiece, The Ride of the Valkyries, and conclude with a boisterous and rhythmic toccata with a fun and rollicking Americana flavor by Canadian composer Denis Bedard. The performance will also include "The Peace May Be Exchanged" by American composer Dan Locklair, and selections by Bach, Lubeck, Bruhns, and others. It was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart who crowned the organ "The King of All Instruments," and once again Don looks forward to glorifying Christ and bringing enjoyment to his parish family and friends with this noble creation. Come as you are and enjoy!

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The apostles faced trial and even persecution from the religious leaders of Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) for bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection. Why do you think some people are threatened by the good news of Jesus risen from the dead?

Second Reading:

John sees a vision of heaven in which all of the created order is worshipping Jesus as the slain and risen "Lamb." What images of heaven bring you comfort?

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus appeared to seven of his disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. In doing so, Jesus comes to strengthen Peter for his upcoming leadership role. What gives you strength in your faith journey?

Kids' Corner ~ Sharing the Gospel



When the apostles ran out of food, they went fishing. They fished all night long, but they didn't catch anything. In the early hours of the morning, they saw Jesus standing on shore. He told them to put their nets down in the water on the right side of their boat. They caught so many fish that their net was filled to the top. They were very glad they had listened to Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, help me listen and follow the directions of my parents.

Something to Draw: Draw Jesus near the apostles in a boat with a net full of fish.

Mission for the Week: When my parents ask me to do something, I will do it right away.

"When you encounter difficulties and contradictions,
do not try to break them, but bend them
with gentleness and time."
~ St. Francis de Sales



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April 30 – May 6, 2022 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

TOTUS TUUS



Vermont's Largest Catholic Summer Program!

Totus Tuus is an energetic and fun Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

Totus Tuus is one week long, with the grade school (grades 1-8) session during the day from 9am to 3pm, and a session for high school students each evening. The week is led by our enthusiastic team of Totus Tuus missionaries!

For more information, please visit: vermontcatholic.org/totustuus or contact Pam King at pking@vermontcatholic.org.

2022 Dates and Locations

June 19 – 24

Sacred Heart - St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
St. Andrew, Waterbury

June 26 – July 1

Immaculate Conception (St. Mary's), St. Albans
St. Monica, Barre

July 10 – 15

St. Michael, Brattleboro
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe

July 17 – 22

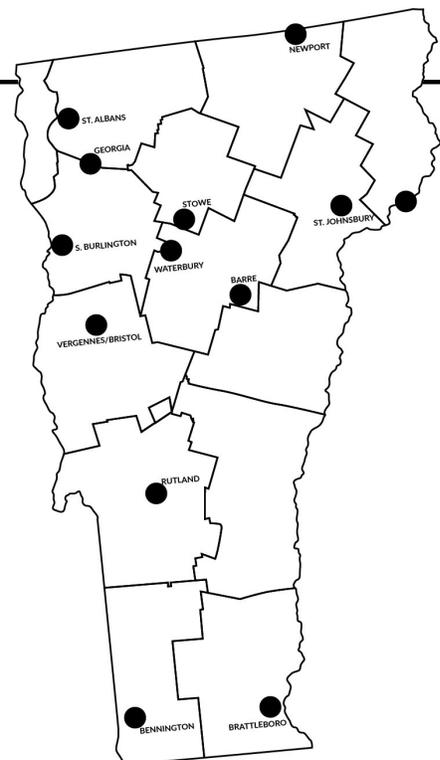
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
St. Peter, Vergennes

July 24 – 29

Mater Dei Parish, Newport
Christ the King, Rutland

July 31 – August 5

Corpus Christi Parish, St. Johnsbury
Ascension, Georgia



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