



November 17, 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 (Year C)



Eucharistic Celebrations

November 9 – November 17, 2019

- 11/16 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)**
† Robert McDermott by Father of Msgr. McDermott
- 11/17 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)**
† Armand Morrisette by His Wife and Family
- 11/17 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)**
Pro Populo
- 11/19 Tue 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)**
Deceased Members of St. Andre Bessette Parish
- 11/20 Wed 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)**
† Robert McDermott by Father of Msgr. McDermott
- 11/21 Thu 8:30 am (St. Vincent)**
Aimee Ruscio by Helene Croteau
- 11/22 Fri 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)**
† Robert McDermott by Father of Msgr. McDermott
- 11/23 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)**
Kate Ruyle by Helene Croteau
- 11/24 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)**
Pro Populo
- 11/24 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)**
† Pauline Choquette by Her Sons & Families

This Week's Prayer Intentions

For all who are sick, for the homebound of our parishes and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Bonnie Day, Casey Bonneau, Michelle Warman, Edward Quintal, Roger Decheneaux, Noella Berthiaume, Denise (Laramée) King, Lise Coulombe and Conrad Coulombe. "Lord, look upon all the above with Mercy. May Your Healing Hand rest upon them. May Your life-giving powers flow to the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to health of mind and body".

For our recently deceased family, friends and community members especially Robert J. McDermott, Sebastiyi, Samuel Bartlett, and Mrs. Rita Coyne. "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."



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Papal General Intention (November)

Universal: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Greetings and Offerings

November 23 - 24, 2019

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters

- 5:00 pm Anne Cota
 8:00 am Volunteers from the Community
 9:30 am Raul & Kathy Fernandes

Offertory

- 5:00 pm Croteau Family
 8:00 am Parish Volunteers
 9:30 am Choquette Family



This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

- 11/17 Sun 7:30 am Rosary – SV
 9 – 10:30 am Encountering Jesus Groups – SHJ Hall
 11:30 am St Vincent Buffet Dinner – SV Hall
- 11/19 Tue 9:00 am Rosary – SHJ
 11/24 Sun 7:30 am Rosary – SV

Noteworthy Days 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

- 11/21 Presentation of Mary (white vestment)
 11/22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (red vestment)

Prayer for the Month: Prayer for the Sick

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Office Hour Change

Office hours have changed. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9 am – 2 pm. Thanksgiving week the office will be open Monday and Tuesday 9 am – 2 pm. The week of December 1st the office will be open Monday, Wednesday (open at about 10:30 am) and Thursday.

Bishops Annual Appeal Update

The Bishops Annual Appeal for the diocese of Burlington is at 83%. St. Andre Bessette Parish is at 88% of our overall goal of \$15,800 with \$13,966 in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent's November Steeple Cross Memorial

In Memory of Bernard Bonneau
by Rodney & Denise Wilkins

Catholic Tidbits

Selection from "The Moral Universe" (ch. XII)

by Venerable Fulton Sheen 1933

There is one word which to modern ears probably signifies the unreal, the fictional and even the absurd in the Christian vision of life, and that is the word 'Purgatory.' Although the Christian world believed in it for sixteen centuries, for the last three hundred years it has ceased to be a belief outside the Church, and has been regarded as a mere product of the imagination, rather than as the fruit of sound reason and inspiration. It is quite true to say that the belief in Purgatory has declined in just the proportion that the modern mind forgot the two most important things in the world: the Purity of God and the heinousness of sin. Once both of these vital beliefs are admitted, the doctrine of Purgatory is unescapable. For what is Purgatory but a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who depart this life in God's grace, but are not entirely free from venial faults or have not entirely paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions? In simpler language, love, without suffering is Heaven; suffering without love is Hell; and suffering with love is Purgatory. Purgatory is that place in which the love of God tempers the justice of God, and secondly, where the love of man tempers the injustice of man.

First, Purgatory is where the Love of God tempers the Justice of God. The necessity of Purgatory is grounded upon the absolute purity of God. In the Book of the Apocalypse we read of the great beauty of His City, of the pure gold, with its walls of jasper and its spotless light which is not of the sun nor moon but the light of the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world. We also learn of the condition of entering into the gates of that Heavenly Jerusalem: "There shall not enter into it anything defiled, or that worketh abomination, or maketh a lie, but they that are written in the book of the life of the Lamb." Justice demands that nothing unclean, but only the pure of heart shall stand before the face of a pure God. If there were no Purgatory then the Justice of God would be too terrible for words, for who are they who would dare assert themselves pure enough and spotless enough to stand before the Immaculate Lamb of God? The martyrs who sprinkled the sands of the Coliseum with their blood in testimony of their faith? Most certainly! The missionaries like Paul who spend themselves and are spent for the spread of the Gospel? Most assuredly! The cloistered saints who in the quiet calm of a voluntary Calvary become martyrs without recognition? Most truly! But these are glorious exceptions. How many millions there are who die with their souls stained with venial sin, who have known evil, and by their strong resolve have drawn from it only to carry with them the weakness of their past as a leaden weigh. (...)

Purgatory is a place where the Love of God tempers the Justice of God, but also where the love of man tempers the injustice of man, for it enables hearts who are left behind to break the barriers of time and death, to convert unspoken words into prayers, unburned incense into sacrifice,

unoffered flowers into alms, and undone acts of kindness into help for eternal life. Take away Purgatory and how bitter would be our grief for our unkindnesses and how piercing our sorrow for our forgetfulness. Take away Purgatory and how meaningless are our Memorial and Armistice Days, when we venerate the memory of our dead. Take away Purgatory and how empty are -our wreaths, our bowed heads, our moments of silence. But if there be a Purgatory, then immediately the bowed head gives way to a bent knee, the moment of silence to a moment of prayer, and the fading wreath to the abiding offering of the sacrifice of that great Hero of Heroes, Christ. (...)

While yet confined to that prison of purifying fire, they hear the voices of the angels and saints who call them to their true fatherland, but they are incapable of breaking their chains for their time of merit is passed. Certainly God cannot be unmindful of a wife who offers her merits to the captive soul of a husband waiting for his deliverance. Surely the mercy of God cannot be such that He should be deaf to, the good works of a mother who offers them for the liberation of her offspring who are yet stained with the sins of the world. Surely God will not forbid such communication of the living with the dead, since the great act of Redemption is founded on the reversibility of merits. Responsive, then, will we be to the plea not only of our relatives and friends but of that great mass of unarmed warriors of the Church Suffering who are yet wearing the ragged remnants of sin, but who, in their anxiety of soul to be clothed in the royal robes fit for entrance into the Palace of the King, cry out to our responsive hearts the plaintive and tender plea: "Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, at least you, my friends, for the hand of the Lord has touched me."

Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekends of 11/9 – 11/10/2019

St. Andre Bessette Parish	
Offertory	\$ 1200
\$Budget/Week	\$ 1,771
Difference +/-	\$(571)
Military	\$195

Knights of Columbus 'Coats for Kids'

The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. The Troy area Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Jay Focus Group have a limited number of new winter coats (youth boy sizes 8 to 18) available for boys and girls in our area. *Please contact Jacques Couture 744-2733 for more information.*

Traditional Latin Mass On the Road

St. Elizabeth's, Lyndonville – Sunday, December 8th 5pm

Come celebrate the Traditional Latin form of the Holy Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) is the Mass that formed all our great saints for well over 1000 years. A wonderful experience for anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of Catholic Tradition.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

November 16–22, 2019

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



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 a 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.

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS



11|18 MONDAY **Distinctly Matthew: The Most Quoted Gospel**

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

Join us for three Monday evening sessions with Father Richard Berube. Series started on November 4.



11|21 THURSDAY **ALICE**

St. Raphael, Poultney • 6 - 8 pm

We all are very familiar with the church and other shootings that have taken place in our country in the past. Law enforcement has developed a program designed to protect, as much as possible, those put in danger by a shooter. This program is called ALICE. This is a program that is open to all and it is one that is designed for our personal safety. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You never know.



11|22, 23, 24 FRIDAY — SUNDAY **Walking with Mary on my Life Path**

*Our Lady of Life Spiritual Center,
Saint Paul d'Abbotsford, QC*

Retreat for all ages in the Carmelite tradition, teaching by Fr. Laurent Marie, o.c.d., given in French with simultaneous English translation. **FOR MORE INFO:** vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-mary-on-my-life-path/



11|24 SUNDAY **Thanksgiving Dinner**

All Saints Dorion Hall, Richford • 12 - 1:30 pm
Cost: By donation.



11|26 TUESDAY **Rice Memorial High School STUNT NITE**

Flynn Center, Burlington

2 Shows: 4pm and 8pm. All seats, both shows — \$20.



12|03 TUESDAY **Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Party**

St. Mark, Burlington • 6 - 8:30 pm

Prayer service and lighting of the Christmas tree with a potluck. The celebration is open to all families and friends.



12|05 THURSDAY **A Day of the Eucharist**

St. Thomas, Underhill Center • 8 am - 8 pm

This day of Eucharistic adoration will begin with Holy Mass at 8 am. At the beginning of each hour we will pray various Catholic devotions throughout the day. **FOR MORE INFO:** Parish office (802) 899-4632.



12|07 SATURDAY **Our Lady of Fatima Devotions**

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am

First Saturday of every month, come to Our Lady of Fatima Devotions. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 a.m. and Mass at 8:30.



12|07 SATURDAY **Blood Drive**

St. Isidore, Montgomery • 9 am - 2 pm

Hosted by St. Isidore Parish and sponsored by Montgomery Emergency Services. Local raffles with prizes. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS Walk-ins are welcome!



12|07 SATURDAY **Marriage Preparation Retreat**

St. Peter, Vergennes • 10 am - 5:30 pm

Come take a break from wedding preparation and spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship with your fiancé and other engaged couples. Lunch and materials will be provided — prior Registration is required.



12|08 SUNDAY **Annual "Messiah Sing"**

Our Lady of the Snows, Woodstock • 4 - 6 pm

Our parish's contribution to Woodstock's

Wassail Weekend. There will be a professional orchestra and soloists; but anyone who wishes to sign may join the Chorus. Just bring a libretto. The event is open to the public, and is a truly enjoyable Advent tradition.



12|14 SATURDAY **Padre Pio Devotions**

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am
Rosary starts at 8 am followed by Mass,

Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.



12|14 SATURDAY **Bingo**

All Saints Parish Hall, Richford
11:30 am - 5 pm

Doors open at 11:30 am, games start at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

CRAFT FAIR & MARKET DIRECTORY

Holiday Craft Fair

St. Francis Xavier, Winooski,
9 am - 4 pm

11|23

St. John Altar Society Bazaar

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls
9 am - 2 pm

Craft Fair & Basket Raffle

Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford
9 am - 2 pm

11|30

Annual Craft Fair

Ascension Church, Georgia
9 am - 3 pm

12|06

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Christmas Bazaar

St. Mary's School, Fair Haven
11 am - 6 pm

Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph
2 pm - 5 pm

12|07

Christmas Bazaar

All Saints Dorion Hall, Richford,
9 am - 2 pm

St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar

Town Hall, Orwell,
9 am - 2 pm

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair

St. Patrick, Fairfield,
9 am - 3 pm

Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar

St. Frances Cabrini, West Pawlet,
10 am - 2 pm

Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph,
9 am - 2 pm

Christmas Bazaar

St. Anthony, Bethel,
9 am - 2 pm

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Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Randolph:
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Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven:
Organist or Keyboardist/Choir Director

St. Joseph Residential Care Home,
Burlington: LPN

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