



March 22, 2020
Laetare Sunday
 (Year A)



Eucharistic Celebrations

March 20 – April 15, 2020

There will be no public Mass through the 15th of April. Please see the letter from Bishop Coyne in the March 22nd Bulletin or on our website.

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, 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 John Bajada-page, Roger Decheneaux, Arnold McAllister and Frances O Lucier.

"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."



Submit bulletin intention/announcements to:

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Papal General Intention (March)

Evangelization - Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

St. Vincent's March Steeple Cross Memorial

In Memory of Leo and Simone Therrien
by: Andre, Wilma and Family

Noteworthy Days the 4th Week Lent

March is dedicated to St. Joseph

3/22 Laetare Sunday (rose vestment)

3/25 Annunciation (white vestment)

Prayer for Victims of Assisted Suicide

Oh Lord, have mercy on those who are seeking out assisted suicide. Have mercy on those, who may not be heard in this argument. Have mercy on those who help those dying. Have mercy on those who die by another's hand, voluntarily.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen. (source unknown)

Save the Date: Eucharistic Retreat in SHJ, Troy

- Saturday, June 27, 2020
- From 9am to 4pm

Bishop Coyne sadly announces suspension of all public celebrations of Mass, sacraments, devotions

Effective Friday, March 20, all regularly scheduled public celebrations of the Catholic Mass, sacraments and devotions are suspended until further notice. Priests of the Diocese of Burlington will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the intentions of their community and the Church. Baptisms, funerals and weddings may take place but will be strictly limited in attendance to immediate family members.

I have taken this course of action following the advice of local public officials and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to limit gatherings to 10 people. While this is a difficult time for the faithful, we must all do our part to ensure the health and well-being of the larger community by helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as necessary.

Plans are moving forward to "live-stream" a local celebration of the Mass daily beginning with this Sunday, March 22, at 10 a.m. Please check the diocesan website at vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/ for all TV Mass options, resources to keep Sunday holy and the latest updates.

LISTING OF CATHOLIC CLOSINGS AND OPENINGS

Parish offices – open

Diocesan offices – open with limited staffing

Parish food pantries – open (take-away only)

Parish soup kitchens – open (take-away only)

Vermont Catholic Charities – open

Parish churches – open daily (consult local church for scheduled hours)

Catholic schools – closed until April 15 (remote and online learning)

Parish religious education programs – closed (some remote and online learning)

Perpetual adoration chapels – closed

I ask that you pray daily the pope's prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection from this pandemic (see www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/). Please continue to support your parish and the Diocese by giving online or via mail to ensure we remain financially stable during these difficult times.

My motto, "Trust in the Lord," has gotten me through many difficult times. Lean on the Lord and know that He will guide you through to better days.

Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekends of 3/14 – 3/15/2020

St. Andre Bessette Parish

Offertory	\$ 1100
\$Budget/Week	\$ 1,771
Difference +/-	\$ 280

Poland – In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina

Join Fr. James Dodson for a 9 day pilgrimage. See flier in back of church or visit www.pilgrimages.com/frdodson/

Offertory Reminder

Although our churches are closed for worship during this trying time, the bills still must be paid. Please continue to provide for our needs through your generous donations.

130 S. Pleasant St., Troy, VT 05868

Pastor's Message

The Coronavirus has made the world messy. At this critical moment, the church in Vermont has taken important steps as preventive measures. The service is suspended but the Church is open. There is no scheduling of the Masses, but the Lord is waiting. Adoration has been cancelled but the tabernacle is still in the Church. The Easter service has been stopped but faith in Resurrection of our Lord continues. There is no rosary in the church, because we are starting it at home. The stations of the Cross have been called off that we can live it every day in our life. The dinners are not prepared in the Churches that we are given a chance to experience how the early Christians longed for the Eucharist amidst threat of death.

It is a time not to be critical but to be proactive and it is a test to promote our faith and responsibility towards our church. The Church in Vermont is never happy about cancelling the Masses, but it is joyful in praying for Its people the whole day.

From today, every day is a Holy Saturday, when the Church has no liturgical service but prays in silence, in anticipation of the Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of our Lord. So kindly don't think that the Mass has been suspended; think that the Church can't have any liturgical celebration because every day, until further notice, is a Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. It is a time for a worthy preparation to receive the Eucharist as Sts. Imelda Lambertini and Gemma Galgani did. God protects us

Some useful information and updates from Fr. Paul

1. Free Magnificat for the next 3 months (<http://us.magnificat.net/free>)
2. Watch our parish website for Diocesan updates on online Mass.
3. Stay connected with our Parish. Bulletins will be kept in front of the Church starting Saturday evening and are available on our website or by email (upon request).
4. Blessed Palms will be outside the churches on April 5th.
5. Mailing your offertory or dropping off a check (no cash) in the suggestion boxes at every church is much appreciated.
6. Fr Paul will be praying for all parishioners and offering daily Masses for all.
7. Pray to St. Andre for a healthy world.

Pope's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself and took up our sorrows, to bring us through the Cross to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

Prayer for Coronavirus

Prayer in times of pestilence (Coronavirus!) - The Stella Coeli

The town of Coimbra (Portugal) having been visited by a violent pestilence, the nuns of St Clare offered their prayers in the following form, whereupon the contagion instantly ceased. This holy prayer, if it is recited daily with confidence in God and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will arrest this scourge.

Stella Coeli Prayer

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. May this bright Star now vouchsafe to extinguish that foul constellation whose battles have slain the people with the wound of death.

O most pious Star of the Sea, preserve us from coronavirus; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray,

O God of mercy, God of pity, God of benign clemency, Thou Who has had compassion on the affliction of Thy people, and has said to the angel striking them, "Stop thy hand;" for the love of this glorious Star, whose breasts Thou did sweetly drink as antidote for our crimes, grant the assistance of Thy grace, that we may be safely freed from all pestilence, and from unprovided death; and mercifully save us from the gulf of eternal punishment: through Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.

Watch Online

Monday: Family Rosary – 6.00pm with Terri McCormack

Tuesday: Parish Leaders: How to use Zoom for online ministry + other ideas, a workshop – 11:00am with Michael Hagan

Tuesday: Catholic Book Club: Death comes for the Archbishop, Chapter 3- 8.00pm with Michael Hagan

Wednesday: Unlocking (and praying) the Liturgy of the hours, Morning Prayer – 10.00am with Josh Perry

Thursday: Bible Study, the Gospel of Mark 2-4 – 12.00pm and 7.00pm with Deacon Phil Lawson

Friday: Praying with the Scriptures, following Jesus' Passion – 2.00pm and 8.00pm with Michael Hagan

Sunday: Sunday Mass (live from Burlington) – 10.00am

Sunday: Catholic Quiz Bowl (for kids) – 9.30am with Michael Hagan

Sunday: Adoration in a Time of Coronavirus (for adults) – 9.30am with Josh Perry

The Inland See

NEWS FROM

March 21–27, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Precautionary notice from Bishop Christopher J. Coyne regarding novel coronavirus

As a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of viruses, such as the novel coronavirus and flu, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne released a notice to all parishes within the Diocese effective Wednesday, March 4, 2020, to temporarily suspend communion from the cup until further notice.

Additionally, until further notice, the Sign of Peace at Mass is not to include any physical contact. The practice of holding hands during the Lord's Prayer should cease as well.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to limit potential exposure to viruses pastors have been asked to regularly communicate to their parishioners that if one is sick, he or she should stay home and not attend Mass. The obligation to attend Mass in such cases is lifted. Priests, lay ministers, and all present for liturgy should be mindful of and practice good hygiene measures.

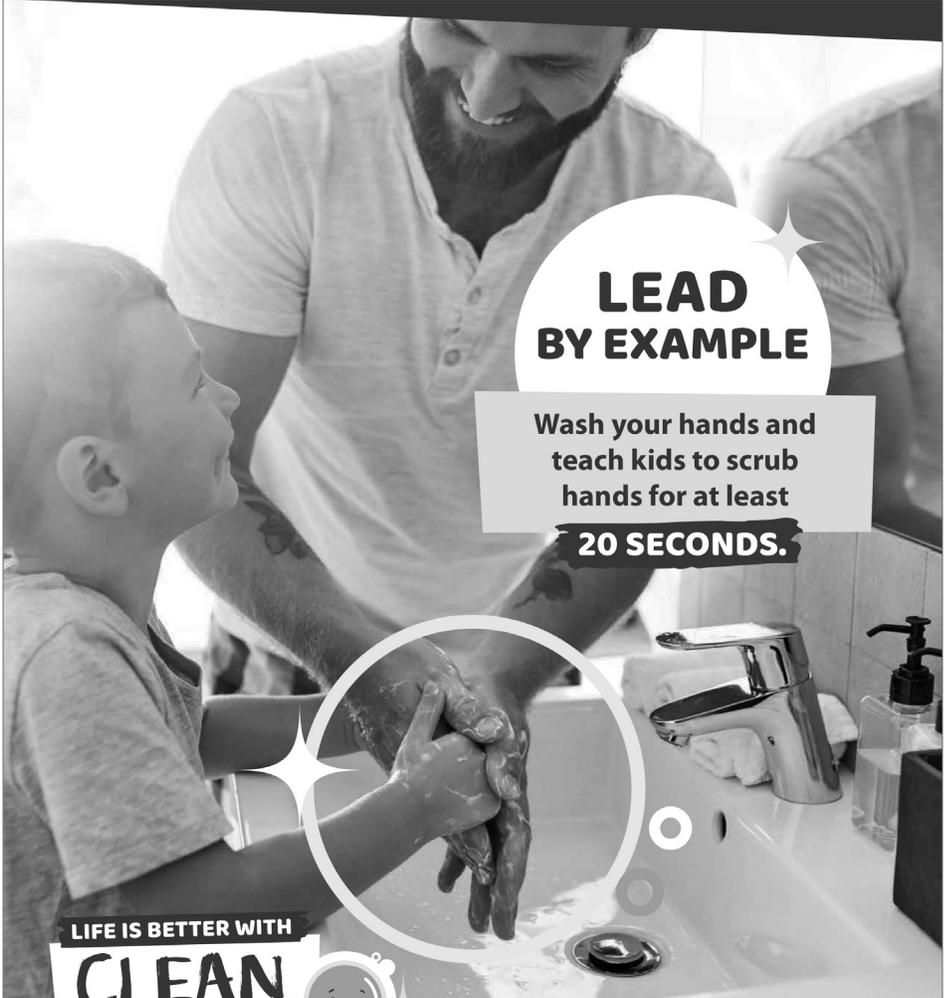
It is important to note that many of the precautions that help prevent other respiratory diseases, like colds and the flu, can also help keep an illness like novel coronavirus from spreading:

- ♦ Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ♦ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- ♦ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ♦ Stay home (and keep your children home) when sick.
- ♦ Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.

- ♦ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For additional information regarding the novel coronavirus and preventative measures, please visit the CDC's website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html



LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Wash your hands and teach kids to scrub hands for at least **20 SECONDS.**

LIFE IS BETTER WITH **CLEAN HANDS**

www.cdc.gov/handwashing

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UPCOMING EVENTS



03|24 TUESDAY Pastoral Ministries Conference Webinar

Online • 7 - 8 pm

This webinar is for everyone who attended the Pastoral Ministries Conference in September and for those interested in parish leadership and ministry in our diocese. Deacon Phil Lawson and Michael Hagan will host this discussion. We will also be joined by parish leaders from: Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington, All Saints, Richford, St. Luke & Ascension Parishes, Fairfax & Georgia. This is an online event and registration is FREE. Simply register using this link and you'll be able to watch our speakers (live) and interact with questions or comments — all from the comfort of your own home!
FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/pastoral-ministries-conference-webinar/>



03|25 WEDNESDAY Saint Francis Xavier School Open House

Saint Francis Xavier School, Winooski
8:30 - 1:30 pm

St. Francis Xavier offers strong academics, a vibrant community, and a supportive, faith-filled environment for our students. Walk-ins are welcome, but we also encourage RSVPs by calling (802) 655-2600 or e-mailing info@sfxvt.org. Saint Francis Xavier School serves students from Pre-School (age 3) to grade 8. Visit our website at www.sfxvt.org.



03|25 WEDNESDAY Lenten Mission: "Insight into The Gospels"

Saint Sylvester, Graniteville • 6 - 7 pm

Inspirational, educational, and insightful reflections on The Gospels, presented by Rev. Father John Milanese. Saint Mark on March 4, Saint Matthew on March 11, Saint Luke on March 18, and Saint John on March 25. If desired, bring your Bible and a notepad. Lent isn't just about what you give up; it is about who you become.



03|27, 04|03 FRIDAYS Stations and Soup

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 - 6:30 pm
On Fridays during Lent, we will pray the

Stations of the Cross, followed by soup prepared by various parish groups, served at St. Brigid's Kitchen.



03|27, 04|03 FRIDAYS Lenten Soup Supper for Haiti

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
6 - 7 pm

Join us for a modest Lenten meal, with a variety of meatless soups and lots of good fellowship. A free will donation is requested (but not required) and will go to support education and community development at our sister parish in Boc-Banic, Haiti. We will also accept donations of school supplies, which will be collected throughout Lent and shipped to Haiti later in the spring. After the meal, all are invited to stay for Stations of the Cross in the church upstairs.



3|27, 28, 29 FRIDAY-SUNDAY Lord, What do You Want Me to Do?

Our Lady of Life Spiritual Center,
St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, QC • 7 pm

Vocation Discernment Retreat with Bishop Christian Rodembourg (Diocese of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec). Teaching given in French with simultaneous English translation.

FOR MORE INFO: www.notredamevie.org/en



03|28 SATURDAY Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

St. Anthony, White River Jct. • 9 am - 3:15 pm

Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference featuring Guy Gruters



03|29 SUNDAY Ascension Church Maple Ham Dinner

Georgia Elementary and Middle School,
Georgia • 12 - 2 pm

Single seating at noon. Cost is \$15/person, \$11/seniors, \$7/children 5-12, children under 5 free, \$35/family.



04|03 FRIDAY St. Ambrose Lenten Fish Fry

St. Ambrose, Bristol • 5 - 7 pm

Join us for all-you-can-eat fish fry. Meal includes fried or baked haddock, French fries, coleslaw, fresh baked dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Adults \$13.50, children 9 and under \$6.50, immediate family of 5 \$38.



04|04 SATURDAY Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

First Saturday of every month, rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.



04|04 SATURDAY Lenten Day of Recollection

St. Mark, Burlington • 8:45 am - 2 pm

Juventutem Burlington is hosting a "mini-retreat" for young adults from age 18 to 35 led by Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. We will start with Mass at 9am, followed by talks given by Fr., and Exposition and Benediction with time in between for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and confessions. We will have some light refreshments available after Mass (coffee, bagels, fruit, etc.)



04|04 SATURDAY Blood Drive

St. Isidore, Montgomery Ctr. • 9 am - 1:30 pm



04|04 SATURDAY K of C Bingo

Dorian Hall, Richford • 11 am - 5 pm

Doors opening at 11 am and games starting at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



04|07 TUESDAY Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11 am

Join Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne

and the priests of the Diocese of Burlington for the annual Mass at which priests will renew the promises they made at their ordination and the holy oils used throughout the year in the sacramental life of the Church will be blessed. **NEW THIS YEAR** Park at St. Anthony's Church in Burlington and take a shuttle van to the Cathedral. Shuttles will run from 9:30 - 10:45 am, and again following the Mass until 2 pm.



04|20 MONDAY A Cause for Sainthood — Burlington's First Bishop

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

Kathleen Messier, Diocesan Archivist, and Josh Perry, Diocesan Director of Worship will discuss: The path to sainthood — Who? Why? What? How? When? Exploring the process of canonization in the Catholic Church, A biographical sketch of Burlington's first bishop +Louis de Goësbriand, A curated display of artifacts belonging to or used by Bishop de Goësbriand, Comments, questions, and answers

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

The Loretto Home, Rutland: Director of Nursing — \$3,000 Sign-on Bonus!

Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington: Administrator

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech — \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver — \$500 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver

Vermont Catholic Charities: Counselor Full-Time

For More Info:

vermontcatholic.org/careers