

Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord Year B

Welcome to St. Andre Bessette Parish!



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS January 02, 2021 – January 10, 2021

- 01/02 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
For the People of our Parish
- 01/03 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
† Bernard Bonneau by Donat & Jeannine Choquette
- 01/05 Tue 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)
† Janice V., J. William, and Mabel Maynard
- 01/06 Wed 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Janice V., J. William, and Mabel Maynard
- 01/07 Thu 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Janice V., J. William, and Mabel Maynard
- 01/08 Fri 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Janice V., J. William, and Mabel Maynard
- 01/09 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
Open for Intention
- 01/10 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
Open for Intention

This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

Jan 02	Sat	4.00 PM	Relic Program –SHJ
Jan 07	Thu	6.00 PM	Ladies of SHJ meeting
	Thu	7.00 PM	K of C Meeting
Jan 10	Sun	8.00 AM	Religious Education –SHJ

Noteworthy Days – Christmas Octave

- ♦ Jan 02 - St Basil the Great
- ♦ Jan 03 - Epiphany of the Lord
- ♦ Jan 04 - St Elizabeth Ann Seton
- ♦ Jan 05 - St John Neumann
- ♦ Jan 06 - St Andre Bessette

Happy New Year—2021

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, cards and gifts to me for Christmas. Your gifts helped Ebenezer to pay his 4th semester fee, Merlin paid her 6th semester fee in college and also helped my mom to remove the cataracts in both eyes. My parents don't get any pension and I help them every month. God is so wonderful that my family receives blessings after blessings. I had gone to India last January and now I miss my family, cute niece and nephew a lot. My baby brother is waiting for me to bless his wedding. I hope for getting the renewal soon to plan my trip in April or May. May God bless all of us.

Wish you all a Happy Feast of St Andre Bessette

Yours in Christ,
Fr Paul

Papal Intention for January

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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, Denise (Laramee) King, Lise & Conrad Coulombe, Craig Hansen, Donald St. Onge, Wilma Therrien, Jim Cunningham.

"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, and restoring them to health of mind and body. Amen"

Online Giving....

St. Andre Bessette Parish is excited to offer online giving for one-time as well as recurring gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit using the form on this page. <https://shsvsi.com/give>

Many Thanks:

Thank you so much Gaston Bathalon and Deborah Morrisette for your commitment, dedication and hardwork in making the reliquary beautiful for St Andre's Relic. You are appreciated. May God bless you...



**Please submit Mass Intentions and bulletin announcements
before Wednesday at 1:00 PM to
st.andrebulletin@gmail.com.**

Vacancy...

The administrative assistant position in our parish is vacant. It is a paid position. If you are interested, please apply by reaching out to our parish email.

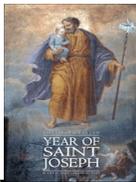
Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto 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. Amen.



St. Vincent's Steeple Cross Memorial – January

Open for booking



Happy Feast of St Andre

Year of St Joseph

8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021



APOSTOLIC LETTER—*PATRIS CORDE*

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph.” Let us try to read a part of the letter every week.

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed *Pius IX* (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (*Mt* 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”. [6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all. (http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekend of 12/26/2020—12/27/2020

Offertory	\$1,540.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,771.00
Difference +/-	(\$231.00)

Parish Prayer

St. Andre Bessette we implore your intercession for our parish named in your honor.

May your example of devotion and love for St. Joseph, guide us with your prayers, so that our parish becomes an Inspirational light shining for all souls in our surrounding communities
St. Joseph, Zealous Defender of Christ,
Protector of the Holy Church, Pillar of Families,
And Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.

Pastoral Associate for Parish Life Training Program

When it is not possible to appoint a full-time Parish Priest or a Parish Administrator, due to a shortage of priests, there is a further way for the Bishop to provide for the pastoral care of a community.

In order to sustain Christian life and to continue the evangelizing mission of the community, the diocesan bishop may entrust a share in the pastoral care of a Parish to a deacon, to a consecrated religious or layperson, or even to a group of persons (e.g., Religious Institute, Association).

This is a one-year formation program designed to equip these individuals with the knowledge and skills to serve their parishes. This service will take the form of parish administration, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, finances, sacramental preparation, liturgical planning and assistance, human resources, and faith formation. This program will take place in the academic year 2021-2022.

Prerequisites for this program include: Completion of Diocesan Lay Formation Program or substantial equivalent and 3 letters of recommendation (including one from applicant’s pastor). Application materials will be available in early 2021. For more information on this program contact Dcn. Phil Lawson plawson@vermontcatholic.org

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass:

Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 2021 9:30AM

St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier with Bishop Coyne.

Will also be livestreamed at:

<https://vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass>

and the Burlington Diocese’s Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington>

COVID-19 vaccines:

USCCB’s Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines:

<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk’s (Fr. Tad) explains ethics of the current and potential vaccines for COVID-19. It is worth clicking on just for the chart listing all potential vaccines, their association to abortion derived cells, and each’s “Ethical Profile.” <https://thecatholicspirit.com/commentary/making-sense-out-of-bioethics/must-catholics-refuse-a-covid-19-vaccine-made-with-a-cell-line-from-an-abortion>

Parish Pro-Life Liaisons: Do you know someone who is concerned for the voiceless, the underserved, and the hopeless? We are looking for a point person in every parish. This volunteer is a liaison between the parish and the diocese and someone we can reach out to with bulletin announcements as well as hand off ready-made materials and ideas. You can contact Phyllis Harkonen, Respect Life Coordinator at pharkonen@vermontcatholic.org. Thank you for your time.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 2–8, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Pope Francis proclaims Year of St. Joseph

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The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St. Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote “Patris corde” against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence.”

St. Joseph, in fact, “concretely expressed his fatherhood” by making an offering of himself in love “a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home,” writes Pope Francis, quoting St. Paul VI.

And because of his role at “the crossroads between the Old and New Testament,” St. Joseph “has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people.” In him, “Jesus saw the tender love of God,” the one that helps us accept our weakness, because “it is through” and despite “our fears, our frailties, and our weakness” that most divine designs are realized.

“Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser,” emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God’s mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we “experience His truth and tenderness,” because “we know that God’s truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us.”

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his “fiat” he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to “do the will of the Father.” Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he “cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption,” as St. John Paul II said, “and is truly a minister of salvation.”

At the same time, Joseph is “an accepting Father,” because he “accepted Mary unconditionally” — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, “in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident.” But the bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand,

“setting aside his own ideas” and reconciling himself with his own history.

“Patris corde” highlights “the creative courage” of St. Joseph, which “emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.” “The carpenter of Nazareth,” explains the pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence.” He had to deal with “the concrete problems” his family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

— Catholic News Service/Vatican Media



A Nativity scene is pictured as Pope Francis leads his general audience in the library of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican Dec. 16, 2020. — CNS photo/Vatican Media

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As of Dec. 16: \$3,570,467

Goal: \$9,582,456

Upcoming Events



01|07, 14, 21, 28 THURSDAYS

Vermont Catholic Book Club:

Silence

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

This January, join us as we read Shusaku Endo's *Silence*. Two missionary priests secretly travel into 17th century Japan at a time when Christians are being persecuted harshly. What does it mean to be faithful to Christ in difficult times? This question and many others are posed in this challenging and gripping novel. We will meet four times to discuss the book and how we might learn from it. Bring a friend! Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/book-study-silence/



01|13, 20, 27 WEDNESDAYS

Family & Faith in the Home

via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm

Parents are invited to attend an interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Herson of the Messy Family Project. Mike and Alicia have 10 children, and have much to share with parenting while living the Catholic faith. The webinars are a follows:

January 13, 8-9:30 p.m. – Communication in Marriage

January 20, 8-9:30 p.m. – Messy Parenting 101

January 27, 8-9:30 p.m. – Evangelizing Your Children

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/



01|20 WEDNESDAY

Vermont Catholic Professionals

Virtual Event

via Zoom • 8 - 9 am

Our January guest speaker is Deacon Pete Gummere – Bioethicist and Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He will be presenting, "Discernment: Family, Career and Service to the Church." Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event/



01|21 THURSDAY

"Just Mercy" Book Study Group

via Zoom • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Mercy Corps, a newly formed group of parishioners at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, is hosting an online book study for *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. The series will meet monthly, January through June. Saint John Vianney Church will have copies of the book available for \$10/copy. For more information, to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the book, or to register, please contact Connie McDonald at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.



JAN. 3–4, 2021

**CHALLENGES
TO GROW
YOUR
MARRIAGE**

HAPPY 2021!

Make a dating folder or notebook. Make a list of 5 dates you've each enjoyed, and 5 dates that were not so fun.

Share why and make notes, to remind yourselves!

Challenge yourselves to daily share what you are each grateful.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online: vermontcatholic.org/donate

100%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: \$2,651,157

78%

As of December 16: \$2,068,325