

Third Week in Ordinary Time Year B

Welcome to St. Andre Bessette Parish!



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS January 23, 2021 – January 31, 2021

- 01/23 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
† Real and Martha Lemoges by Lise & Dave Hockett
- 01/24 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
† Leon Couture by Alicia Couture
- 01/26 Tue 4.00 PM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priests of Mt. St Mary's Seminary by Fr Tim
- 01/27 Wed 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priests of Mt. St Mary's Seminary by Fr Tim
- 01/28 Thu 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priests of Mt. St Mary's Seminary by Fr Tim
- 01/29 Fri 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priest of Diocese of Burlington
- 01/30 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
For our Nation and New Administration
- 01/31 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
† Deceased Priest of Diocese of Burlington

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"

Please submit Mass Intentions and bulletin announcements before Wednesday at 1:00 PM to standrebessetteparish@vermontcatholic.org

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.



This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

Jan 30	Sat	4.00 PM	Mass for our Nation
	Sat	7.00 PM	Rosary – K of C

Noteworthy Days – Christmas Octave

- ◆ Jan 25 - Conversion of St Paul,
- ◆ Jan 26 - Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops
- ◆ Jan 28 - St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

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>

Parish Office

Dear Friends,

Our Nation has a new Administration and it is our duty to pray for its wellbeing. Every new Administration needs God's blessings and presence to lead its organization faithfully. Please join us to pray for our Nation on the 30th of January during 4pm Mass in Troy.

As our parish has no office assistant, I'm doing everything myself and I'm also teaching in St Paul's School, Barton on Thursdays and Fridays. If sometimes the office is not open, please feel free to call the office to leave a voicemail and I will be attending to your needs pretty soon. May I request your valuable prayers for me and my family on the Feast of my Patron, St Paul on January 25th. May God bless us all.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Paul

Parish Prayer

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

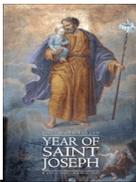
May your example of devotion and love for St. Joseph, guide us with your prayers, so that our parish becomes an

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.

St. Vincent's Steeple Cross Memorial – January

Bernard Bonneau by Rodney & Denise Wilkins



Year of St Joseph

8th December 2020

to

8th December 2021



APOSTOLIC LETTER – PATRIS CORDE

3. An Obedient Father

As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known. Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to "expose her to public disgrace",^[14] so he decided to "dismiss her quietly" (Mt 1:19).

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:20-21). Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Mt 1:24). Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In the second dream, the angel tells Joseph: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him" (Mt 2:13). Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved: "He got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod" (Mt 2:14-15).

In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home. In a third dream, the angel told him that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel (cf. Mt 2:19-20). Once again, Joseph promptly obeyed. "He got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel" (Mt 2:21).

During the return journey, "when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream" – now for the fourth time – "he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth" (Mt 2:22-23).

The evangelist Luke, for his part, tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered in his family's town of origin in the census of the Emperor Caesar Augustus. There Jesus was born (cf. Lk 2:7) and his birth, like that of every other child, was recorded in the registry of the Empire. Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God (cf. 2:21-24).

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. Lk 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. Ex 20:12).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. Jn 4:34). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, ^[16] becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

(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.

Would you need help to buy the book "Consecration to St Joseph"?

Nicole Pion 744-6318
Rose Bathalon 744-2373



Consecration to St Joseph

In this year of St Joseph, St Andre Bessette Parish is offering a 33-day preparation of consecration to St Joseph. During this 33-day devotion there will be the opportunity to meet as a group 6 times, in-person or by zoom. The program will be during Lent, starting on February 15 and ending on March 19, St. Joseph's Feast Day. The "Consecration to St. Joseph" book is written by Fr Donald Calloway. Books are available to purchase. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution towards the purchase of books. The cost of the book is \$4. Anyone interested in the program may contact Nicole Pion 744-6318 or Rose Bathalon 744-2373.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST ~



The Knights of Columbus Council 7943 would like to thank everyone who donated, worked, and participated in spite of the snowstorm. The winner of the 50-50 raffle was George Piette of Newport who donated his winnings back to the council. The winner of our monthly basket (Spa kit) was Marielle Brown from Milton, Vermont. We hope to see you all at our next breakfast on February 21, 2021. If you would have any questions, please contact Deborah @ 673-7510 or George @ 323-2470.

Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekend of 01/16/2021 – 01/17/2021

Offertory	\$1,835.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,771.00
Difference +/-	\$64.00

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for participating in our Capital Campaign. It is progressing every week. We appreciate that. Please consider helping our parish with your generosity. You are encouraged to participate for the good of our parish. Thank you!

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	% TO GOAL	RECEIVED
SABP	\$86,882	\$11,877	14%	\$4,794.00

NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

January 23–29, 2021

Social justice best served by 'choosing to build strong and loving relationships'

This article originally ran in the Winter 2020 Issue of Vermont Catholic.

“Social justice” is often considered to be physical acts of mercy, such as providing food and housing, promoting racial equality and making employment opportunity available. And indeed serving the most vulnerable among us is vital to living out our faith.

But Catholic social justice and teaching encompass much more.

Our Church has a rich treasure of wisdom and writings regarding social justice. There are three major principles of social justice that particularly relate to therapy and counseling work:

- 1. Life and dignity of the person**, often stated to be the foundation of all the principles of social teaching.
- 2. The call to family**, community and participation, seeking together the common good and wellbeing of all.
- 3. Solidarity**, pursuit of justice and peace, recognizing others as our brothers and sisters, building relationships.

I suggest that social justice is best served by choosing to build strong and loving relationships, first within our families and then spreading out locally and globally. We are made to be in union with God and one another; our very beings yearn for connection, to be known and loved and respected. Choosing to love ourselves and others, giving and forgiving, and forging deep, abiding relationships is the basis for a just society.

Recognizing the dignity of every person is integral to shaping how we perceive ourselves and those around us. We are all equal in our worth and value, regardless of ability, race, ethnicity, faith, age, struggles and viewpoints.

And then we choose to take care of relationships within our families, friendships and communities. We choose to see our own needs and desires and at the same time take care of the needs of others as best we can, especially considering the emotional and relational yearnings of ourselves, our spouses,

children, friends and neighbors (next door and across the sea). We choose to make sacrifices in order to respect and connect with the other. We offer calming and peaceful words in order to understand and be understood. We recognize that authentic dialogue is more important than winning the fight. We look on the other with compassion. We make time for meaningful and safe conversation. We avoid name-calling, over-generalizations, negative filters and all-or-nothing thinking.

We all deserve fairness, reliability, loyalty and respect, and we owe these to others as well. When we make dialogue and connection a priority, the physical acts of justice and serving the poor become a natural outpouring toward those around us, whether that be our family, friends or neighbors. The joy and satisfaction that we find in building relationships and becoming community will fuel ever-increasing acts of justice.

— *Sharon Trani, Therapist for Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.*



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Goal: \$9,582,456

Upcoming Events



01|26, 27 TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Learn About Walking with Purpose at The Art of Creating Community: A Virtual Event

via Zoom • 7 pm or 11 am

Do you have a heart for other women and a desire to bring them together in the parish... to meet women where they are and help draw them closer to Christ? This online Zoom information session will introduce you to Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study program now offered at over 400 parishes throughout the US. For more information please contact Elizabeth.Durastanti@walkingwithpurpose.com. 917-714-8015

Register: walkingwithpurpose.com/events/



01|27 WEDNESDAY

Family & Faith in the Home

via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm

Parents are invited to attend this interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Herson of the Messy Family Project. The topic is "Evangelizing Your Children."

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



01|31 SUNDAY

Envision Life

via Zoom • 6 - 8 pm

Join us for a virtual pro-life event live-streamed from Saint John Vianney Church in S. Burlington. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations, by Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy at Maryland Catholic Conference and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way.

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/



02|07 SUNDAY

Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Coyne

Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington • 10 am

Join Bishop Coyne for a special Mass to honor and celebrate sacramental marriages with significant anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2021. Given the health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at this Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). Registrations will be accepted through January 28, 2021.

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/



JAN. 24-30, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

TAKE TIME TO THINK BACK TO YOUR WEDDING DAY.

Share with each other one memory that made you laugh or cry and explain why. What advice would you give couples who are preparing for marriage this year? Share your advice with Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org.

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

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

81%

As of January 12, 2021: \$2,157,355