

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH YEAR A FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION



3/18/2023 †Janice Descheneaux
By Deborah Morrisette and Family

3/18/2023 † Jeannette Meunier
By Jerry and Nicole Pion

3/25/2023 †Jean Couture 11th Anniversary
By Theresa Couture

Weekday Mass Schedule at local Churches

St. Mary's Star of the Sea -
Daily 9:00 am.

Lowell Carmelite Monastery -
8:00 am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
9:00 am Sunday, Monday and Wednesday

Benedictine Monastery -
10:00 am daily

Society of Divine Vocations
Deacon Ward Nolan,
Temporary Administrator

Second Collection: today is for Catholic Relief Services



March
St. Vincent's Steeple Cross
Memorial
For Rita Croteau

Reflections

March 19
4th Sunday of Lent
Year A



**“SIR, TELL ME WHO THE SON
OF MAN IS SO THAT I MAY
BELIEVE IN HIM”**

We are entering the 4th Week of Lent. Our reflections this week will revolve around the question “How?” Last week we learnt “what” we are to do. This week we shall learn “how” we are to do it. All three readings combine to set the agenda: walk in light, not darkness. We are creatures of light and our lives are meant to be open books – inspiring all who read.

Our 1st reading about the call of the forgotten son, David, sets the tone when God announces with delightful bluntness: “God does not see as man sees’ man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.”



The stark contrast between darkness and light features again in Paul’s message to the Ephesians in our 2nd Reading. Like the Ephesians, we are urged to walk in the light and to steer away from anything that smacks of darkness. In the Gospel we have John at his classic best. We are called to go beyond the “what” of the Law and learn the “how” of it. The Pharisees prided themselves on their knowledge and observance of the Law – and in this area they were indeed flawless. But they were blind in that they missed the point of the Law. How shall we choose?

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.

Papal Intention March



For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

New time for Holy Hour during Lent is Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Starting on March 1st



(With Holy Adoration on March 22nd)

HOLY HOUR Each Wednesday from 6-7 pm

Will include a song or hymn, the Flame of Love Rosary and prayer petitions from the faithful.

PRAYER CORNER

The church is open during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for anyone wanting a quiet place to pray.



**If you know of someone in need of a home visit for Holy Communion or to see a priest, please call the office.
802-744-4066**



St. Andre Bessette Parish Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church: 7:00 PM

Good Friday

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church: 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church: **NO Holy Mass**

Easter Sunday

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church: 11:00 AM

Mater Dei Parish

Easter Vigil

St. Mary Church: 7:00 PM

Penitential Service / Holy Hour

Wednesday March 22, 2023
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Penitential Service and Confessions: 5:00 PM

Holy Hour: 6:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners

The Knights will host a baked fish dinner on:

Friday March 31st from 4:30 to 6:30 PM

At the Sacred Heart Parish Hall



\$15 per person

Menu includes: Soup, Dinner Rolls, Parmesan-Herb baked fish, Rice Pilaf with Orzo, freshly made Cole Slaw, veggies,

beverages, and dessert.

Eat in or take away available. RSVP required. **Please call by the Wednesday prior to reserve your dinner.** Contact Dan at 744-6272 or email dmcavinney@outlook.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening at 7:00 PM at SHJ

March 24th

March 31st



Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of March 11, 2023

Offertory
Weekly Budget
Difference +/-



\$876.00

\$1156.00

-(\$280.00)

A Lenten Thought

Regular routines can harden our hearts and close our ears and eyes in boredom, resentment, daydreaming. The next time you catch yourself not fully present in a "mundane" moment, resolved to look for the gifts God might be offering.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Prayer: I pray, O Lord, that You may choose to touch my soul at any moment, reaching into the tedium of my day when I least expect it, changing everything.

In His peace. Dcn. Ward

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY

BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 19

All are welcome



The Knights of Columbus Council 7943 will hold its monthly family breakfast from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Church Hall.

Monthly Breakfast (every third Sunday).

Eat-in or Takeout is available. All you can eat \$10.00
(6-12 years of age \$5.00, (Children 5 and under - FREE).

Sign up for a free door prize.



EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

One dollar per entry

May God bless all those who help support our efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact
Deborah @ 802-673- 7510 or
George @ 802-323-2470.

Prayer List

**Abigail Jackson,
Geraldne Berneche,
Wilma Therrien,
Joyce Crawford**

*Prayer for the Sick
Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of need. Alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love and grant us the strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servant to health. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge and accept Your will.*

Amen

**Please call the parish office
at (802-744-4066)**



NEWS FROM The Inland See

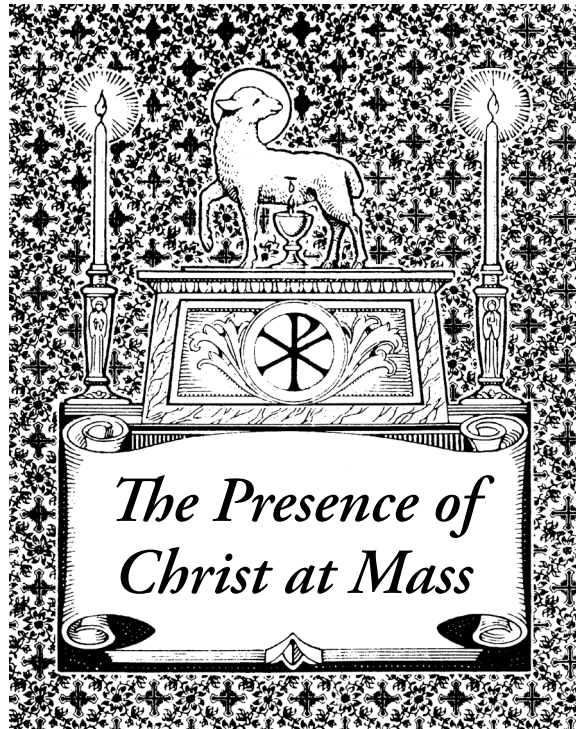
March 18–24, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

I love the gift of the Mass! We often hear the phrase that “Christ is present in the Mass,” and when we do hear this, our minds often, and rightfully, go to the Eucharist. Jesus Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine at Mass in a substantial and sacramental way. This Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a truly miraculous event that occurs on our altars each and every day, and we have the opportunity — the invitation — to witness and receive this miracle when we attend Mass. The Eucharist is evidence of God’s love for us. Jesus is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharistic species.

But God’s love for us is superabundant. This word has particular meaning in theology, but I want to use this word in a particular way in relation to the Mass. The Mass is the evidence of God’s superabundant love for us because in the Mass we encounter Jesus Christ not only in the Eucharist but in other ways as well. Christ’s presence is preeminent in the Eucharist — because the Eucharist is His body and blood, soul and divinity. But Christ is also present in the Mass through the Word of God proclaimed in the midst of the assembly, in the person of the priest and in the gathered assembly itself.

In the Word proclaimed. Christ is present in the Word proclaimed at Mass and in the sacraments. “Christ is present in his word; as he carries out the mystery of salvation, he sanctifies humanity and offers the Father perfect worship” (Introduction to Lectionary for Mass 4). I liken the encounter with the Word of God at Mass to coming to receive communion. There is an encounter between the communion minister and the communicant at which there is an exchange — the



giving and receiving of a gift, if you will. In this exchange, both minister and recipient encounter the presence of Christ. Likewise, in the act of proclaiming and hearing the Word of God at Mass, we find the presence of Christ in an exchange of the gift of His Word.

In the person of the priest. We see at the altar the priest, standing in the person of Christ who says, “This is my body. This is my blood.” In the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest offers the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, made present on the altar, as Christ did when He offered Himself as a sacrifice for us on the cross. The priest stands in the person of Christ and does what Christ does in offering the Eucharist. The priest also leads us in prayer to the Father as Christ leads us to the Father. In the person of the priest, we

encounter the very presence of Christ.

In the gathered assembly. Christ is present “when the Church prays and sings, for He promised “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20) (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 7). We encounter Christ in the others who pray with us. In fact, another name for the gathered Church is the Body of Christ.

May we give gratitude to God for the Mass and for the superabundance of His love. He wishes to be with us in multiple ways in the Mass. Let us be open to His invitation of encounter with God at Mass: in the word proclaimed, in the person of the priest, in the gathered assembly and most especially in the Most Holy Eucharist.

— *Josh Perry is director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington.*



Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

Submit your Eucharistic Testimonial to:
revival@vermontcatholic.org

“During the Mass, I feel very close to my heavenly Father and my spiritual sisters and brothers and I know that Jesus will be among us in the consecration and pray with us the ‘Our Father.’ It is always amazing to be in touch with our spiritual family.”

— *Capitoline Nyirambarubukeye
Parishioner at Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington*

Upcoming Events



03|21, 28 TUESDAYS

Taize Prayer

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
5:30 - 6:00 pm

Taize Prayer will be offered weekly on Tuesday evenings during Lent, beginning on Feb. 28 and ending on March 28. Taize is a village in France that is home to an ecumenical community of religious brothers who sing, fast and perform acts of charity throughout the world. The service will last about 30 minutes.



03|21 TUESDAY

Fertility Care and the Catholic Church

St. Ann, Milton • 6:45 - 8:45 pm

Join us for a Lay Formation Project Presentation focusing in on God's design for our bodies and why understanding our own fertility (for both men and women) is important in living out a faithful, fruitful, and holy life. For questions, please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org.



03|21, 28, 04|04 TUESDAYS

Come Pray with Us

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston
7:30 - 8:30 pm

Begins with Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, followed by group prayer at 7:50 PM, concludes with Benediction.



03|22, 29, 04|12, 19, 26

Contemplative Prayer Series

Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Jct. • 9:15 - 10:15 am

Join us for this series led by Louise Boisvert, a member of Notre Dame de Vie, a Secular Institute, founded in the 20th century by Blessed Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, a carmelite father. Silent prayer is not well known to the general public and yet we are all called to it through the grace of our baptism.



03|22 WEDNESDAYS

The Chosen Season 2

St. Elizabeth, Lyndonville • 6 - 8 pm
Join us for Season 2 of *The Chosen* at St.

Elizabeth Catholic Church in Lyndonville. You are invited to join in this second season as we continue to journey through the life of Jesus in this multi-season TV show.



03|22, 29 WEDNESDAYS

Presence:

The Mystery of the Eucharist

via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm

Join Christ Our Savior Parish for this weekly Lenten seminar. For information and to register: presencecosp@gmail.com.



03|23 THURSDAY

Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle

Saint Michael's College, Colchester • 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Dr. Shannen Dee Williams, Associate Professor of History at Dayton University, will deliver a lecture on her research about the involvement of Black Catholic nuns in the Civil Rights Movement. The lecture will take place in the Farrell Room of Saint Edmund's Hall (third floor) at the college. Open to all.



03|23 THURSDAYS

Lenten Series

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Come join Fr. Gratton as we learn about

Eucharistic miracles, marian apparitions, and inspiring saints throughout Lent. We begin with Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, followed by a free meal provided by the KofC Council #14351 (please bring potluck sides), and this inspiring series. Come ignite your faith during this Lenten Season!



03|23, 30 THURSDAYS

Lent with the VT Catholic Women's Group

Online • 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Grow with the Vermont Catholic Women's Group on Zoom as we go through the "Holy is His Name" Video study by Dr. Scott Hahn. Join us for one or all meetings. Women of all ages are welcome. Contact Carolina for more details: caro3600@gmail.com.



03|24 FRIDAY

St. Paul's Catholic School — Lenten Fish Fry

St. Paul's Catholic School, Barton • 2:30 - 5 pm

Pre-order week before desired meal. Two pick up times: 2:30-3 pm and 4:30-5 pm. Adults: \$15, Children: \$10. **FOR MORE INFO: call (802) 525-3711**



03|24 FRIDAYS

St. Peter's Take Out Fish Dinners

St. Peter's Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 6:30 pm
Take out fish dinners-serving 5:00-6:30pm

(take out). \$13/adults \$7/children 6-12. For reservations, please call (802) 877-2367.



03|24 FRIDAYS

Community Soup and Bread Supper

St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 5 - 7 pm

Please join us for a meatless soup and bread meal in the parish hall at 5 pm. Afterwards, join us for Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm in the church. Bring a friend.



03|24, 31 FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross and Meal

St. Mark, Burlington • 6 - 7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross prayer followed by a Lenten meal in the parish center dining room.



03|24 FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross

St. Johnsbury & Danville • 6 - 7 pm

Stations of the Cross are being held at both St. John the Evangelist in St. Johnsbury and Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Danville at 6 pm on Fridays during Lent. Join us as we reflect on the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



03|29, 30 WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY Lenten Retreat — Growing in the Interior Life through the Sacraments

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Come join Fr. Brandon Schneider for a two-day Lenten Retreat. Wednesday: 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner, followed by inspiring talks, Confessions/Adoration. Thursday: 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, followed by a provided meal (please bring potluck sides), inspiring talks, and Holy Mass.



04|02 SUNDAY

Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 pm
Benediction and Exposition of the Most

Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Lance Harlow.



04|03 MONDAY

Bereavement Support Group

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 5:15 pm
Bereavement Support Group led by Kyle

Sipples in the church hall. All are welcome to join this brand new ministry. In order to encourage discussion, these meetings are confidential.



04|04 TUESDAY

Special Holy Week Service

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
7 pm

Persons of all faiths are invited to gather at for a special service titled, "Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road With You: A Service of Scripture and Song for Holy Week." Old and New Testament readings, a splendid and deeply spiritual array of musical selections and powerful images of Christ's Passion and Death will be presented.

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