



## ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH YEAR A FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

3/25/2023 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
†Jean Couture 11th Anniversary  
By Theresa Couture

4/1/2023 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
†Real and Martha Limoges  
By Denis Limoges



### 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:**  
**Next week, April 1 is for:**  
**Utilities**



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

### Reflections

March 26, 2023  
5th Sunday of Lent  
Year A



**"WHOEVER LIVES AND  
BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER  
DIE"**

With this 5th Sunday in Lent, our pilgrimage takes us one step closer to the mysteries of Holy Week. God's loving plan for our salvation and elevation to new life is becoming ever more clear and we cannot avoid wondering and even asking "Why?" This is our anchor question for this week. The theme that unites our three readings today is that God is about life and freedom. In the valley of the dry bones with Ezekiel we hear the extraordinary promise: "I will put my spirit in you and you will live." We who have received the Holy Spirit can understand these words at an even deeper level.

Paul in the 2nd Reading reminds the Romans and now us, that "the Spirit of God has made his home in you." We are destined for resurrected life – nothing less? The gripping story of Lazarus in Jn 11 is a demonstration of Jesus' power over life and death. Let us stand close to Martha and Mary and open our hearts to the drama that is unfolding before them. The ringing command when Lazarus comes from the tomb, is a clarion cry for each of us: "Unbind him and let him go free." Our Christian mission is to unbind people and enable them to live freely. We are about life

### 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

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



**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.*

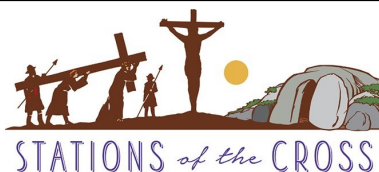
### **PRAYER CORNER**



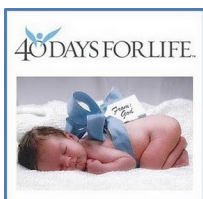
The church is open during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for anyone wanting a quiet place to pray.

**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**





Friday evening at 7:00 PM at SHJ March 31st



Christ came to conquer death, and therefore abortion. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (Jn.10:10)

If not you, who?

If not now, when?

March 12 – April 20<sup>th</sup>

Support our 40-Day Baby Bottle Drive and Support the Futures Pregnancy Care Center. Take a baby bottle home, fill it with your spare change and return to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Checks may be made to: **Futures Pregnancy Care Center, Vermont Right to Life or**

**Knights of Columbus Council 7943**

(mark memo line: Baby Bottle Drive)

Drop them off at the Parish Office or during Masses

## Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner



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 [dmcavinner@outlook.com](mailto:dmcavinner@outlook.com)

## Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of March 18, 2023

Offertory  
Weekly Budget  
Difference +/-



\$1117.20  
\$1156.00  
-(\$38.80)

## A Lenten Thought

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Have passed occasions inspired doubt in you about God's power? What aspects of your life have tempted you to question? Review Jesus' miracles and meditate on one that speaks with particular power to your current circumstances. Pray for open ears and stronger faith.

Risen Christ, may we affirm "Yes, Lord" as Mary of Bethany and Mary of Nazareth did, whenever skepticism whispers.

In His peace. Dcn. Ward

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST

*Thank you*  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

The Knights of Columbus Council 7943 would like to thank everyone who donated, worked, and participated on the Monthly Breakfast.

The 50-50 winner was Liz Sergeant and Easter basket winner was John Raboin

**May God bless you all.**  
**Thank you again for your continued donations and support!**

We hope to see you all at our next breakfast on  
APRIL 16, 2023

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

## Prayer List



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

### 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 25–31, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Full, Active, and Conscious Participation in the Mass

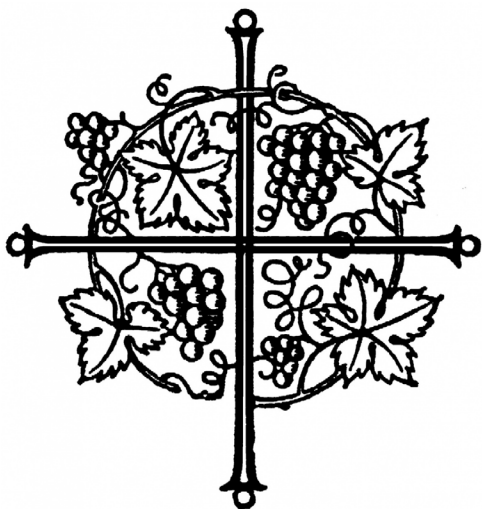
The Church calls each of us to full, active and conscious participation in the Mass, which is both internal and external. Through such participation, the faithful “derive the true Christian spirit” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 14). So how can we be full and active participants at Mass?

It may seem obvious enough, but the first act of participation is to show up! There’s a lot to reflect upon in this very act of showing up. Although it may not seem like it (especially if we’re attending Mass out of a sense of obligation), our spirits are drawn to Mass. Before our decision to get out of bed and attend Mass, there is Jesus’ invitation to us: “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you” (Lk 22:15). As Pope Francis reflects in his recently issued apostolic letter “*Desiderio Desideravi*” (DD), “every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by [Jesus’] desire for us. For our part, the possible response ... is that surrender to this love, that letting ourselves be drawn by him” (6). In this first act of full, active and conscious participation, we find our soul’s surrendering to Jesus’ love. In this surrender, we move closer to the Eucharist. Let us, then, be mindful of Jesus’ invitation to us!

Full, conscious and active participation creates in us a spirit of humility as it situates us (as created beings) before the creator in a posture of worship. Participation in the liturgy helps us avoid “spiritual worldliness,” as Pope Francis puts it, by freeing us “from the prison of a self-referencing nourished by one’s own reasoning and one’s own feeling” (DD 19) and from the “presumption of salvation owned through our own efforts” (DD 20).

The liturgy is ultimately not of our own making. Liturgy, celebrated well and reverently, pulls us out of ourselves and

our own interests. It even can (and should) move us beyond our own preferences for what we “like” or “don’t like” in the liturgy. To fully, consciously and actively participate in the liturgy means that “we have no other boast but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (cf. Gal 6:14, DD 20). In this humility, formed by active participation in the liturgy, we move closer to the Eucharist. Let us, then, humble ourselves in the liturgy, putting aside our own preferences to focus on worshipping God within the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.



The liturgy itself teaches and helps us be properly disposed for receiving the Eucharist in Communion. Surrendering to the presence of God by *showing up* and standing in the presence of God in humility *by fully, actively and consciously participating in the liturgy* leads us to a sense of wonder and awe which Pope Francis points out (DD 24–26). He notes that we stand in wonder and awe not before a mysterious, totally transcendent God hidden in mysterious ritual, but before something *already* revealed and proclaimed: a transcendent God who desires commu-

nion with us so much so that He came to dwell among us in His incarnation and opened the doorway for us for *eternal* communion with God through the Paschal Mystery. We participate in this reality of Jesus’ incarnation and Paschal Mystery every time we receive the Eucharist! Thus, in showing up and participating fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy, we approach the Eucharist with the proper disposition: surrendered to God, humbled before God and in amazement at what God has — and continues to do — for us!

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



### Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

Submit your Eucharistic Testimonial to:  
[revival@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:revival@vermontcatholic.org)

I am grateful for the Bread of Life; the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass becomes my great Thanksgiving. The Eucharist is Jesus in me, and I in Him.

— *Angie Paquette, All Saints Parish, Richford, VT*

# Upcoming Events



03|28 TUESDAY

## Taize Prayer

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

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.



03|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|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|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.



03|29 WEDNESDAY

## 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](mailto:presencecosp@gmail.com).



03|30, 04|06 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](mailto:caro3600@gmail.com).



03|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|31 FRIDAY

## Stations of the Cross

Danville & St. Johnsbury • 6 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 6:00pm on Fridays during Lent. Join us as we reflect on the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



04|01 SATURDAY

## Bingo for St. Ambrose/St. Peter Youth Ministry

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm

Doors open at 5:00 PM, Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs and the upcoming trip to Rome.



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, 05|08 MONDAYS

## 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

## Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11 am

At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Parish representatives may pick up the holy oils for their parishes after the Mass in the lower chapel. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



04|04 TUESDAY

## Special Holy Week Service

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington  
7 pm

Persons of all faiths are invited to gather 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.



04|16 SUNDAY

## Divine Mercy Celebration

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 2 pm

Schedule: Holy Hour from 2 to 3pm. During the Holy Hour, confessions will be offered. At 3pm we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The time of prayer will be followed by a potluck in the youth center to end the Octave of Easter. FOR MORE INFO: call (802) 257-5101 or email [stmichael@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stmichael@vermontcatholic.org).



04|16 SUNDAY

## Divine Mercy Chaplet & Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 2 - 3 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 2 pm, and the Chaplet (sung) and Benediction will take place at 3 pm. FOR MORE INFO: call (802) 878-5331.



05|14 SUNDAY

## Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

\$10/adults, \$6/children 8-12 (\$32 immediate family maximum). Come join us!



05|14 SUNDAY

## Monthly COSP KofC Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm

Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.



05|20 SATURDAY

## Walk to Mary

Isle LaMotte • 9 am - 2 pm

Join us for a 2.3 mile walk from St. Joseph, Isle La Motte, to St. Anne's Shrine starting, praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet while we walk, Mass at 11 am, a break for lunch, then Stations of the Cross for Life at 1 pm. FOR MORE INFO: contact Janice (802) 848-3834, [janicegodin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janicegodin@myfairpoint.net) or Renee (802) 370-2231 or [rjpatterson1962@gmail.com](mailto:rjpatterson1962@gmail.com) with any questions.

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