



**ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH  
YEAR B  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**EUCHARISTIC  
CELEBRATION**



Sat:	12/16/2023	4:00 PM † <b>Paul, Rhina and Leo Letourneau</b> By Jacques and Pauline Couture
Sun:	12/17/2023	9:00 AM † <b>Roger Descheneau</b> By Deborah Morrisette and Family
Tues:	12/19/2023	9:00 AM
Wed:	12/20/2023	9:00 AM <b>In Thanksgiving</b> By Pat & Raymond LeMay
Thurs:	12/21/2023	9:00 AM
Fri:	12/22/2023	9:00 AM
Sat:	12/23/2023	9:00 AM <b>For the parishioners of Saint Andre Bessette Parish</b>
Sat:	12/23/2023	4:00 PM <b>For the Deceased Members of The Ladies of Saint Andre Bessette</b> By The Ladies of SABP
Sun:	12/24/2023	9:00 AM † <b>Yvette Limoges</b> By Gaston and Rose Bathalon
Sun:	12/24/2023	4:00 PM Vigil Mass † <b>For the deceased members of the Bonneau/Before Families</b>
Mon:	12/25/2023	9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

**Intentions for Daily Masses are available.  
Please call or stop by the office  
with your request.**

**Candle Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp: **For all the loved ones of the  
Day Family**

Sacred Heart: **Open For Intentions**

Blessed Mother: **Open For Intentions**



Sanctuary lamps/candles in front of the statues of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary are available to be lit in honor/memory of your loved ones.  
Each candle cost \$10.00.  
The candle will be lit for one week.

**Contact the office with your intentions.**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**7943**

**Monthly Family Breakfast  
8:00 am to 11:00 am  
Sunday, December 17th, 2023  
(every third Sunday)**

**Sacred Heart Church Hall**

Eat-in or Take out is available.

All you can eat \$10.00  
(6-12 years of age \$5.00)  
(Children 5 and under - FREE).  
May God bless all those who  
help support our efforts.  
If you have any questions,  
please contact:  
Deborah @ 673- 7510 or  
George @ 323-2470.



***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)  
if you would like to add a name to the list**



**Kristi LeBlanc,  
Kimberly Thibault,  
Brian Bonvechio,  
Rose Blais,  
Abigail Jackson,  
Wilma Therrien,  
Rita Taylor,  
Purie Mesina,  
Rick Bouchard**



## Offerings

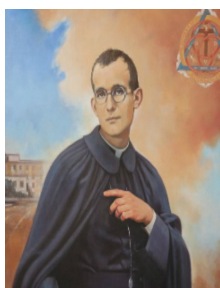
**The Church  
Collection Envelopes  
are now available**  
You can pick them up at the  
back of the Church

**Church Cleaning  
Thursday, December 21st  
After the 9:00 AM Mass**



**Friends of Fr. Justin  
EVERY  
Wednesday Morning  
9:30AM**

*Will include a song or hymn, the  
Flame of Love Rosary and pray-  
er petitions from the faithful.*



The Knights of Columbus 7943 are ex-  
cited to share the implementation of  
Cor (Latin for Heart). A new formation  
and fraternal opportunity for men of the  
parish.

Deacon Ward Nolan will be covering three areas of Cor.  
**Prayer, Formation and Fraternity**, to strengthen our  
faith and virtue as missionary disciples.  
Sign up sheets are located at the back of the Church with  
more information.

All men are welcome.

## Parish Stewardship Report

### Weekend of December 8,9&10 2023

Offertory		\$1509.00
Immaculate Conception	Stewardship CORNER	\$368.00
Second Collection		\$269.00
Weekly Budget		\$2000.00

## Donations for the Priest bedroom



A sincere thank you to those who  
have already given.

The total donations have reached  
\$3,300.00 towards the \$8,455.59.

**If you would like to donate,  
please contact the office.**



Our Parish has a FORMED subscription.  
See the Bulletin Insert for more information and  
some suggested programs for  
your family to enjoy.

## REFLECTIONS

December 17, 2023

### SENT BY THE SPIRIT



Mother Church is ex-  
tremely sensitive and  
she is aware that we are putting great effort into our Ad-  
vent preparation so as to be ready for the Lord's coming.  
Accordingly she arranges for us to take a break, as it  
were and to relax. This third Sunday is called Gaudete  
Sunday. Gaudete means celebrate. And that is what we  
are asked to do. The proliferation of verbs of rejoicing  
etc. in our 1st and 2nd Readings are enough to carry us  
along into the mood of the moment. The text from Isaiah  
in our 1st Reading, which Jesus will later quote when he  
enters public ministry, is a wonderful message of good  
news. It is about freedom for prisoners, the binding up  
of broken hearts, good news for poor people. Our 2nd  
Reading sweeps us along further into celebration. Paul  
tells us to rejoice in the Lord and pray in gratitude for all  
that has been given. We trust in the Lord of peace to  
perfect us in purity. Our Gospel brings us face to face  
with John the Baptist. He makes it clear that he is not  
the Messiah. His is the prophetic voice crying in the wil-  
derness — prepare the way of the Lord. It is crucial that  
we hear what John says! The purpose of our rest is  
strength to carry on.

# *NEWS FROM* The Inland See

December 16–22, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses around the diocese

ALBURGH • <b>St. Amadeus</b> • Christmas Eve: 6:30 PM	MIDDLEBURY • <b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7:30 PM
BARRE • <b>St. Monica</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 8:30 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	MILTON • <b>St. Ann</b> • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
BARTON • <b>St. Paul</b> • Christmas Eve: 7 PM	MONTGOMERY CENTER • <b>St. Isidore</b> • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
BELLOWS FALLS • <b>St. Charles</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM	MONTPELIER • <b>St. Augustine</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
BENNINGTON • <b>Sacred Heart/St Francis de Sales</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 8 AM	MORETOWN • <b>St. Patrick</b> • Christmas Day: 11 AM
BETHEL • <b>St. Anthony</b> • Christmas Eve: 12 AM	MORRISVILLE • <b>Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BRADFORD • <b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	NEWPORT • <b>St. Mary Star of the Sea</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 7 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BRANDON • <b>Our Lady of Good Help (St. Mary)</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 11 AM	NORTH BENNINGTON • <b>St. John the Baptist</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BRATTLEBORO • <b>St. Michael</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	NORTHFIELD • <b>St. John the Evangelist</b> • Christmas Eve: 6 PM
BRIDPORT • <b>St. Bernadette</b> • Christmas Day: 9 AM	NORWICH • <b>St. Francis of Assisi</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
BRISTOL • <b>St. Ambrose</b> • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM	ORLEANS • <b>St. Theresa</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
BURLINGTON • <b>Cathedral of St. Joseph</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM & 12 PM (Vietnamese)	ORWELL • <b>St. Paul</b> • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BURLINGTON • <b>Catholic Center at UVM</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	PITTSFORD • <b>St. Alphonsus Liguori</b> • Christmas Eve: 6 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
BURLINGTON • <b>Christ the King</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 5:30 PM • Christmas Day: 9:00 AM & 11 AM	POULTNEY • <b>St. Raphael</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
BURLINGTON • <b>St. Anthony</b> • Christmas Eve: 4:15 PM, 8 PM & 12 AM (Latin) • Christmas Day: 9 AM (Latin)	RANDOLPH • <b>Our Lady of the Angels</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
BURLINGTON • <b>St. Mark</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 9 AM	READSBORO • <b>St. Joachim</b> • Christmas Day: 8:30 AM
CAMBRIDGE • <b>St. Mary of the Assumption</b> • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM	RICHFORD • <b>All Saints</b> • Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 8 PM • Christmas Day: 8:15 AM
CASTLETON • <b>St. John the Baptist</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM	RICHMOND • <b>Our Lady of the Holy Rosary</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 8:30 AM
CHARLOTTE • <b>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM (at Old Lantern) & 10 PM	RUTLAND • <b>Christ the King</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM
CHESTER • <b>St. Joseph</b> • Christmas Day: 9 AM	RUTLAND • <b>St. Peter</b> • Christmas Eve: 4:15 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM
COLCHESTER • <b>Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel at SMC</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM	ST. ALBANS • <b>Holy Angels</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 7 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
COLCHESTER • <b>Holy Cross</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	ST. JOHNSBURY • <b>St. John the Evangelist</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
COLCHESTER • <b>Our Lady of Grace</b> • Christmas Eve: 5:30 PM	SHELBURNE • <b>St. Catherine of Siena</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
DANVILLE • <b>Our Lady Queen of Peace</b> • Christmas Eve: 7 PM	SHELDON SPRINGS • <b>St. Anthony</b> • Christmas Day: 10 AM
DERBY LINE • <b>St. Edward the Confessor</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM	SOUTH BURLINGTON • <b>St. John Vianney</b> • Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 7 PM • Christmas Day: 8 AM & 10 AM
EAST FAIRFIELD • <b>St. Anthony - St. George</b> • Christmas Day: 11 AM	SOUTH HERO • <b>St. Rose of Lima</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
ENOSBURG FALLS • <b>St. John the Baptist</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 9 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	SOUTH STRAFFORD • <b>Our Lady of the Light</b> • Christmas Day: 8 AM
ESSEX CENTER • <b>St. Pius X</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 6:30 PM • Christmas Day: 9:30 AM	SPRINGFIELD • <b>Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> • Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 8 PM
ESSEX JUNCTION • <b>Holy Family</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM	STOWE • <b>Blessed Sacrament</b> • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
ESSEX JUNCTION • <b>St. Lawrence</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM	STRATTON MOUNTAIN • <b>Chapel of the Snows</b> • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM
FAIR HAVEN • <b>Our Lady of Seven Dolors</b> • Christmas Day: 10 AM	SWANTON • <b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM
FAIRFAX • <b>St. Luke</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM	TROY • <b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
FAIRFIELD • <b>St. Patrick</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM (Children's Mass) & 7 PM	UNDERHILL CENTER • <b>St. Thomas</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
GEORGIA • <b>Ascension</b> • Christmas Eve: 6 PM • Christmas Day: 8:30 AM	VERGENNES • <b>St. Peter</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 12 AM
GRAND ISLE • <b>St. Joseph</b> • Christmas Day: 9 AM	WAITSFIELD • <b>Our Lady of the Snows</b> • Christmas Eve: 6:30 PM
GREENSBORO • <b>St. Michael</b> • Christmas Eve: 6 PM	WALLINGFORD • <b>St. Patrick</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 11 AM
HARDWICK • <b>St. Norbert</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	WATERBURY • <b>St. Andrew</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 11 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM
HIGHGATE CENTER • <b>St. Louis</b> • Christmas Day: 9 AM	WELLS RIVER • <b>St. Eugene</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
HINESBURG • <b>St. Jude</b> • Christmas Eve: 7 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	WEST RUTLAND • <b>St. Bridget</b> • Christmas Day: 9 AM
IRASBURG • <b>St. John Vianney</b> • Christmas Day: 9:30 AM	WEST RUTLAND • <b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM
ISLAND POND • <b>St. James the Greater</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM	WILLISTON • <b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> • Christmas Eve: 9 PM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
LUDDLLOW • <b>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> • Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM • Christmas Day: 9 AM	WILMINGTON • <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> • Christmas Eve: 5:30 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
LYNDONVILLE • <b>St. Elizabeth</b> • Christmas Eve: 12 AM	WINDSOR • <b>St. Francis of Assisi</b> • Christmas Eve: 6 PM • Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
MANCHESTER CENTER • <b>Christ Our Savior</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 5:30 PM & 8 PM • Christmas Day: 10 AM	WINOOSKI • <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> • Christmas Eve: 4 PM; 7 PM & 12 AM • Christmas Day: 10 AM

This list was compiled from responses to a survey of parishes. If a church is not included, please call the church directly for Mass information.



# Upcoming Events



## 12|17 SUNDAY Lessons and Carols

*Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield • 2 pm*

Featuring singers from Thomas Aquinas

College in Northfield, MA, and Ruth Tittle and her husband Leigh. Outdoor reception with refreshments will follow.



## 12|20 WEDNESDAY Lessons & Carols

*St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 pm*

Join us for an Advent service of Lessons and

Carols. Let hymns, sacred music, and readings from Holy Scripture prepare your heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas. All are welcome!



## 12|20 WEDNESDAY FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession

*via Zoom • 6:30-8 pm*

This program from Augustine Institute explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. Led by Fr. William Beaudin, pastor of Christ Our Savior, Manchester Center. Register at: [forgivencosp@gmail.com](mailto:forgivencosp@gmail.com).



## 12|25 MONDAY Free Christmas Dinner!

*St. Anthony, Bethel • 12:30 - 2:30 pm*

Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious

dinner cooked by Cathy Day and her crew. This meal is for anyone who wants a warm dinner and conversation this Christmas Day. Come and know the dignity you have in God.



## 01|12, 02|09 FRIDAYS Essex Community Dinners

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm*

Essex Community Dinners are provided in

order to grow and promote our community! They are intended to feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available for those who still need to avoid crowds.



## 01|13, 02|17 SATURDAYS St. Peter's Cemetery Committee – Bingo

*St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 pm*

Doors open at 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



## 01|14, 02|11 SUNDAYS Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

*St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am*

Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, french toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muffins juice, milk, and coffee. \$12 adults, \$7 Children 8 to 12yrs., \$38 immediate family maximum.



## 01|14, 02|11 SUNDAYS Monthly COSP KofC Fund Raising Breakfast

*Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm*

Proceeds to support parish and community outreach programs.



## 01|18, 02|15 THURSDAYS Knights of Columbus BINGO

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm*

Held on the third Thursday of each month. The

jackpot is \$1,000. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game.



## 01|20 SATURDAY Men's "Cor" Formation

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington*

*10 am - 11:30 am*

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. "Cor" is Latin for Heart. Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on third Saturdays beginning on October 21st at 10 AM in the Saint John Vianney Church basement. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C. All men from all parishes are welcome.



## 01|21 SUNDAY Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast

*St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski • 8 - 11 am*

Serving in the school gym. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family of 4 (each additional family member \$5). Menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee, and juice.



## 02|04 SUNDAY Diocesan Marriage Day Mass

*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am*

Married Couples celebrating milestone anni-

versaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org) or 802-658-6110 ext. 1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more years. The deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024. Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally can request certificates signed by Monsignor John McDermott and mailed to the parish.



## 02|18 SUNDAY Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm*

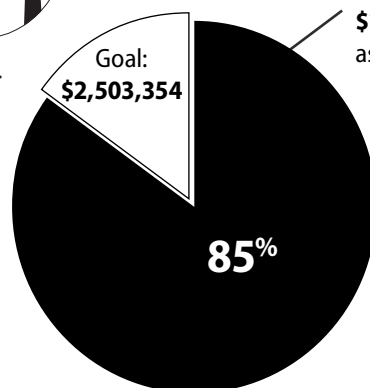
The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Monsignor McDermott on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. During the Rite of Election, the Church "elects" those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us.



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



BISHOP'S  
ANNUAL  
APPEAL



Progress: 85% to goal

Raised:  
**\$1,998,965**  
as of Dec. 6

### Give Online

[vermontcatholic.org/giveonline](http://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline)  
or scan the QR code to the left.

### Donate By Mail

Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Burlington  
55 Joy Drive  
South Burlington, VT 05403

### Stock Gifts/Planned Gifts

802-658-6110 ext. 1226  
[ekane@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ekane@vermontcatholic.org)





# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of December 17, 2023



### Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.



### Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



### O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About | Brother Francis

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

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