

Dec. 9 & 10, 2023 The Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Week of Dec 9 & 10

Saturday	6:30 pm	For the conversion of Alaina Rogers and Jeff Rogers
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of John Lamb
Monday	6:30 pm	No Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	For the conversion of sinners
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	Mass at St. Thomas

Week of Dec 16 & 17

Saturday	6:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Cecilia Cross

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm
and Sunday morning at 10 am

† PRAYER CONCERNS †

For all our sick and shut-ins as well as our troops. For all who have died
and all members of St. Mary’s & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy.

† Eucharistic Adoration†

Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

Christ the King School Open House December 15th: Christ the King School in Burlington will host a special holiday Open House for prospective families on Friday, December 15th at 9:00 AM. This is a magical time of year and we invite you to come meet our educators, explore our campus, feel the joy of Christmas, and get a picture of what it is like to be part of the CKS family. If you have a 2, 3, or 4 year old (and especially those looking for a Kindergarten placement for next year) now is the time to explore if a school based program is the right fit for your family. Christ the King School serves learners from 3 years old through 8th grade. RSVP online at www.cksvt.org/open-house or email admissions@cksvt.org with any questions.

Our restroom is now located in the Parish Hall-Office and will be available during all Masses

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The Nine Choirs of Angels

There are different names given to groups of angels or nine “choirs” of angels in all. The names describe a characteristic of these mighty spirits, or an aspect of their mission in God’s plan.

The **Seraphim** are the angels closest to God. They reflect God’s love in creation. They are on fire with the love of God; the name means “burning ones.” The seraphim are the angels crying out “Holy, holy, holy,” as one of them purifies his mouth with a coal from the altar so that he might serve as the Lord’s messenger (Isa. 6:2–8).

The **Cherubim** have knowledge of divine secrets and of the causes of things; their name means “all-knowing one.” Their carved figures adorned the lid of the Ark of the Covenant. The cherubim are still considered protectors of the New Covenant and are often depicted on tabernacles and Eucharistic vessels. The **Thrones** are beings raised up to form the seat of God’s authority and mercy. A throne manifests the glory and authority of a king, his stability and power. These angels are especially concerned with divine judgments and ordinances. The thrones are never seen or experienced as “flying” but as “rolling” across the heavens.

The **Dominions** are concerned with the government of the universe. They coordinate the ministries of all the angels who deal with creation. The angels mediate God’s power just as the saints intercede for us with Him.

The **Virtues** are a choir of angels that exercises power over the physical universe. They are the lords of causality and the principles of cosmic order in the material realm. They ensure the well-being of the world. There are **Powers** who have remained faithful to God and powers who have fallen away and become part of the empire of Satan (Eph. 6:12). The Choir of Powers is thought to introduce man to the higher mysteries while repressing the attacks of the “hostile powers” of Hell against the deepest laws of physical creation.

Among the 7 **Archangels** we find St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. St. Michael is the prince of the heavenly host. St. Gabriel is the messenger of the Incarnation. And St. Raphael is the angel of healing and of medicine. Their number 7 is often associated with the 7 days of the week and the 7 sacraments. The ninth choir of angels are **Guardian Angels** who are most involved with mankind. These angels may be the lowest, but they are most beloved because the Lord places them at our sides. They are the ministers of Christ’s love and our protectors. They defend us against harm and temptation. They warn us of impending evil and inspire us to remain faithful to God in prayer.

Knights of Columbus BINGO: Thursday, Dec 21, at St John Vianney Church in So. 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.

Second collection next weekend for our Christmas Flowers

Pray the Holy Rosary every day!

Offertory Receipts for 12/2 & 3
FY24 Weekly Goal: \$1,061
Last Week = \$ 888.00
YTD Actual = \$20134.83
YTD Budget = \$24403.00
Over (Under) = \$(4268.17)