

## Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

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 9:00 am – Confessions at St. John  
 9:00 am – Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. John  
 3:00 pm – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm – St. John – Wiltraut Haertelt (RIP) by Reg, Rose & Renate Haselton

## Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - St. John – Richard Wilkins (RIP) by Wilkins/Warren Families  
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the Parishioners  
 11:30am - Queen of Peace – Irene Davies & Edna Hill (RIP) by Shirley Anderson  
*Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed.*

## Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am – St. Elizabeth – Living & Deceased Members of the St. Elizabeth Women's Group by St. Elizabeth Women's Group

## Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - St. John – Susan Maurice (RIP)

## Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Turibius Mogrovejo, Bishop

No Mass  
 6:00 pm – St. John – Solemn Vespers/Adoration (Lent Only)

## Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

5:00 pm – St. John – Adoration & Confession  
 6:00 pm – St. John – Ben Parisi (RIP) by Sarah Hurlbut  
**\*\*Please Note: During Lent Adoration will be at 5:00 pm and Mass will be at 6:00 pm**

## Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 – St. Elizabeth – Randy MacKay (RIP) by Jacque, Michele, Tyler & Austin  
 9:15 am - St. Elizabeth - Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 pm – St. John – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Daytime Prayer  
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*Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of prayers, especially:  
 Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Karson St. Marie*

### Prayer Chain Requests please call:

Sally Young 802-535-7222, Lynn Welch 802-467-3019

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @ Corpus Christi Parish VT**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – Religious Education @ FLC  
 Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Confirmation Class @ FLC  
 Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 12 noon – Secular Franciscans @ FLC  
 Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Community Meal by St. Vincent de Paul @ St. J  
 Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Marian Consecration @ all 3 churches  
 Saturday, March 26 10:00 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent/Child Meeting @FLC

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/21-6/30/22 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$230,000  
 Weekly Collection Year-to-date March 13<sup>th</sup> : \$173,796.88  
 Collections & On-line giving March 13<sup>th</sup> : \$4,434.04  
**Second Collections:**  
 March 20<sup>th</sup> – No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection March 27<sup>th</sup> - Catholic Relief Services

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi

**Conference** offers assistance in the name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542; Ann Lovett: 751-8187; the Parish Office: 748-8129. We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!



**Good Shepherd Catholic School** is looking for an individual to serve as a classroom aide for the remainder of the school year. The person would also be providing some one-on-one support. We are looking for someone from 8:30 to 2:45 daily, but we would be willing to have a couple of people share the position. If interested, please call Lynn 751-8223. Thank you.  
**Good Shepherd Catholic School prepares students for a life of learning, service, compassion, personal excellence, and faith in God.**

## Good Shepherd Adoration Chapel

The Chapel is open daily 9:30am - 9:00pm.  
 Tuesdays it is open 9:30 am – 6:00 pm

*"The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us - that is all He asks." St. Therese of Lisieux*



## Divine Mercy Chaplet and Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

**Lenten Fridays – 3:00 pm – St. John's**  
 All are invited to attend.

Christian Prayer books will be available to use.

The Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the Church and makes the whole Church, scattered throughout the world, one in heart and soul. These prayers consecrate to God the whole cycle of day and night. As with all prayers, they are an intimate conversation between God and us. Come and join in community prayer, for Jesus said, **"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst"** (Mt 8:20).

Parishioner Tom Lovett has been in Diaconate Formation for the past two-and-a-half years. The final step before ordination is the Rite of Acolyte. Tom is being installed as an acolyte this Sunday, Mar. 20 at St. Joseph's Cathedral. With the grace of God, he will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on October 8<sup>th</sup> of this year.

### Wednesday Lenten Vespers and Solemn Adoration

Please be sure to come to St John's on Wednesdays during Lent from 6:00-6:30 for Vespers and Benediction. "Vespers" is the Latin word which means "evening" and it refers to the evening prayer recited by Catholics around the world as part of the Liturgy of the Hours. Pastors are supposed to make some of those hours available to the parishioners because it is a public liturgy. Priests, deacons and religious are obligated to pray several of these Hours throughout the course of the day, and many lay people pray it as well. Copies of the Liturgy of the Hours are available and all the prayers are in English. Some of you may remember attending Sunday Vespers years ago.

The following citations are from the *Constitution on the Liturgy, (Sacrosanctum Concilium)* from the Second Vatican Council: 99. Since the divine office is the voice of the Church, that is of the whole mystical body publicly praising God... 100. Pastors of souls should see to it that the chief hours, especially Vespers, are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and the more solemn feasts. And the laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually.

#### Marian Consecration on March 25, 2022

On the Feast of the Annunciation, I am consecrating the parish (all three churches) to the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as doing individual consecrations for those parishioners who want to make the true devotion consecration to Jesus through Mary recommended by St. Louis de Montfort. In preparation for that, I will be starting a Novena on March 16. Because we have a lot already going on during Lent, I am encouraging daily recitation of the rosary in private or if people want to pray it together and as families. I will preach nine days at Mass taking the theme from St. Louis' book, *True Devotion*. For those who are interested, I have copies of my commentary *The Echo of God* available for sale.

The saints know that the secret to personal sanctity is Our Lady. Pastors know that a vibrant parish can only come about through devotion to Mary and the Eucharist.

### FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)

I have been supporting Liam Coulter whom I knew from the Cathedral in Burlington, originally from Essex Jct. He is a FOCUS missionary at Columbia University in NYC.

**FOCUS update: Liam and Ethan are on a mission trip in Peru.**

### GUIDELINES FOR LENT

-The Season of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.

-Ash Wed. & Good Friday (April 15) are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence.

-All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

-The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength" are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. This rule applies to all from age 18-59.

-Abstinence refers to not eating meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.

-Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent are recommended.

-Fridays outside of Lent remain days of penance. If you do not abstain from meat, you should do some other penance. On Fridays during Lent you must abstain from meat.

**The St. Nicholas Project is an association of Catholics who support the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT with material and financial donations. Founded by Fr. Harlow in 2015, we promote the good works of the children's home.**



Please make a donation today to support them in their good work or contact [www.thestnicholasproject.com](http://www.thestnicholasproject.com).

### **Homesickness**

Years ago, I was a summer camp counselor for a residential summer camp. Campers stayed for two weeks at a time for three sessions. Some of them stayed for all six weeks because they came from foreign countries to learn English. It was very hard work with long hours. In its heyday, we had over 100 boys ages 6-15 years old. Many of them adapted well to camp life even with the heat, rainy days, mosquitoes and skunks. However, there was a variety of fun activities and for many of the boys it was the highlight of their summer. As the Program Director, I had to ensure that everybody was in the right place, that the camp schedule ran on time and that the counselors and counselors-in-training were teaching their activities and/or supervising the kids. The worst part of the job was dealing with homesickness.

There were always one or two boys every session who were inconsolable and wanted to go home. We were usually forewarned by their parents that the kids were prone to homesickness and we all agreed that we would try to stick it out for as long as possible. Despite various tactics at distraction, some of the kids were eventually sent home. Much to their relief and mine.

If you've ever been homesick yourself, you know the feeling. It's a terrible aching in the pit of your stomach that never seems to go away. However, with distraction, stimulating activities and new friends, it can pass. Some of the boys and girls at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children experience initial homesickness, which can be a normal response to separation from their environment. But with new friends, new activities and lots of listening ears, the children adapt to their new environment and begin to reap the benefits of all their new experiences.

Many of the homesick boys at summer camp flourished after their initial bouts of homesickness and loved their experience at camp and told stories for years after with happy memories.

That is my hope for the boys and girls at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children; that they, too, will have a conversion from "homesickness" to "home-is-where-the-heart-is" and will have many fun and happy memories of their time there.

Please make a donation today by clicking on the Donate icon above. Somebody who is homesick is counting on your support.

God bless you!

**AFFIRMING A CULTURE OF LIFE:** There are people who acknowledge the humanity of the child in the womb, but still say "if it is unwanted, the child would be better off not being born. . . ."

Really? Have we the right to make such a decision, once the child is in being? What path do we go down, when we presume to decide that another person's life is not worth living? Especially the life of a child in the womb, who has infinite unknown potential and possibilities.

Yes, the child is unexpected and a "surprise," and not according to our timing, but does that give us a *right* to end the child's life? Is the unborn child not also a "child of God?"

God can do wonders in a person's life, even one with "poor life prospects."

*Let us trust God, and give life a chance!*