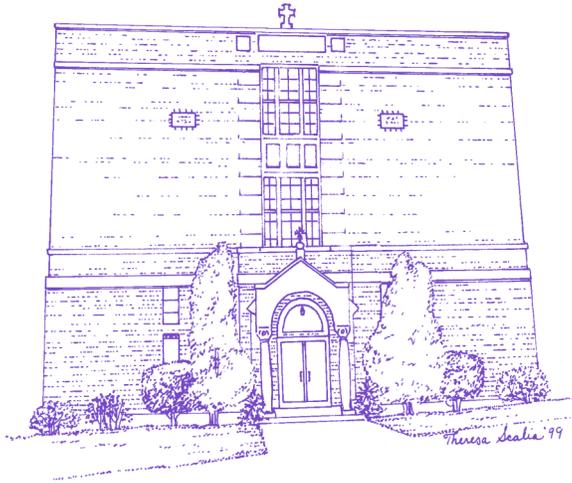


Christ The King - St. Anthony Parish

Website: www.chrstandanthony.com



Christ the King Mass Schedule

136 Locust Street

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:15 PM

Weekdays: Monday through Friday
8:30 AM

Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM at St. Anthony

Sunday: 4:30-5:00 PM at Christ the King

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm at Christ the King

Adoration

Thursday: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Friday: 9:00-10:00AM
at Christ the King

Baptism

Families wishing to schedule the baptism of their children are asked to contact the rectory in order to arrange a baptism preparation meeting with one of the priests.

Marriage

Please call Parish Office
for Appointment

Christ the King School

Grades Pre-School through 8

Telephone: 862-6696

Fax: 658-6553 www.cksvt.org

Principal: Mr. Craig Dwyer, Ph.D.

Office Support: Ms. Sally Douglas



St. Anthony Mass Schedule

305 Flynn Avenue

Saturday: 4:15 (English)

Sunday: 10:00 AM Extraordinary Form (Latin)

Wed, Fri, Sat: 7:15 AM (Latin)

Tues, Thurs: 5:30 PM (Latin)

Parish Staff

Msgr. John J. McDermott, V.G. - Parish Priest

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Fr. Brian O'Donnell, Latin Mass Chaplain
latinmassvt@live.com

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Parish Hours: 9am-4pm

Parish Website

ChrstandAnthony.com

Thrift Shop

Telephone: 658-4059

Hours: Tue 10 - 1, Thurs. 10 - 4

2nd Sat. of the month 10 - 1

Burlington Area Catholic Cemeteries:

St. Joseph and Mount Calvary
Cemeteries
Wayne Lefebvre 802-658-4333

Resurrection Park
South Burlington
802-862-1530



**Second Sunday of Advent
The Immaculate Conception**

Saturday, December 7

7:15 (STA-L) Victor John Kretz, Sr.
4:15 (STA) Deceased Members of The Nietsch Family
By: Angelika & Dennis Mahoney

Lt. Robert Leblanc and all military members involved in the Vietnam conflict who have never been found
By: Ray & Joyce

Sunday, December 8

9:00 (CTK) Special intention for Sarah By: Parishioner
10:00 (STA-L) Alice Robinson & MaryAnn Zeno
By: Carmen Sibley
11:00 (CTK) Richard Couture By: Family
5:15 (CTK) Timothy Tucker By: Sister & Family

Monday, December 9

8:30 (CTK) Edward Kelly By: Mary Kelly

Tuesday, December 10

8:30 (CTK) Joyce Rouille By: Jack & Family
5:30 (CTK) Camile Dubois By: Pauline
5:30 (STA-L) Elisa Steele By: Geoff Conway

Wednesday, December 11

7:15 (STA-L) Eva Chenette By: Dave & Kathy Chenette
8:30 (CTK) James Nassar By: Mary E. Nassar

Thursday, December 12

8:30 (CTK) Robert McDermott by: Sharon Winzler
5:30 (CTK) Our parishioners By: Msgr. McDermott
5:30 (STA-L) Roger & Elaine Lavallee by: Amanda Lavallee

Friday, December 13

7:15 (STA-L) Intentions of Genevieve Eleanor Dickinson by: Mary Dove Herrera
8:30 (CTK) Ralph Boosel By: Family

Saturday, December 14

7:15 (STA-L) People of the SPN-LMC By: Ed Bonnyman
4:15 (STA) Louis Lusignan (birth. rem.) By: Wife
A safe pregnancy By: Parishioner

Sunday, December 15

9:00 (CTK) Robert Foley By: Wife & family
10:00 (STA-L) Victor John Kretz, Sr. By: Geoff Conway
11:00 (CTK) Arthur & Rachel Jodoin By: Children
5:15 (CTK) All Souls intention

To schedule Masses for loved ones or special intentions, please contact the parish office. This is a wonderful way to pray for all of our loved ones, living and deceased.

Christ the King –St. Anthony Contributions
Due to early submission of the bulletin during the holiday season, our collection counts will be behind for a few weeks.

Weekend Offertory (Nov. 23/24): \$ 5,180.55
Latin Chaplaincy: \$ 786.00

Weekend Offertory (Nov. 30/Dec. 1): \$ 6,363.01
Latin Chaplaincy: \$ 1,128.00
2nd collection (Christmas Flowers): \$ 1,297.00

CANDLE MEMORIAM

Christ the King Church:

Sanctuary Candle — *For those without shelter this winter*

Blessed Virgin Candle — Lucile Jarvis



St. Anthony Church:

Sanctuary Candle — Tom & Annette McHugh

Blessed Virgin Candle — Camile Dubois

For Mass intentions or candle memorial requests, please call or email the parish office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The next Finance Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 17th.



All meetings will be held at 6:30 PM in the conference room at the St. Anthony's Rectory, 305 Flynn Ave. unless otherwise noted.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

This year's Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

December 24th

4:00 PM—CtK
4:15 PM—StA
5:30 PM—CtK
8:00 PM—StA

December 25th

12:00 midnight—StA (Latin)
9:00 AM—StA (Latin)
9:00 and 11:00 AM—CtK



Serve at Christmas Mass: *For anyone interested in serving at a Christmas Mass, there will be sign-up sheets in both sacristies.*

SENIOR LUNCH

The next Senior Lunch will be on Friday, Dec. 20, at 12 noon. Join us at St. Anthony's hall for food, fun, and fellowship!





My dear family in Christ,

The second week of Advent introduces us to the figure of St. John the Baptist, the fiery preacher who comes out of the desert to challenge the people of his day to true interior reform. I think there is always a temptation to imagine St. John the Baptist as a little bit of a hippy, i.e. long hair, counter-cultural lifestyle, strange diet, weird clothes, etc. We can get so caught up in the vivid description of the Baptist that we forget to hear his message, which resonates as strongly today as it did 2000 years ago.

The Baptist was not shy in calling people out and challenging them to repentance. His words in the Gospel this weekend would fit right into our observance of Lent: a firm call to show that we have really reformed our lives and turned away from sin. He issues a strong invitation for all believers to be very intentional about our discipleship and to make sure our interior disposition matches the exterior actions of acknowledging our failures and desiring God's mercy. We can't just look penitent; we have to be truly sorry for our sins and want to know God's mercy in the entirety of our lives. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this is known as true contrition—we have to really be sorry for our failures in faith, and not just look sorry. John's words to those who were seeking his baptism without really being sorry were to single them out as a group to be avoided. Repentance has to touch our hearts and not be on the surface. Let's consider that as we continue our Advent journey and prepare ourselves to celebrate God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

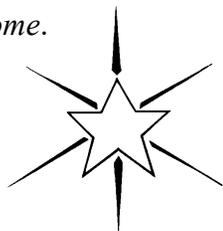
As the Advent hymn reminds us:

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come, then, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings!*

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
Where such a mighty Guest may come.*

In Christ,

Msgr. John J. McDermott, VG



"Awaiting the Coming of the Light"

THRIFT SHOP IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

The Thrift Shop is now open the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM-1 PM.

Our Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers. It cannot run without enough help. Please consider whether you can commit to 2-3 hours a week to help us keep our shop open. We can train you! Call the parish office or the shop directly for more information.



GIVING TREE



Giving Tree

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have selected a tag from the Giving Tree. We ask that you please return the gifts, UNWRAPPED and with your tag attached, on or before the due date listed on the tag. If you donate a gift card, please put it in the collection basket with the tag attached. 'From our hearts we give, and God rejoices.'

If you order a gift that arrives after the date on the tag, please call the office to let them know so they can notify the committee to expect a gift and let the family know a gift is coming. Thank you for helping the less fortunate in our community.

BE GOD'S HANDS AND FEET

Do you know of someone in need? An elderly or homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who could use some help with household projects? Contact the parish office or email the Social Outreach Committee directly at ctkstasocialjustice@gmail.com. Likewise, if you would like us to put you on a list as a volunteer helper for future projects, just let us know!

BLESSING OF THE CRECHES

On Dec. 15th, after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses, please join us in the Christ the King School gym for a viewing of Nativity displays. After the 11:00 Mass, the creches will be blessed.



You can help! Bring your Nativity display to the school on Dec. 14th between 1:00 and 4:00 PM, or drop it off before 4:00 PM on Friday, Dec. 13th. You are also more than welcome to bring a batch of Christmas cookies or other treats to share, which can be dropped off at the same time or before Sunday Mass. Sign up at the back of the church.



CKS ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The 2019-2020 Christ the King School Annual Campaign is underway! Your support is essential for CKS to live out its mission to the children and families of our school. Would you consider making a gift to CKS today? You can give online at <www.cksvt.org/supportcks>, mail your gift to the school, or drop it in the collection. Envelopes should be available in pews and in the back of the church. Contact Jon Hughes at 862-6696, ext. 107 with any questions. Please continue to pray for Christ the King School!



Thank you for your continued support of the school using Amazon Smile and collecting box tops. Please remember to look for the "Box Tops for Education" logo (pictured) on your box tops.

HOLIDAY TOURTIERE

Tourtières (French Canadian Meat Pies) are available again this year for \$15.50 each. \$3.00 of each pie, with mention of the bulletin, will be donated to Christ the King School. Merry Christmas! Contact Carmen Bombardier to order: 802-238-9392.



RELIGIOUS ED

For all students, the next session will be on Sunday, Dec. 8th, and then we'll have a break until Jan. 5! First through seventh graders will have class from 4:00-5:00 PM at Christ the King School on scheduled Sundays.

The next Confirmation class will also be on Sunday, Dec. 8th, from 4:00-5:00 PM.



Contact our Director of Religious Education, Meghan Cade, to register or to learn more: 703-772-7917 or mcade@vermontcatholic.org.

BISHOP'S APPEAL—SO CLOSE!

As of November 25, 2019, we made it to 99% to our parish goal. If you have not yet made a gift, there is still time to do so! Thank you to those who have already given to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. Your gift supports a variety of ministries and services impacting all of our parishes. Visit bishopsappealvt.org for more information about Your Gift at Work.

GIFT OF PEACE

This weekend, December 7-8, Samer Awwad, representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem, will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries—all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has been greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land who depend on tourism have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something authentic" from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and could also be a help to your personal devotion.

TOMICS by Tom Gould

Young Jesus and John ~ Matthew 3:13



NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 7–13, 2019

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Picture an image of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Now picture her pregnant.

Imagine coming across that image on your Facebook or Instagram feed. You see a young woman bathed in the warm glow of a photo filter, eyes downcast, cradling her round baby belly. Underneath the image are the words, “Coming this December ... a baby boy named Emmanuel! He will come to rule the nations! #blessed #miracle #SonofGod.”

Maybe that daydream gave you pause. Maybe it horrified you. Maybe it made you roll your eyes. Maybe you laughed a little.

Perhaps these reactions are born out of the reality that we know this would never happen, even if the angel Gabriel had just appeared to Mary only nine months ago.

Yet on March 25, 2019, the feast of the Annunciation, we heard how the angel Gabriel visited Mary to share the good news of the miraculous conception of her son. We heard Mary listen patiently and unselfishly agree to do the Lord’s will.

If you’re anything like me, you reflected on Mary’s willingness to do what God asked of her, even though it was slightly insane. Perhaps you spent time thinking about whether, in her shoes, you would have been so brave.

It not only took great courage but also incalculable patience to accept what the angel Gabriel had told her. Mary was being asked to do an incredible service for God — for us all — with little explanation.

We continue to contemplate the great mystery of Christ’s conception and birth today. Imagine how Mary felt in the moment!

If you’re anything like me, after thinking about all of that on the Annunciation, you promptly forgot about the fact that Mary was agreeing to be pregnant.

And not just pregnant, pregnant out of wedlock with no ordinary explanation for others of how she came to be so.

For months, Mary has been silent. Patient. All this time carrying the Son of God.

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we hear the story of the angel Gabriel’s visit again. Although it is a feast to celebrate the mystery of Mary’s birth without original sin, the Gospel instead serves as a reminder that while we are anxiously awaiting the anniversary of the birth of Christ, Mary had to be pregnant for that to happen.

As a relatively new mom myself, I’m not very far removed from

the intense anticipation that comes from expecting your first child. There’s excitement around setting up a nursery and experiencing the generosity of friends and family who want to contribute to your little one.

It’s hard to remain patient amid the chaos and hubbub. While I never really minded being pregnant and secretly enjoyed the extra attention and love I received, I could not wait to hold my baby.

From the moment I found out I was expecting, I couldn’t wait to feel my baby’s first movements. Every kick, roll over or hiccup brought me such joy. That anticipation only grew more intense as my due date came and went, and I struggled through a 28-hour labor, 10 days late.

I was proud of myself for waiting to find out the gender of my baby. My husband and I kept our name choices a secret. I thought that those things were somehow great acts of patience, in addition to “patiently” waiting 10 days past due. In some small ways, they were. But it was nothing compared to what Mary did.

There’s an easy scientific explanation for how my son came to be. I was married when I got pregnant. My family was overjoyed at our news. I could see pictures of my son every few weeks, catching glimpses of his features to help my daydreams about what my baby might look like. I can’t imagine how much longer those nine months would have felt without that.

Aside from Elizabeth’s joy and Joseph’s decision to remain betrothed, we know nothing else of how Mary was received during her pregnancy. We know nothing of how she felt.

What was it like for Mary to feel the baby Jesus kick for the first time in her womb? Did she have doubts that what the angel told her was true?

In our truncated version of events in the Advent season, we hear of Mary becoming pregnant, traveling to see her kinswoman Elizabeth and finally journeying to Bethlehem with Joseph to give birth in a barn.

While as a church community we grapple with the mystery of Christ’s conception a couple of times a year, Mary had to think

about it every day for nine months as she awaited the birth of a baby an angel told her would come.

Aside from her courage, Mary’s patience is what I will be reflecting on this Advent season.

— Anna Jones, Catholic News Service

Mary,



*a woman
of patience*