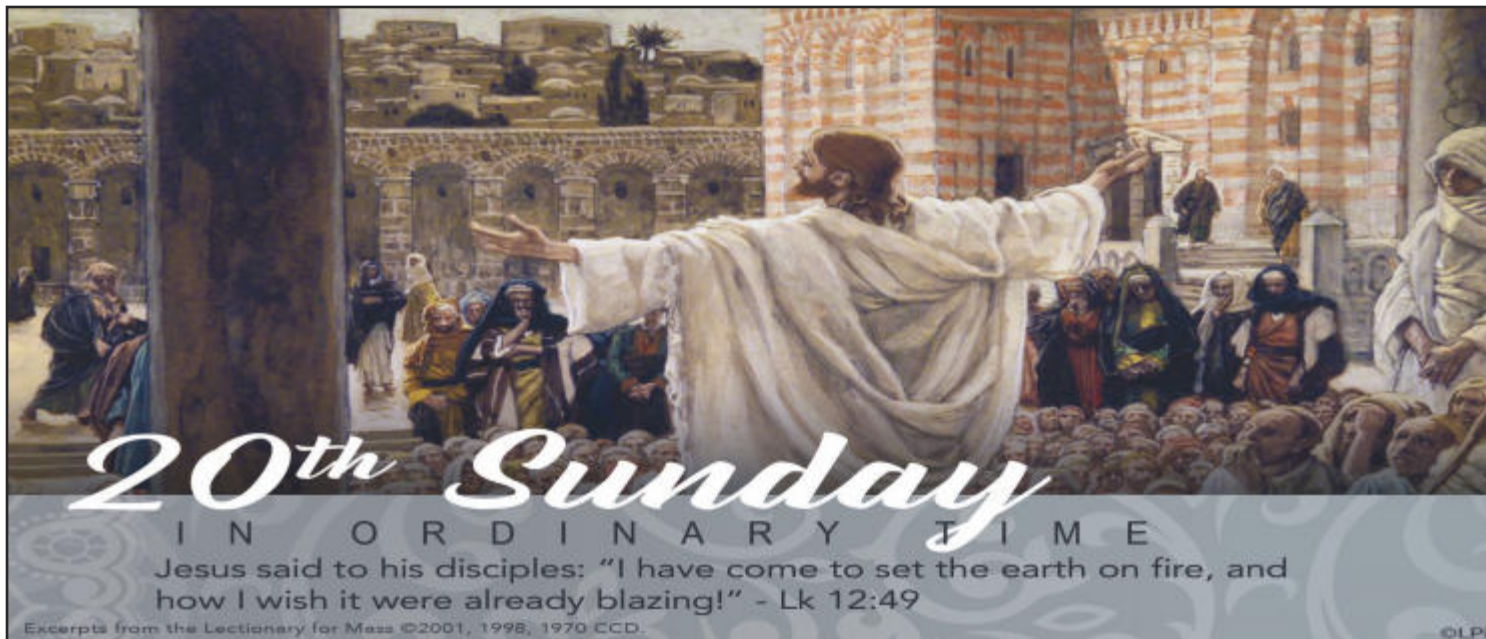


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August 18, 2019



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Please consult current bulletin
Vigil for Sunday 4:00 P.M. Saturday
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Wednesday ----- 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
and by appointment

MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory six months in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8 meet Sunday, 9:20 - 10:20 A.M.
Grades 9-10 (Confirmation) meet Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Located in Family Center
Wednesday, Exposition/Benediction in Church 6:30-7:30
P.M.
Visitors always welcome.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please contact the rectory well in
advance to allow time for preparation.

ORESTES BROWNSON LIBRARY

Sunday: 9:15 - 11:30 A.M. All year.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the rectory to inform us of people
who are in need.

CHITTENDEN EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

First Sunday of the month.

NORTH END FOOD SHELF

Third Sunday of the month.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the rectory or come in to visit and register.



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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UPCOMING Events

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| August 21 | Happy Wedding Anniversary
Deacon Tim and Tina Gibbo |
| Sept. 11 | Prayer Vocations, 5:30 pm in the Church |
| Sept.28-Oct. 1 | Eucharistic Parish Mission |

Collect Prayer of the Mass, 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

"The daily adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the practice which is the fountainhead of all devotional works."
Pope Pius X

Please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel. Sign up forms are located on the tables at the entrances of the church. The blessings are many! *To sign up call Marge Hennessey at 658-0228.*

Open Hours:

Sunday: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 am, & 1:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Monday: 7:00 a.m. & 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 a.m., & 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the safety of our service men and women throughout the world, and for the sick: Douglas White, Henry Beaumier, Vanessa Hyde, James Smith, Connie Gill, Jeffrey Claude Danis, Kenneth Smith, Lori Carron, Paul Baer, Anita Brodeur, Denise King, Carrie King, Kurt Dittrich, Krista Bora, Hin Biznu, Richard Kochanski, Joe Ward, Thomas Hibbs, Richard Dupaw, Connor Burke, Joseph Gilbert, Kathi Dittrich, Maureen Piontek, and for the repose of the soul of Veronica (Ronnie) LaBelle. *To have someone enrolled on this list, please call 864-7686.*

EUCCHARISTIC PARISH MISSION AT ST. MARK

Save the Date

Please join us as Fr. Declan Gibson of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist leads a Eucharist centered parish mission, September 28-October 1. Come learn and experience how Eucharistic Adoration can transform your life and the life of your family. **SAVE THE DATE!**

LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK

CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT THE KIOSK!



We recently added many new titles to our Lighthouse kiosk. CDs: "St. Dominic Savio" (for children), "The Virtue of Masculinity" by Dr. Tim Gray, "Letter to the Elderly" by Pope John Paul II, "Suffering & The Love of God" by Fr. Robert Spitzer, "The Dead Sea Scrolls" by Dr. John Bergsma. Booklets: "Mercy Works: Practical Love for the 21st Century", "The Early Church", "End of Life Issues". Books: *Going Deeper: A Reasoned Exploration of God and Truth* by Leo Severino, *21 Ways to Worship* by Vinny Flynn. **Deepen your faith by checking out these inspiring and informative resources!**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

August 11	\$3,933.35
Online Donations	\$1,208.84
Weekly Average (6 weeks)	\$4,611.00
Weekly Goal	\$4,700.00

REVITALIZATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Revitalization Campaign Goal	\$700,000
Donations & Pledges to date	<u>\$401,412</u>
Remaining amount needed	\$298,588

MONEY SPENT TO DATE

7/1/17 Renovation Fund balance	\$ 55,726
8/11/19 Total money collected	\$246,184

Projects completed **\$204,200**

- *Parking lot walks and curbs* \$35,000
- *Bowling Alley* \$25,000
- *Family Center/Francis Center Flooring* \$13,000
- *Family Center Roofs & Prep work* \$131,200

Rides to Mass

Celebrating Sunday Mass as a community is a wonderful blessing for all of us. But we have fellow parishioners who do not drive, and therefore cannot participate in our communal celebration. Please consider assisting a home-bound parishioner by driving them to the Sunday Mass of your choice. Volunteers do not need to commit to driving every week. For more information about serving the parish community this way, look for pamphlets in the church or contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmarksvt@gmail.com

FORMED PICK

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 7: The Promised Mother

Why Is Mary Queen Mother?

Learn the biblical roots of this often-contested Catholic doctrine. See how Mary's queenship is alluded to in the New Testament and foreshadowed in the Old.

Watch on formed.org



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VOCATION CORNER

Frequently Asked Questions (series continued)

“Why do we need to pray for Vocations?”

Because of a declining number of vocations in the US, some churches have closed, and others have no priest of their own. Instead, one priest may have to serve two or more parishes. We see that happening in our own Diocese. And, if there are no priest, there are no sacraments and no Eucharist!

However, parishes whose members are committed to praying for vocations are seeing an increase! For example, one parish in Houston, TX has SEVEN seminarians. That's right, not seven from the Diocese, but from just one church! What's their recipe for success! Rhonda Fowler Gruenwald of *Vocation Ministry: Hundredfold* says, “The recipe: supportive pastor/priest who supports efforts of VM+youth ministry that promotes vocation+vocation ministry=a culture of vocations over time!”

Today, more than ever, we need vibrant and committed priests, religious, married couples, and laity to bring the light and love of Jesus Christ to a dark and hurting world. To effect positive change in our communities, our country, and our world, we can't just sit in our pews and in our homes. We must pray, and then live our faith in the world so that others can see, by our lives, the difference between our secular culture and lives lived according to the teachings of our faith. And in order for us to receive the grace we need to do that, we need the sacraments and the priests to administer them.

You are invited to join our Vocation Ministry Team for our monthly “Second Wednesday Prayer for Vocations” on Sept. 11 at 5:30 pm prior to Mass. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Presbyteral Days, there are no masses, so it will be held on the 2nd Wednesday. Thank You

Rice Memorial High School is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. For more information and to fill out an application, please contact Jeff Maher, Assistant Principal @ 862-6521 x 203.

Saint Francis Xavier School has just a few openings remaining in its Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2019 - 2020 school year. If you would like your 4 year old to be part of a stimulating and nurturing Early Ed program in a faith-filled environment, call 655-2600 or e-mail info@sfxvt.org to schedule a tour. Classes begin August 27! Saint Francis Xavier School serves students from Pre-School (age 3) to 8th grade. Our goal? Developing the whole person . . . academics, character, community and faith. Check out www.sfxvt.org for more information about our school.

Christ our Hope

This is an excerpt from "Christ our Hope: Declaration of the 2018 Synod of the Diocese of Burlington," which was promulgated by Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, Vermont, on April 16, 2019.

Read the full declaration at
vermontcatholic.org/vermont/christ-our-hope.

Building Vibrant Parishes

"A parish is a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor ... under the authority of the diocesan bishop."
— Code of Canon Law (1983), canon 515, §1

This definition of a parish presents the essential elements that must be considered as the Diocese of Burlington strives to proclaim the Gospel and form and maintain vibrant parishes now and into the future.

A parish is a community united in the universal call to holiness that is given through baptism. While traditionally established and organized territorially, the synod delegates recognized the current reality that people choose their parishes for reasons other than geography. The community that is entrusted to a pastor's care is less clearly defined and identified than in the past. This reality must be acknowledged if vibrant parishes are to be built up.

This response to the universal call to holiness is expressed in many ways within a vibrant parish, such as through the liturgy and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, "the source and summit of the Christian life" ("Lumen Gentium").

Additionally, the response to the universal call to holiness within a vibrant parish is expressed in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, fruits of the Holy Spirit, love for the truths of the faith, regular celebration of the sacraments — which includes weekly Mass — and fidelity to the precepts of the Church.

Parishes are meant to enjoy stability in the present and the future. The synod delegates expressed the fear of some Catholics that the possibility of parish mergers and closures presents a challenge when trying to discuss and plan for the future. If stability is an essential element of parish life, then the Diocese must be able to clearly identify and define the criteria

that will be used to determine if mergers and/or closures are to be part of the pastoral plan to build vibrant parishes.

A parish is entrusted to the pastoral care of a pastor. The synod recognized and affirmed the essential role the pastor plays in ensuring the success of parish life. Vibrant parishes need strong, joyful and inspiring spiritual fathers. Yet there is a need to develop plans to allow priests to focus upon the areas in which they have the greatest expertise, namely, the spiritual and liturgical elements of parish life, while relieving them of the worldly elements of parish life.

With these elements identified, at the direction of Bishop Christopher Coyne, the Diocese of Burlington engaged the Catholic Leadership Institute to help current parishes conduct self-studies to identify if they are vibrant and what areas need to be developed to become vibrant.

The self-studies will focus on four areas of parish life that reflect many of the concerns that were identified in the synodal consultation. A vibrant parish: focuses on the spiritual maturity of its members, including on-going catechesis for all members to deepen understanding and love of the truths of the faith; has a culture of shared leadership between the pastor and parishioners; has a strong focus upon the essential nature of the Sunday Eucharist that is celebrated with beauty and reverence; and encourages and empowers its members to embrace a missionary spirit and become evangelizers.

While parishes differ because of size and location, a vibrant parish embraces all of these areas in some way; thus, a small parish can be a vibrant parish. What is common to both small and large vibrant parishes is participation and commitment of clergy and laity.

As the Diocese moves forward, parishioners must understand that a parish is more about who Catholics are as disciples of Christ and less about buildings and programs.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY - August 17

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

SUNDAY - August 18

8:30 a.m. Nicola Todisco

10:30 a.m. Theresa Cross

MONDAY - August 19

9:00 a.m. Bud Monell, Mike and Nancy Bushey

3:00 p.m. Starr Farm Nursing Home

TUESDAY - August 20

9:00 a.m. Grace Campbell

WEDNESDAY - August 21

6:00 p.m. Peggy Wright

6:30-7:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Confessions

THURSDAY - August 22

9:00 a.m. Everett Mackenzie and Bud Sullivan

FRIDAY - August 23

9:00 a.m. Edward McKenna

SATURDAY - August 24

4:00 p.m. Mabel Shea

SUNDAY - August 25

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

10:30 a.m. David Dutchburn and Stephanie Carron

LITURGY SCHEDULE for August 24-25, 2019

ALTAR SERVERS

August 24: 4:00 p.m. Luke, Anna & Ben Michael

August 25: 8:30 a.m. Lillian and William Connolly

10:30 a.m. Sergio Hammond, *Volunteer
needed*

LECTORS

August 24: 4:00 p.m. Vincent Thibault

August 25: 8:30 a.m. Judy Allard

10:30 a.m. Carolyn Gipson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

August 24: 4:00 p.m. Charles Brown, Louis Bilodeau

August 25: 8:30 a.m. Thao Vu

10:30 a.m. Jan Hevey, Maurice Hevey

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