

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

16 Barre Street • Montpelier, Vermont 05602



PASTORAL STAFF

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MASS INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass Intentions should be made in person at the Rectory office, or by phone.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Weddings: Contact Pastor before setting a date; minimum six months notice.
Baptisms: By appointment; please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify us of people who are ill and/or hospitalized. We will respond as soon as possible.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS

We are delighted that you have joined our parish family. As we worship together, we hope you will feel at home here. We invite you to participate in the many parish ministries that provide opportunities for prayer, service and outreach.

Being inspired by the Gospel to live with faith, hope and love, we aspire to build God's Kingdom.

By registering as a parish member, we can get to know and serve you better.

Please register by calling the rectory at 802-223-5285, or email staugustineoffice@comcast.net

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. AUGUSTINE - Montpelier

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:15 am
Mon, Tues, Fri: 8:15 am
Wednesday: 12:10 pm
Thursday: No Mass

Please see inside bulletin for exceptions/changes

Holy Days and Holidays

Please see Mass schedule inside bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

Friday: 8:45-9:45 am (during Holy Hour)

Saturday: 4:30-5:00 pm
(or by appointment)

ST. AUGUSTINE OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm

(Monday - Thursday: Closed Noon-1:00)

Saturday-Sunday

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DRE/PCL: CJ Flynn

Grades K-6: Sunday 10:30-11:30am

R.C.I.A.

A program for those interested in becoming Catholic and Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith.

With Fr. Robert Murphy

Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm † September - April
Alternating weekly between St. Augustine and St. Monica

Exploring the Christian Faith Vision

Adult Continuing Education

With Dcn Regis Cummings and Joseph Gainza
Thursdays 7:00pm on Zoom † September - April

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

READING 1 Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.
READING 2 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)
GOSPEL John 1:6-8, 19-28

LITURGY

Dec 17
**3rd SUNDAY
 OF ADVENT**

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

5:15 PM Margaret F. Whitcomb by Family

"Bo" Goodell by Mom & Family

Sunday, Dec 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Corinne Sheridan by Ann

Monday, Dec 11 Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:15 AM Thérèse Higgins

Tuesday, Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15AM All Parishioners of St. Augustine

Wednesday, Dec 13 Saint Lucy

12:10 Ruth Donnelly by her Family

Thursday, Dec 14 Saint John of the Cross,

Priest

NO MASS

Friday, Dec 15

8:15AM Wayne & Gertrude Prevost
by Pam and Family

Saturday, Dec 16

5:15 PM Jeanne Lefebvre

Sunday, Dec 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Lorraine Watkers

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, Dec 11 - Building & Grounds Meeting 5:30pm

Tues, Dec 12 - CDA Advent Prayer Service

6:30pm in the church

Wed, Dec 13 - RCIA 7pm St. A Rectory

Sun, Dec 17 - Penance Service 1:30pm

Next Week

Wed, Dec 20 - LOTW Group 5-6:30pm in the Rectory

Birthday Blessings

Dec 11 Lorraine Kessler
 Dec 14 Maryann Breer
 Dec 16 Lynda Downing
 Dec 18 Patricia Tedesco
 Dec 19 Rosa Conneman
 Dec 19 Rita Rowan
 Dec 19 Molly McGibney
 Dec 19 Brigid Cook
 Dec 20 Catelyn Trombly
 Dec 22 Carol King
 Dec 22 Bernard Chenette

Anniversary Blessings

December 12 Bob & Kathy Rotondi



REMINDER

Checks should be made payable to St. Augustine Parish.
 The Fund, or purpose of donation, should be in the memo line.
Thank You

Support for

	<u>Nov 26</u>	<u>Dec 3</u>
Online Giving:	\$ 519.00	801.00
Saint A. Offertory:	\$ 3,212.00	3,062.00
Building & Grounds:	\$	140.00
Cemetery:	\$	30.00
Fuel:	\$ 147.00	203.00
Religious Ed:	\$ 30.00	50.00
School:	\$	519.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 1,140.00	
Vigil Candles:	\$ 45.00	31.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$ 120.00	140.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$ 15.00	
Christmas:	\$ 25.00	
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 5.00	
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 5.00	
Thanksgiving:	\$ 90.00	

NO 2nd Collection Dec 17

DEC 24/25 - CHRISTMAS

Vigil Mass:

4:00pm St. Augustine

4:00pm St. Monica

7:00pm St. Augustine

8:30pm St. Monica



Holy Day:

9:00am St. Augustine

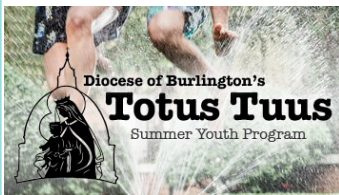
10:00am St. Monica

Religious Education Pageant Invitation

All parishioners are invited to enjoy a religious education student presentation on the birth of Jesus on Sunday, December 17 at 5:15PM in St. Monica Church. Our children have prepared to make our Advent more meaningful, and have reflected on these events in their classes.



Totus Tuus Gifts



Last year when it was time to register for Totus Tuus, some children had already signed up for other activities. So Fr. Pat is encouraging families to save the date, June 23-28, for Totus Tuus at St. Monica Parish. In fact, you may want to present a card to your child or grandchild, telling them that you are giving them Totus Tuus Week as a Christmas present!

Lessons and Carols

Our Lady of Snows, Waitsfield will host Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00pm. This year again features singers from Thomas Aquinas College (Northfield, Mass) and Ruth Tintle and her husband Leigh. An outdoor reception of warm drinks and dessert will follow.

Advent/Christmas Newsletter

A newsletter from the parish will arrive in your mail in the next week. Unfortunately, it is arriving late due to power outages. The purple newsletter will come in a St. Monica envelope.



Honoring People with Flowers

If you want to honor someone with flowers, and don't receive the envelopes by mail, please find the envelopes in the pews. When requesting flowers, please PRINT the names of those you would like to honor. The envelopes can then be dropped in the collection basket.

Children's Christmas Pageant



Our Religious Education students will be presenting their Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 24 at 3:15pm. All are invited to come a little early and enjoy this pageant before 4:00pm Mass.



All Are Welcome to Our
Community Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

December 16th at 6:15 PM

St. Augustine's Church

16 Barre Street Montpelier, VT

Candy Canes For All The Children

Hope To See You At This Joyous Occasion!



Joy to the World!

LET US PRAY...for our church, our parishes in Vermont and all over the world, for our Catholic Schools, for our communities, for our families, for those who are sick and infirm, for those who are lonely, for those who suffer from mental illness and addiction. Let us pray. **HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CIRCLE:** If you would like to have prayers said for a love one, neighbor, or friend, please call Cathy Asbell (802.279.7957). **VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church, who wishes to receive the Sacraments (Confession, Communion, Anointing of the Sick), please call the Rectory: 223.5285



PLEASE PRAY

For all the men and women from our Parish, State, and Country who serve in the military, and for the sick of our Parish,

Especially for:

Larry Austin
Barbara Barranco
Richard Connery III
Dean & Raylene Hedges
Sarita Hernandez
David Jerome
Jan Koval
Shirley Lanza
Lydia Lewis
Tom McCormick
Matthew Percy
Nancy Preis
Jeannette Quinn
Joel Rivera
Quentin Sabiano
Lillian Smith
Robert C. Stevens
Stella Thomas
Thomas Vivian

Call 223-5285 (Rectory)
To add someone to this list

PRAYERS PRAYERS PRAYERS

Montpelier Food Pantry

New Location: 89 Main St. (Alleyway off E. State to right of Parking Garage)
Not accessible through the City Center Main Entrance.
Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10am-12pm
Park on street at meters or at Trinity and walk over.
Questions: dylan@justbasicsvt.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Second Sunday of Advent: Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. A voice cries out in the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God." Give your spouse a gift. Be transformed. Love your spouse always. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.

For more information or to apply, call **Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114** or <https://wwwmevtw.org/>.

EMMAUS JOURNEY

Adult Continuing Education Program

Join facilitators Dcn Regis Cummings and Joseph Gainza
for Conversation Exploring the Christian Faith Journey

Thursdays at 7:00pm on Zoom
September - April



For details please Contact:

Dcn Regis Cummings - 802.223.6043

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Following the teachings of Dom John Main OSB,
founder of the Benedictine Priory, Montreal, Quebec

For details please Contact: Dcn Regis Cummings - 802.223.6043

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE AS OF 11.15.2023

GOAL: \$42,739.00 ACTUAL: \$ 23,359.00 % OF GOAL: 60%

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Download Small Group Reflection (PDF) at <https://popesprayerusa.net/popess-intentions/>



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul
of those who have died in Nov/Dec

Ora Paul



A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows

Wednesday December 13 is the Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. Lucy was from Sicily and martyred around 304 A.D. She is one of the many early female martyrs who refused the marriage that had been decided for her. Lucy illustrates how the early Church offered women new independence in the context of marriage systems largely in the control of men.

Lucy is often portrayed with an ox unsuccessfully pulling her to her wedding as the Holy Spirit made her too heavy to move. The ox is found below St. Lucy in the north transept.



We also use the angel in the choir loft to illustrate Lucy as she is invoked by those with eye troubles. Unlike most all the characters in the windows, the angel looks directly forward at the congregation. This leads to an interesting question: why did the artist choose to make only some of the people look forward? Jesus does by far the most (according to my count, at least nine times), so it must be an indication of holiness.

See if you can find all those who look forward:

St. Martha

St. Anne

St. Jerome

Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth

Angels at the top of each of the lower windows

How many of Jesus can you find?

