

# SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

16 Barre Street • Montpelier, Vermont 05602



## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Forman  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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](mailto: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 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

**READING 1** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
**READING 2** Romans 16:25-27  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Luke 1:38  
**GOSPEL** Luke 1:26-38

**LITURGY**

Dec 24

**4th SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Dec 16**

5:15 PM Jeanne Lefebvre

**Sunday, Dec 17 - Third Sunday of Advent**

9:15 AM Lorraine Watkers

**Monday, Dec 18**

8:15 AM All Parishioners of St. Augustine

**Tuesday, Dec 19**

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

**Wednesday, Dec 20**

12:10 **NO MASS**

**Thursday, Dec 21 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, Dec 22**

8:15AM Owen King by His Grandparents

**Saturday, Dec 23 Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

5:15 PM Arthur, Betty, & Skipper Kerin  
by Pat Weldner

**Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:15 AM Bill & Ruth Donnelly by Family

**Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Vigil**

4:00 PM Agnes & Philip Shay, Sr.

7:00 PM Wayne & Gertrude Prevost  
by Pam & Family

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sun, Dec 17 - Penance Service 1:30pm

*Next Week*

The office will be closed December 25 through January 1  
We will return January 2.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

### Birthday Blessings

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 Bernard Chenette  
 Dec 25 Pauline Brousseau  
 Dec 28 Paula Cody  
 Dec 29 Bonnie Giuliani  
 Dec 29 Janet Koval  
 Dec 30 Rose Brassard

### Anniversary Blessings

December 31 Stephen & Beth (Adams) Cody



### Support for

Online Giving:  
 Saint A. Offertory:  
 Building & Grounds:  
 Cemetery:  
 Fuel:  
 Religious Ed:  
 School:  
 Soup Kitchen:  
 Vigil Candles:

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**NO 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Dec 24**

**Dec 25 FUEL / CHRISTMAS**

## MASS OBLIGATION

With Christmas falling on a Monday this year, the Diocese has asked us to remind everyone that we have an obligation to go to Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24) and a **second** obligation to attend a Christmas Mass (Dec. 24/25).

### 4th Sunday of Advent Dec 23/24

### Christmas - Dec 24/25

*Saturday Dec 23*  
**4:00pm St. Monica**  
**5:15pm St. Augustine**

*Sunday Dec 24*  
**8:30am St. Monica**  
**9:15am St. Augustine**



*Vigil Mass Dec 24*  
**4:00pm St. Augustine**  
**4:00pm St. Monica**  
**7:00pm St. Augustine**  
**8:30pm St. Monica**  
**(concert at 7:30pm)**

*Holy Day Dec 25*  
**9:00am St. Augustine**  
**10:00am St. Monica**

### Penance Service

Many Catholics choose to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent, even if they are not aware of committing a mortal sin. This Sunday afternoon from 1:30PM to 3:00PM in St. Augustine Church an Advent penance service will be held. After a short examination of conscience and prayer service, individual confessions will be heard.

### Children's Christmas Pageants

**St. Monica's** Religious Education students will present a Christmas pageant this **Sunday, December 17** at **5:30PM** in the church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**St. Augustine's** Religious Education students will present a Christmas pageant on **Sunday, December 24** at **3:15pm** in the church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend before the 4:00pm Vigil Mass.

### Alfords Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup>

Mike and Jonnie Alford, our school principal and second grade teacher, are celebrating 50 years of marriage on Friday, December 22 in Brandon, Vermont. We offer them our prayers and congratulations on this happy occasion.

### Hannukah Prayers

The eight-day period of Hannukah has recently ended. We pray that it renews the hope of our Jewish neighbors, as they experience a dark time. May the miracle of the oil remind us God is light in the darkness.

### 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!

### 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.

### 2024 Calendars

This weekend we will bless and distribute new calendars for 2024. These are once again provided by Guare and Sons Funeral Home. These calendars, unlike many others, can help us follow special saints' days, Holy Days of Obligation, and the seasons of the church year.

On the flap, mass times and contact information for the parish is a quickly available.

Keep your calendar close by!



**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)

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### 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: Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoice Always!

*Isaiah 61:1:* "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me."  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24:* "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it."

Let the Lord transform your marriage. Give your spouse a gift. 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 \(PDF\)](https://popesprayerusa.net/popess-intentions/) 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

This week, in honor of the Winter Solstice, we look at what is arguably the most important artist at St. Augustine: the

sun. Everyday, the sun fires the windows, the colors changing as it moves across the sky, shifting with the clouds. In the words of the stained glass artist, Burnham, the windows are "enhanced and glorified by the light of heaven."

Jesus was born just after the winter solstice, December 21, which in the Northern hemisphere is when the sun is at the lowest point in the sky and the days are shortest. Theologically, the increasing days from this date represents coming of Christ's salvific work into the world. Traditionally, the sun plays an important role in church architecture. Church altars are supposed to face east, towards the rising sun and the Resurrection, which is the case at St. Augustine.



At the winter solstice, the sun sets between the two hills in the west where Route 12 heads toward Northfield, shining directly on the front of St. Augustine Church.



The light blazes a path through the doors down the center aisle and, as seen in the photo, the light streams through the Angel window in the choir loft, bathing the sanctuary in color.



At the same time, St. Augustine cemetery marks the solstice. The sun sets directly between the front gate. I haven't found if this is intentional or not, but it may be based on a Catholic tradition that I am not aware of. I'll keep looking and maybe next December I'll have an update.

