

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

16 Barre Street • Montpelier, Vermont 05602



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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

January 7, 2024 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

READING 1 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
 READING 2 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 1:41, 17b
 GOSPEL John 1:35-42

LITURGY

Jan 14
 2nd Sunday
 Ordinary
 Time

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 6 Saint André Bessette, Religious
 5:15 PM Robert & Joan Dyer

Sunday, Jan 7 - Epiphany of the Lord
 9:15 AM Wayne & Gertrude Prevost
 by Pam & Family

Monday, Jan 8 Baptism of the Lord
 8:15 AM All Parishioners of St. Augustine

Tuesday, Jan 9 - 1st Week in Ordinary Time
 8:15 AM Rita Diego

Wednesday, Jan 10
 12:10 PM Special Intentions - Marguerite Smyrski
 For her 100th Birthday! (Friday)

Thursday, Jan 11
 NO MASS

Friday, Jan 12
 8:15 AM Special Intentions of Deborah Ann Sacramo
 for her 70th Birthday by David, Alaina, Kati and Ashley

Saturday, Jan 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop
 5:15 PM Philip Shay, Sr.

Sunday, Jan 14 - 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
 9:15 AM Lorraine Watkers

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, Jan 10 - LOTW Group 5-6:30 in the Rectory
Next Week
 Wed, Jan 17 - RCIA 7pm in St. Augustine Rectory

Birthday Blessings

January 7 Doris Dufresne
 January 7 Will Bruzzese
 January 8 Paul Cerminara
 January 9 Sam Watson
 January 12 Marguerite Smyrski
 January 13 Loretta Schneider
 January 13 Alex Garrow
 January 13 William Acosta
 January 15 Elissa Campbell
 January 16 Amanda Supan
 January 17 Salvador Acosta
 January 17 Louise Lynch
 January 17 Gabriella Basa
 January 18 Talitha Costello
 January 19 Patricia Percy



Anniversary Blessings

January 15 Georgina & Bruce Bjornlund

We'd like to wish a very
HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY
 to Marguerite Smyrski!

Support for	Dec 23-25	Dec 31
Online Giving:	\$ 1,035.00	1,366.00
Saint A. Offertory:	\$ 1,902.00	1,520.00
Building & Grounds:	\$ 1,430.00	255.00
Cemetery:	\$ 30.00	40.00
Fuel:	\$ 2,284.00	8.00
Religious Ed:	\$	30.00
School:	\$ 37.00	20.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 1,100.00	
Vigil Candles:	\$ 105.00	40.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$ 1,185.00	95.00
All Saints:	\$ 10.00	
All Souls:	\$ 10.00	
Christmas:	\$ 4,246.00	5.00
Flowers:	\$ 287.00	
Religious Retirement Fund:	\$ 35.00	
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	45.00

2nd Collection Jan 14: School Support

Epiphany of the Lord

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6.

The custom of blessing homes while recalling the visit of the Magi is celebrated in most old-world countries. The family gathers. At the main door of the house, a piece of chalk is used to write $20 + C + M + B + 24$ on the top of the door. This is the year being blessed and initials of the three kings: Caspar; Melchior; Balthasar. Just as the Holy Family welcomed the Kings, who brought gifts, so we ask God to bless our home this year with heavenly gifts

HOUSE BLESSING

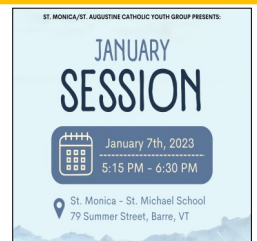
Let us pray. O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house and that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell herein may Your blessing remain forever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the New Year!

Lord, whether we're leaving behind a year of joy and blessings or trials of difficulties, we pause to give thanks. We thank you that you are always with us, every single day of every year. Please remind us of your presence in the year ahead, even when life is busy. Amen

St. Monica/St. Augustine Catholic Youth Group Session

St. Monica/St. Augustine Catholic Youth Group is for Catholic students in grades 7-12 who have received their sacraments. Although this group ministers mostly to parishioners of St. Monica Parish and St. Augustine Parish, all students are welcome! If you would like to add your name to the email list in order to receive the most updated notifications and reminders for these events, please email the St. Monica PCL. If you are on the email list, you will be notified of any changes to the website and schedule.



St. Monica/St. Augustine Catholic Youth Group will be gathering **THIS SUNDAY in SMSM School a for the first session of the year!** Then, on January 21st there will be an opportunity to go sledding. More details will be sent out via the SM/SA Catholic Youth Group email list.

Our Children, Our Treasure

During this time, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, Fr. Pat wants to take this opportunity to thank God and bring to the attention of our parishioners some of the accomplishments of our parish and school children.

First, before Christmas and Christmas Eve, we had children share a Christmas Pageant for us at both churches. There were servers at the Christmas Masses who helped our priests.

There was a children's choir who gave a very nice concert and sang at Mass.

The Diocese recently had a contest to mark the Year of the Eucharist. The front cover of the last issue of *Vermont Catholic Magazine*, was a winning entry in that contest, drawn by our eighth grade parishioner, Emilia Poczobut. Parishioner Ann Marie Lacourrege, 3rd grade homeschooler, won her division.

The school bee hive program was recently highlighted in the *Vermont Catholic Magazine*. Our students are often caught doing good deeds throughout the day.

The local Elks Club recognizes students from local schools every month. For December, parishioners Sean Mulligan, 4th Grade, was student of the month, and received an award at dinner.

Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop

ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church.

Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

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
Joan Fitzgerald
Dean & Raylene Hedges
David Jerome
Jennifer Khouri
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 in Ordinary Time!

I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20: "...Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ! Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit With Him. ...Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own....therefore, glorify God in your body."

One Way to Glorify the Lord is by enriching 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 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week)

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

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://wwmewtw.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

January

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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 Dec/Jan



A WINDOW INOT OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

As we start the second year of studying our stained glass windows at St. Augustine Church, it would be good to summarize the multiple levels of meaning we've seen and how the windows help us learn the Faith.

1. **The Big Picture:** The windows as a whole tell the life of Christ, starting in the eastern corner with the Annunciation and ending with the Descent of the Holy Spirit in the northern corner.

2. **Symbolic Meaning:** The big picture contains dozens of symbols, each with extensive meaning that is not always obvious at first glance, such as Maria Regina symbol we examined last week.



3. **Hidden Meaning:** We've found hidden meaning layered in the windows. The best example that we saw was St. Martin of Tours in the Casting Lots window. Briefly, the window shows a centurion cutting a cloak with a sword. In the Gospels, the centurions cast lots in order not to rip Jesus' seamless garment. This represents St. Martin, a centurion that cut his cloak with a sword in order to give half to a beggar.

4. **New Meaning:** As we go forward, we will increasingly examine how we can add new meaning to the windows as a way of learning the Faith. A very simple way we've done this is using pairs of images to remember saints. For example, we used the calling rooster and the eagle windows to represent St. Juan Diego, whose name in Nahuatl means "Talking Eagle." St. Cecilia, the virgin martyr and patron of music, is represented by the angel playing the harp and the image of a sword.

This year we'll see how longer series of images, or "prayer lines," can help us memorize prayers or learn longer teachings. In the next month, we'll see how this works with Mary's prayer the Magnificat and the unique characteristics of the Gospel of John.

