

# SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

18 Barre Street • Montpelier, Vermont 05602



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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.*

### Confession

**Friday:** 8:45–9:30 am

**Saturday:** 4:00–4:45 pm  
(or by appointment)

## Office Hours (@ St. Monica in Barre)

**Monday - Thursday:** 8:00am - 4:00pm

**Friday:** 8:00am - 12:00pm

### Saturday-Sunday

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### **O.C.I.A.**

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

Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm † September - April  
in St. Augustine Parish Hall

### **EMMAUS JOURNEY**

**Exploring the Christian Faith Vision**

*Adult Continuing Education*

*With Dcn Regis Cummings and Joseph Gainza*

Thursdays 6:30-8PM on Zoom † September-April  
**Join Any Time**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Forman

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Fr. Luan Van Tran

**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Regis Cummings (S.S.)  
Rev. Mr. Gesualdo Schneider

**Religious Education Director:** Daniel Lacourrege

**Parish Secretary/Office Manager:** Liz Kilmurry

**Custodian/Cemetery Director:** Michael Bottiggi

## Parish Council Chair:

Conor Cook, [conor.p.cook@outlook.com](mailto:conor.p.cook@outlook.com)

## Finance Committee Chair:

Open at this time

## Catholic Daughters of America Regent:

Denise Parry, [parrya@myfairpoint.net](mailto:parrya@myfairpoint.net)

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Grand Knight: William Toborg, [wlt1@caa.columbia.edu](mailto:wlt1@caa.columbia.edu)

Deputy Grand Knight: Conor Cook, [conor.p.cook@outlook.com](mailto:conor.p.cook@outlook.com)



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Weddings:** Contact the Pastor before setting a date; a minimum of six months notice is required.

**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.

## 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Mass Intentions may be requested Tuesday through Friday, in person at the rectory, or by phone,*

## 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.

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

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

Please register by calling the rectory at **802-223-5285**, or email: [staugustine@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:staugustine@vermontcatholic.org)

## December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

READING 1  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
READING 2  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
GOSPEL

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:23  
Matthew 1:18-24

## LITURGY

December 21  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Advent

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Dec 13 Saint Lucy**  
5:15 PM All Parishioners

**Sunday, Dec 14- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
9:15 AM Mary Jane Cain by Fred & Mary Bashara

**Monday, Dec 15 Advent Weekday**  
8:15 AM Vocations to the Priesthood

**Tuesday, Dec 16 Advent Weekday**  
8:15 AM Pat Gardner, CDA Member  
by CDA St. Augustine #976

**Wednesday, Dec 17 Late Advent Weekday**  
12:10 PM Erin Blosser MacCormack  
by Kathy Grange

**Thursday, Dec 18 Late Advent Weekday**  
NO MASS

**Friday, Dec 19 Late Advent Weekday**  
8:15 AM Relief of Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, Dec 20 Late Advent Weekday**  
5:15 PM Gillian Hernandez  
by Mama, Dad and Brother Ian

**Sunday, Dec 21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
9:15 AM Francis and Mary Jane Cain  
by Fred & Mary Bashara

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sun, Dec 14 - Christmas Pageant Practice 10:30am @ St. A  
for all Religious Ed students from both St. A & St. M  
Wed, Dec 17 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/  
**Youth Group Christmas Party** 6-8pm @ St. M  
Fri, Dec 19 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm  
Sun, Dec 21 - **Christmas Pageant** 10:30am @ St. Augustine for  
**ALL Religious Education Students from BOTH St. A & St. M**  
Wed, Dec 24-NO OCIA or Youth Group - **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
Fri, Dec 26 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm

### Coffee Hour

(Second Sunday of the Month after 9:15am Mass)

Please email or call Cynthia Murphy at  
[cynthiam1950@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiam1950@gmail.com) or 802.229.0779  
if you are able to provide baked goods/fruit/  
veggies or help out. Or just be spontaneous and  
bring us a surprise. You need not commit to every  
month.

**Next Coffee Hour: December 14**

### Holiday Schedule

#### Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

St. Augustine - 4:00pm, 7:00pm

St. Monica - 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

#### Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

St. Augustine - 9:00am

St. Monica - 10:00am

#### Dec. 31 - Solemnity of Mary, Vigil

St. Augustine - 5:15pm

St. Monica - 4:00pm

#### Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary

St. Augustine - 9:15am

St. Monica - 10:45am



### Support for Dec 7

Online Giving:	\$0.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$0.00
Building & Grounds:	\$0.00
Cemetery:	\$0.00
Community Lunch:	\$0.00
Fuel:	\$0.00
Religious Ed:	\$0.00
School:	\$0.00
Vigil Candles:	\$0.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$0.00

Thank you for your continued support!

NO 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Dec 21

## Live Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, December 21 at 10:30am, at St. Augustine Church, children from St. Monica and St. Augustine Parishes, and St. Monica-St. Michael School are going to present the gospel account of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be communal singing during the pageant.

All children are invited to come to a rehearsal on Sunday, December 14 at 10:30am at St. Augustine Church. Parts will be assigned at this time. Everyone is welcome as we need lots of angels and shepherds. For more information please contact our Religious Education Director.

If there is a significant reason that your student cannot attend, please let us know ASAP so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for making this special time of the year even more memorable for our young people.



## Decorating Our Churches

Decorating the churches for the Christmas Season takes a lot of help! Moving things around, hanging wreathes, placing the nativity and flowers can be enjoyable with many helpers.

St. Augustine Church will be decorated on Sunday, December 21, after the children's Christmas Pageant. We will start about 11:30am. St. Monica Church will be decorated on Monday, December 22, beginning at 10:00am.



## Opportunities for Advent Reconciliation

St. Augustine: Friday 8:45 – 9:30am; Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

St. Monica: Saturday 3:00-3:30pm; Sunday 3:15 – 3:45pm; Tues & Thurs 5:30 to 6:00pm

## *The Word Among US*

Many copies of the Advent issue of the Word Among Us, so that even parishioners who don't usually use it will have the opportunity to make their Advent more spiritual. The books contain a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for each day of Advent.

## **Lessons and Carols** **Sunday, December 28th at 3PM** **Bishop McDermott Presiding**



A traditional service of Lessons and Carols in which beloved carols alternate with scripture to tell of the loving purpose of Christ's coming among us will be offered at St Peter Church in Vergennes . It is a reflective evening accompanied by organ, choir, and brass ensemble.

Cookies and Christmas cheer to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!

## **BLOOD DRIVE SURVEY**

The Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier is looking to host a Blood Drive on December 23, 2025. The Red Cross has asked them to send out an Interest Survey to gauge preparedness of food, materials, PPE, etc. If interested in giving blood, please click on the link provided and fill out the five question survey. **SURVEY:** <https://forms.office.com/r/qaFSwgLJ4r>

Thank you for considering us and this amazing cause that saves so many!

Kol Tuv (all good things!)

## **ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

All our young people who are preparing for Confirmation this April are expected to attend the Diocese of Burlington Confirmation Pilgrimage on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This is a self-transport event, so parents will need to arrange arrival and departure from the Cathedral at 29 Allen St., Burlington VT. The event goes from 10am through the Cathedral's Vigil Mass, which usually ends at 5pm: please be punctual. The parish will cover the cost of all student participants, but if a parent who wishes to come and stay for the retreat will need to pay a \$15 cover charge for food and materials.

**IMPORTANT:** you need to RSVP by email with Daniel Lacourrege, our PCL, indicating any food allergies or special needs. You can also reach out to him with any questions or concerns you may have. He can be reached at [dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org).





**LET US PRAY FOR...** *our church, our parishes in Vermont and all over the world, our Catholic Schools, our communities, our families, those who are sick and infirm, those who are lonely, 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 loved one, friend, or neighbor, please call Cathy Asbell (802.279.7957).

**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:**

Kathy Callaghan  
G.  
GBJ  
Raylene Hedges  
Greg Ibey  
Matthew Khouri  
Jan Koval  
Olivia Leibold  
Lee Curtis Lilly  
Matthew Percy  
Pat Percy  
Jeannette Quinn  
Timothy Scandale  
Thomas Vivian

**PRAYERS**

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

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul**  
*of those who have died in our Parish*  
**Especially:**

*Carleen Pembroke Van Siclen*  
*Ronald Dion*  
*Gertrude "Trudy" McArdle*  
*Joseph Mureta*



## **Jubilee Pilgrimage Passport**

The Diocese of Burlington has created a simple passport that is available to any parishioner who may wish to keep track of their pilgrimage to the 4 Jubilee Churches in our diocese. The passport has 6 visits,

***This project can be accomplished anytime throughout the Jubilee Year, as your schedule allows.***

Information on the Jubilee Churches and the Indulgence can be found here:

[www.vermontcatholic.org/about/jubilee-year-2025/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/jubilee-year-2025/)



## **St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home, Burlington, VT**

**Rooms and Suites available:** St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, operated by Vermont Catholic Charities, is a small home-like community that provides personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. Our dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person - physical, emotional, social and spiritual.

*For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 802.864.0264*

## **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

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Does your marriage need a boost: more pruning, more seed to help it flourish and bloom? In today's first reading, **Isaiah 35:1-6**: *"They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song."* Marriage takes work. Jesus will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better. Have Hope in your marriage. Live in harmony with your spouse. Learn how, by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

**January 23-25, 2026 in North Easton, MA**

**March 13-15, 2026 in South Burlington, VT**



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**, [vtroot@together.net](mailto:vtroot@together.net) or

[wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

## **BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 12/01/2025 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED**

**GOAL: \$32,676.00 ACTUAL: \$31,414.07 Recurring Estimate: \$1,277.07**

**ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$33,935.07 % OF GOAL: 104%!**

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

**December**

## **For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

## *A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows*

Last week we saw how Msgr. William Crosby was not only the longest serving pastor in the history of St. Augustine but also a prominent leader in Montpelier. So well loved, in fact, that a few months after he died in April 1963, the street he had lived on took his name. The *Barre Times Argus* reported August 15, 1963 that on September 1 Fullerton Avenue would be officially changed to Msgr. Crosby Avenue. The project was taken up "as the result of several requests from residents who believed such action would be in keeping as a memorial to the late pastor." Mayor Manuel Canas wrote to every resident and encouraged them to attend the meeting if there was any opposition. Three residents attended to approve the change. Canas reported he received one letter in opposition "But since the person writing the letter did not have the guts to sign his or her name, I don't think the letter has any bearing on our action."

Manuel Canas was a longtime parishioner of St. Augustine Church. He was born in 1930, making him only 33 when he was mayor. Manuel passed away in 2013, but his wife Dorothy Canas, is still a leader in the St. Augustine Community. When I asked her about the name change of the street she said, "I remember that my husband and Msgr. Crosby were close. My husband thought renaming the street to Msgr. Crosby's name would honor his contribution to St. Augustine's and the Montpelier community." As a result, Msgr. Crosby lives on not only in the church he helped grow, in his grave next to the church, but also in the streets of our community.

Below (left) is the sign for Msgr Crosby Ave, with the former convent and St. Michael School in the background.



To the right is the sign for Msgr Crosby Ave at Wilder Street, near the stone steps that lead into Blanchard Park.



### **St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group is BRAND NEW for the NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

We are excited to announce that, starting September 17, 2025, St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group will be meeting every Wednesday night during the fall semester from 6pm until 8pm in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Each meeting will include FREE food, fellowship, a weekly activity and, of course, time for prayer and faith formation.

The activity will rotate from week to week and will include:

GAMES, ARTS, CRAFTS, GUEST SPEAKERS, HOLIDAY PARTIES AND MUCH MORE!

So, if you are a teen who is part of the parish communities of St. Augustine and St. Monica, we invite you to come check out the new youth group! You are welcome to sign up at the door, but if you would like to register in advance or if you have suggestions for fun activities, please email [stmonicalift@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicalift@gmail.com).



**So Save the Dates: Every Wednesday this fall from 6pm-8pm in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!**

### **St. Monica Parish Men of St. Joseph**

Men of St. Joseph was founded in 2002 by Thomas F. Prindiville and Deacon Daniel Pudvah, with the strong support of the Pastor. The MOSJ meets monthly on the third Saturday (except in August) from 8:00am to 10:00am, in the Parish Hall. We have a breakfast, prayer time, discussions about our Faith, and occasionally invite a guest speaker. We assist the Pastor with projects when called upon. We enjoy a picnic the third Sunday in July in the Barre Town Recreation Shelter, and a special steak and eggs breakfast in December in the parish hall.

St. Augustine Parish Men are cordially invited to attend our meetings, meet our members, and enjoy fellowship. You may contact Deacon Dan at 802-479-3253 or Gary at 802-476-6097.

### **BISHOP'S APPEAL**

Many generous donors have helped the Bishop's Annual Appeal reach this year's monetary goal. However, pastoral needs remain, so please consider a gift today. Gifts made by December 31, 2025 are eligible for a charitable deduction for the 2025 tax year. To learn more or make a gift online visit: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).

With gratitude, Holly