

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

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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

Finance Committee Chair:

Open at this time

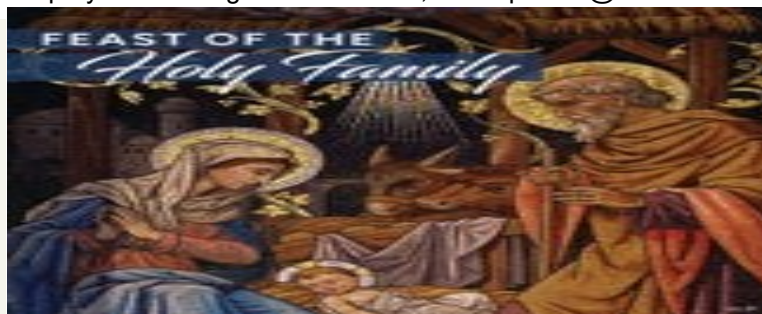
Catholic Daughters of America Regent:

Denise Parry, parrya@myfairpoint.net

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: William Toborg, wlt1@caa.columbia.edu

Deputy Grand Knight: Conor Cook, 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

December 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

READING 1 [Isaiah 60:1-6](#)
RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13](#)
READING 2 [Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6](#)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Matthew 2:2](#)
GOSPEL [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

LITURGY

January 4
The Epiphany
of the Lord

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

5:15 PM Ron Dion by Liz

Sunday, Dec 28 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:15 AM All Parishioners

Monday, Dec 29 Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop

8:15 AM Special Intentions

Tuesday, Dec 30

8:15 AM Harriet Luck by Lauren Clemons

Wednesday, Dec 31 Saint Sylvester I, Pope

5:15 PM Deceased Members of the
Shay and Schaefer Families

Thursday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:15 AM Thérèse Higgins

Friday, Jan 2 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops

8:15 AM Ray Barquin

Saturday, Jan 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:15 PM Mary Jane Cain by Fred & Mary Bashara

Sunday, Jan 4 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:15 AM All Parishioners

IMPORTANT DATES

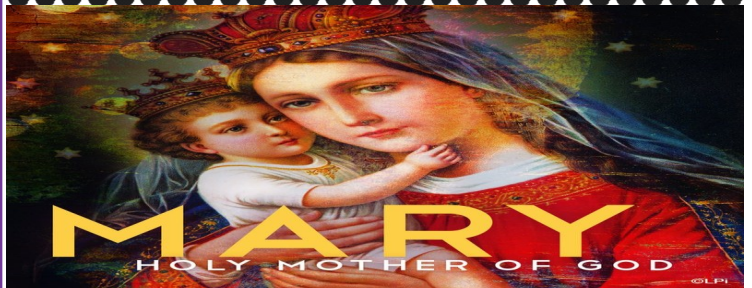
Wed, Dec 31- NO OCIA or Youth Group—Happy New Year!
Fri, Jan 2 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
Sun, Jan 4 - Religious Education-Safe Environment Instruction
Wed, Jan 7 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M
Fri, Jan 9 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm

Coffee Hour

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

Please email or call Cynthia Murphy at cynthiam1950@gmail.com 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: January 11



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Dec. 31-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Vigil

St. Augustine - 5:15pm

St. Monica - 4:00pm

Jan. 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St. Augustine - 9:15am

St. Monica - 10:45am

Support for Dec 14

Online Giving:	\$444.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$2,090.00
Building & Grounds:	\$670.00
Cemetery:	
Community Lunch:	
Fuel:	\$60.00
Religious Ed:	
School:	\$28.00
Vigil Candles:	\$86.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$115.00
All Saints:	\$5.00
All Souls:	\$5.00
Flowers:	\$49.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$74.00
Religious Retirement:	\$740.00

Thank you for your continued support!

January 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

2nd Collection Jan 4 - SCHOOL SUPPORT

Fr. Pat's Thank Yous

One of the great joys of the Christmas Season, on top of Jesus' birthday, is watching how many parishioners step-up to help make the Christmas Masses so special. Our children who presented the pageant, those who provided music, those who decorated, and so many others, and special things to help us make our Christmas more beautiful.

Fr. Pat is so grateful also, for those who took the time to send him a card or dropped off some home-made goodies at the rectory. Your prayer support is appreciated throughout the year!

Fr. Luan's Thank Yous

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the joy of Christmas continues to echo in our hearts, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you.

Thank you for your beautiful Christmas cards, kind wishes, thoughtful gifts, and delicious cookies. Your generosity, prayers, and affection are deeply appreciated and truly uplifting. Each gesture—large or small—was a reminder of the love that binds us together as a faith community.

Most of all, thank you for sharing the true spirit of Christmas: not simply through presents, but through love, faith, and kindness rooted in Jesus Christ, who is God's greatest gift to us.

Please know of my continued prayers for you and your loved ones.

May the peace and joy of the newborn Christ remain with you throughout the New Year.

With gratitude and blessings,

Father Luan Van Tran

The Christmas Season

This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May God bless our parish family in 2026. Next weekend we will celebrate the Epiphany.

Bishop John McDermott Designates 2026 as a Year of Vocations for Diocese of Burlington

" . . . I am directing that at all weekend Masses a prayer for vocations be prayed either in the General Intercessions, prior to Mass, or after Communion. . . I ask that parishes schedule regular holy hours for vocations in their churches throughout the year. I ask that parents pray with their children to be open to a priestly or religious vocation and not to dissuade those who may be trying to answer God's call." (The Bishop's full Pastoral Letter of December 17, 2025 may be found on the Diocesan website: vermontcatholic.org)

Church Calendar Thank You

We are grateful once again, for the beautiful 2026 Church calendars that have been provided to St. Monica by Pruneau-Polli Funeral Home, under the management of Duffy Ballard, Cort Ballard & Cecile Carbonneau and to St. Augustine by Guare & Sons, Barber & Lanier Funeral and Cremation Service by Jonathan and Jasmine Boucher and Paul Guare.



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.
Pauline Goodell
Raylene Hedges
GBJ
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 (Rectory)
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*



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

ATTENTION ALL Religious Education Students

On Sunday, January 4, students will be receiving their annual Safe Environment Instruction. As per the norms of our Diocesan Safe Environment Policy, we are required to offer this instruction to all students every school year. We will be using the "Circle of Grace" program with age-appropriate instruction. Parent letters have been sent home via email so that you can review the course content in advance. If you choose to opt out of this program, you should let us know ahead of time so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please reach out to the PCL, Daniel Lacourge, at dlacourge@vermontcatholic.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Psalm: 24:1-2: "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory." Have you let the Lord enter your life and your relationship with your spouse? Jesus will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better.

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:

Contact **Gary & Lynn Root** at **802-456-8114**, vtroot@together.net or wwwme.org.



BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 12/16/2025 **YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED**

GOAL: \$32,676.00 ACTUAL: \$34,853.19 Recurring Estimate: \$2,424.00

ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$37,277.19 % OF GOAL: **114%!**

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

We looked at the icon of St. Augustine that hangs above the Tabernacle in the 11/23/25 bulletin. It was installed while Fr. Thomas Mosher was pastor so I wrote to ask if he knew who the artist is. What he sent back reveals a fascinating connection between St. Augustine and St. Jacob of Alaska Church in Northfield Falls.

Fr. Mosher found a letter from the Russian iconographer, Vladislav Andrejev. He was based in New York City and founded the Prosopon School of Iconology in 1993. In 2005, Fr. Mosher met Andrejev at the Edmundite Retreat House in Mystic, Connecticut in 2005 while on retreat. Andrejev was there teaching a class in iconography. This probably dates the painting of the icon to late 2005 or 2006.

What probably no one at St. Augustine knew was that Vladislav's son Dmitri, also a prominent iconographer, had already started painting 8 miles south a year ago. In 2004 he painted a couple scenes at St. Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Church in Northfield Falls, the church that some of us visited for Vespers during Pope Leo's meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew the end of November. In 2005 Dmitri and his family moved to Vermont and settled in Brookfield in the next year. He continued to work on St. Jacob, filling it with beautiful paintings.

What emerges is a remarkable and most likely independent convergence, that a father and son were composing art work for St. Augustine Church and St. Jacob of Alaska Church at about the same time. Thus, the two churches, one Roman Catholic and the other Eastern Orthodox, are united in their art by a single family of artists. Which in turn takes added meaning in light of Pope Leo's and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's joint declaration on November 29, that "heeding the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, we continue to walk with firm determination on the path of dialogue, in love and truth (cf. Eph 4:15), towards the hoped-for restoration of full communion between our sister Churches." Perhaps our joint artistic heritage can inspire in our communities to that which Leo and Bartholomew call Catholics and Orthodox to: "new and courageous steps on the path towards unity."

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/travels/2025/documents/20251129-dichiarazione-congiunta.html>

<https://www.ourherald.com/articles/making-visible-the-invisible/>

note: the father spells his surname "Andrejev" and the son spells it "Andreyev"
According to Dmitri's website, he painted St. Jacob Church in 2004, 2008, and 2014.

This was in conjunction with Pope Leo's visit to Turkey and his call for full communion with the Orthodox Church.



St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group Welcomes All Parish Teens

St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group will be meets 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 your 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.



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