

The Inland See

News from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington



December 6–12, 2025



Bishop's Calendar — December 2025

Bishop McDermott is scheduled to be at the following locations in December.

Please check with the parish or school for Mass times or schedule changes.

<i>Saturday, December 6</i>	Mass at St. Peter, Rutland	<i>Saturday, December 13</i>	Mass for the Foundation Day for the Sisters of Mercy, Mater Christi School, Burlington
<i>Sunday, December 7</i>	Mass at Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph; Mass at St. Anthony, Bethel; Mass at Norwich University, Northfield	<i>Sunday, December 14</i>	Mass at St. Philip Neri Latin Mass Chaplaincy at St. Anthony, Burlington
<i>Monday, December 8</i>	Mass at Rice Memorial High School, South Burlington	<i>Thursday, December 18</i>	St. Francis Xavier School Christmas Pageant, Rice Memorial High School, South Burlington
<i>Tuesday, December 9</i>	Mass with Catholic Schoolhouse, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston	<i>Wednesday, December 24</i>	Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
<i>Wednesday, December 10</i>	Mass at Michaud Memorial Manor, Derby Line	<i>Thursday, December 25</i>	Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbey, Westfield
<i>Friday, December 12</i>	Mass at St. Joseph's Home, Burlington; Mass at St. Peter, Vergennes	<i>Sunday, December 28</i>	Mass at Holy Family, Essex; Lessons and Carols, St. Peter, Vergennes



12|07 SUNDAY
A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols
Sacred Heart-St. Francis de Sales, Bennington • 1 - 2:30 pm

Join the choirs of Sacred Heart St. Francis and St. John the Baptist Parishes in word and song to prayerfully enter into the mystery of God among us.



12|07 SUNDAY
Eucharistic Healing Service
St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 - 4:30 pm
Father Lance W. Harlow will conduct a Eucharistic Healing Service, with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament along with praying over by Father Harlow.



12|07 SUNDAY
Life Teen Life Night
Fr. Lively Center, St. Johnsbury • 5 - 7 pm
All teens in grades 6-12 are invited to gather for dinner, games, teachings, and prayer.



12|09, 16, 23 TUESDAYS
What is the Catholic Worker?
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 7 pm
A Catholic Worker House of Hospitality is an intentional community built upon the principles of Micah 6:8. "You have been told what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." We're working to bring the Catholic Worker to Vermont. Come join one of our meetings to learn more and see if it's something you'd want to be involved in!



12|11, 18 THURSDAYS
Reflections on Marian Consecration with Fr. Tim Naples
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 5:15 - 7:15 pm

This Advent, you're invited to join us for a three-part series with Fr. Tim Naples — Reflections on Marian Consecration: Total consecration and the example of St. Maximilian Kolbe. We will begin with a short video, followed by discussion. The gathering will use a hybrid model; in person OR over Zoom. FOR MORE INFO: Fr. Tim at tnaples@vermontcatholic.org.



12|12 FRIDAY
Essex Community Dinner
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30 - 7 pm
Essex Community Dinners are provided in order to grow and promote our community! They are also intended to feed the lonely and needy among us. These meals are free to all but donations are appreciated to cover parish expenses. Take-out dinners are also available, starting at 6 pm, for those who still need to avoid crowds.



12|13, 20 SATURDAYS
SoulCore
St. Andrew parish hall, Waterbury • 9 am
Activate your mind, body, and soul: stretch, strengthen, and pray. SoulCore is an integrated faith and fitness class to the prayers of the rosary with a self-paced workout. Bring a mat and water. Suggested \$10.



12|13 SATURDAY
BINGO at All Saints, Richford
All Saints, Richford • 11:30 am - 3 pm
Doors will open at 11:30 am and the games will begin at 1 pm. Homemade lunch, desserts & beverages will be offered. Pull tickets will be available! Proudly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #2610.



12|13 SATURDAY
Sisters of Mercy Foundation Day
Sacred Heart Chapel, Mater Christi School, Burlington • 1 - 3 pm

The Sisters of Mercy have been serving in VT for 150 years, as we came to Burlington in 1874-1875 — and are still actively serving in Vermont, along with our Mercy Associates and Colleagues. Join us for Mass with Bishop McFermott followed by a reception. Please RSVP by Dec. 8 to Sister Lindora at lcabral@sistersofmercy.org or text (802) 557-4415.



12|13 SATURDAY
St. Peter's Church Preservation Committee Bingo
St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm

Doors open at 5 pm and games start at 6 pm. This is a family

friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by the St. Peter's Historic Preservation Committee to benefit the on-going restoration efforts for the bell tower and the church. Please join us!



12|13, 14 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Advent Retreat: Discussion of Bishop Robert Barron's "An Introduction to Prayer"

St. John the Evangelist, Northfield • 6:30 - 8 pm
St. Anthony, Bethel • 12:30 - 3 pm

This two-day retreat is offered at two locations, note above. An Introduction to Prayer is perfect for beginners and for those looking to further their spiritual life. It will inspire you to seek out more frequent conversation with God and a spark deeper communion with Him. Potluck first, followed by discussion.



12|21 SUNDAY
A Ukulele Christmas Musical
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Bennington 2 - 4 pm

The Ukulele String Ensemble and the Woodwind Trio will hold a benefit performance for St. John's Food Shelf and HIS Pantry. Please join with us and sing along to many of your favorite Christmas carols and songs. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served after the performance. Food and monetary donations will be accepted at the door.



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Bishop's Annual Appeal
55 Joy Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403



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