

# SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH



## 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**

18 Barre Street • Montpelier, Vermont 05602

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

# January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord

**READING 1**  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**READING 2**  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**GOSPEL**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:14a, 12a  
John 1:29-34

**LITURGY**  
**January 18**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Ordinary**

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Jan 10 Christmas Weekday**  
**5:15 PM** Mary Jane Cain by Fred & Mary Bashara

**Sunday, Jan 11 - Baptism of the Lord**  
**9:15 AM** All Parishioners

**Monday, Jan 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**  
**8:15 AM** Trudy McArdle  
 by CDA St. Augustine #976

**Tuesday, Jan 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop**  
**8:15 AM** Special Intentions

**Wednesday, Jan 14**  
**12:10 PM** Blanche & Gary Adamski  
 by Edward and Denise Palaszynski

**Thursday, Jan 15**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, Jan 16**  
**8:15 AM** Intentions of Dale and Mary Fran Stafford  
 by George and Becky Wisner

**Saturday, Jan 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot**  
**5:15 PM** Blanche & Gary Adamski  
 by Edward & Denise Palaszynski

**Sunday, Jan 18 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**9:15 AM** Trudy McArdle by Simone Fitzgerald

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, Jan 14 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M  
 Fri, Jan 16 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm  
 Sat, Jan 17 - Confirmation Retreat at St. Joseph Cathedral  
 from 10am-5pm for all Confirmation Students  
 Wed, Jan 21 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M  
 Fri, Jan 23 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm  
 Sun, Jan 25 - Religious Education, First Communion Parents' Meeting during Class time.

## Coffee Hour January 11

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

All parishioners are invited to join in a parish community activity along with the Religious Education Students in signing Valentine's Day cards to be distributed to nursing home residents. Cards will be provided at the January 11th coffee hour for all to put a personal touch on a note to cheer folks on Valentine's day.

**Next Coffee Hour: February 8**



## Support for Dec 25/28- Jan 4

Online Giving:	\$643.00	\$616.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$2,485.00	\$2,793.00
Building & Grounds:	\$2,660.00	\$85.00
Cemetery:		\$5.00
Community Lunch:	\$100.00	\$25.00
Fuel:	\$2,182.00	\$180.00
Religious Ed:		
School:	\$30.00	\$449.00
Vigil Candles:	\$145.00	\$9.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$750.00	\$125.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$20.00	
Christmas:	\$5,499.00	\$75.00
Flowers:	\$115.00	
Religious Retirement:	\$1.00	
Solemnity of Mary:		\$1,065.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Jan 18- CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

## Mass Times Update

After being in Vermont for over 8 years, Fr Luan will be returning to Vietnam to visit his family. Because of the long travel times our priests from other countries take extended vacations when they go home. Fr. Luan will be away from May 4 to July 1. Since Fr. Pat will be alone during that time, Bishop McDermott has granted permission for the parish mass schedule for St. Augustine and St. Monica to be reduced starting the weekend of May 9-10.

***The new mass schedule will be:*** Saturday at 4:15pm at St. Monica

**Sunday at 9:00am at St. Augustine**

Sunday at 11:00am at St. Monica

Sunday at 4:15pm at St. Monica

***Confessions will be heard:*** Saturday at 3:00 to 3:45pm at St. Monica

**Sunday at 8:15 to 8:45am at St. Augustine**

Sunday 3:15 to 3:45pm at St. Monica

Since there are extra masses due to funerals, graduations, TV Masses, Totus Tuus, Catholic Daughters events and other things, Fr. Pat has to also consider changing the daily mass schedule while Fr. Luan is away. **Parishioners will need to check the bulletin each week for daily mass times.** Once Fr. Luan returns, 2 daily masses should be possible.

***Due to the lesser number of masses, Fr. Pat is making the following policies so that more masses will be available for parishioners' intentions:***

**Pro Populo Masses:** Each weekend only 1 mass will be offered for the intention of parishioners. This is an obligation every pastor has. Since Fr. Pat is pastor of both parishes, only 1 Mass will be celebrated in either parish, fulfilling the obligation.

**All Souls Masses:** The offerings given on November 2, for the All Souls Intentions are used for every Mass on November 2, 1 mass per week in November, and 1 mass per month for December on. These All Souls Masses will be offered for those intentions from both St. Augustine and St. Monica Parishes.

**We still have permission for 1 collective Mass per weekend, with up to 3 intentions allowed.**

Because of the limited number of mass intentions spaces, and the wonderful tradition in our community of having masses offered, the office staff will limit the number of masses for a particular person or intention when necessary and spread them over a period of time.

As the number of priests in the Diocese continues to shrink, and getting a priest to fill in becomes impossible, these changes are necessary. Fr. Pat believes these changes will work even after St. Monica/St. Augustine are assigned only 1 priest. Therefore, when Fr. Luan returns from Vietnam, these policies will remain in effect.

### **Discerning God's Will**

#### **Calling all 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders!**

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is excited to announce we will be hosting a series of Youth Day Retreats in 2026. These retreats, meant for students in 7th-12th grade, will be opportunities for community building, fun, and spiritual growth! We invite you to register the young person in your life for the most convenient retreat near you. Registration is free!

Here are the retreat locations and dates:

**Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland: January 3, 2026**

**Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington: April 11, 2026**

**St. Charles Church, Bellows Falls: May 9, 2026**

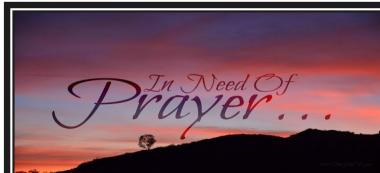
**St. Catherine of Siena Church, Shelburne: May 16, 2026**

**Father Lively Center, St. Johnsbury: May 30, 2026**

To register for these free retreats, please visit the following link:

<https://forms.gle/nnLYw31dv5tCT7GM7>.

If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister, Isaac Desranleau ([idesranleau@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:idesranleau@vermontcatholic.org)), for more information!



**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  
Greg Ibey  
GBJ  
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



## 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

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

St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group meets every Wednesday night 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).

## 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: The Epiphany of the Lord

**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 **wwme.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

**January**

## 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*

Merry Christmas! Sunday January 11 is the Baptism of

the Lord and the last day of the Christmas Season. It is also the last time we will see these red angel banners until next December. I didn't know anything about them until Fr. Pat shared their history with me this year. It turns out they carry with them a powerful legacy of female leadership and prayer.

The banners were made by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns that once lived on Beckley Hill Road in Barre. The nuns moved from Williston to the former sanitarium for granite workers in Barre in 1968 and were there until 1997 (now home to Washington County Mental Health). They earned their living by making liturgical vestments and decorations such as the angel banners at St. Augustine Church. In 1997 they moved to Beacon Hill, NY to consolidate a few shrinking communities. A small group were able to return to Vermont in the 2000s and establish Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery in Lowell. A generous benefactor allowed them to build their chapel in 2012. They have experienced a renewal in the last few years, which you can read about in the Winter Issue of *Vermont Catholic*. They continue to support their life of deep contemplative prayer through Maryweave Vestments and painting icons.



The Discalced Carmelites are unique. The famous mystic St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) founded the order as a reform of the Carmelites to bring them back to a life of radical simplicity and prayer ("discalced" meaning without shoes). There are both nuns and friars in the Discalced Carmelites, making Teresa the only woman to found an order with men in it. Fellow mystic St. John of the Cross (1542-1591), was Teresa's protégée. In 1970, Pope Paul VI proclaimed her the first female Doctor of the Church.

So when you see our red angel banners, pray for St. Teresa of Avila's intercession to help our ongoing reform of the St. Augustine Community, that we too may learn to live "without shoes."

<https://www.southcoasttoday.com/story/lifestyle/1997/11/30/convent-sadly-closes-doors/50578956007/>

## **Catechetical Corner: The Baptism of Our Lord**

Why was Jesus baptized since he never sinned and was always in perfect union with God? Even John the Baptist seemed confused about this (see Matthew 3:14).

-It is BECAUSE Jesus was baptized that each of our baptisms have any meaning! By accepting Baptism, Jesus made the sacrament "efficacious". That means that it only has any power because Jesus chose to have it done to Himself!

-Jesus says that, by allowing Himself to be baptized, He was "fulfilling all righteousness" (see Matthew 3:15). In other words, those same waters that poured over the fully-Divine, perfectly-human Jesus are now what pour over each person who is baptized in His name. Everyone who is baptized can then become sharers in His Divine cleansing! In baptism, we are taking a holy bath with Jesus!

-That's why St. Peter, our first Pope, said, baptism "is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

-St. Paul also says that, in baptism, Jesus made the Church "holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word... to present her to himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." (see Eph 5:26-27)

So, today's Feast Day is a great time for all of us to celebrate our own baptisms! Even if we were too young to remember what that moment was like, know that God remembers it and rejoices over it just as much as the day that Jesus Himself was baptized!

## **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 Cathedrals Vigil Mass, which usually ends at 5pm: please be punctual. The parish will cover the cost of all student participants, but if parents wish to come and stay for the retreat they 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).