

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## PRAYER FOR THE WEARING OF MASKS

*“Holy Spirit, whose very breath brought creation into existence, Grant me the grace to wear this mask, with all its discomforts and inconveniences, in wisdom and charity. Help me to bear this cross which I carry for the most vulnerable among us. Hold us all close in your care and bring this pandemic to a swift end. Amen.”*

## A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

## PANDEMIC HOME BLESSING

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress: In faith we pray make this home a sanctuary from illness and disease, and keep far from it all anxiety and fear. May Christ dwell here, among us and within us. Bless those who reside here. As we face restrictions and quarantines, help us seek your face. Grant us the courage to follow the heart of your Son, who often retreated to quiet spaces to seek solace and intercede on behalf of others. Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying. Give strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**January 23 & 24, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pastor: Father Charles Danielson**

OFFICE HOURS: Tues. & Sat. 9:30am—1:00pm

**PARISH SECRETARY:**

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**ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR:** Ron Hamel, Jr.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Private Instruction only at this time.

Please contact Christine Porter if you are interested

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Are welcome and urged to register with Parish Office

**Finance Council:** Richard Fenton 885-3598 – Ginny Fox 436-2831 – Frederick Lord 356-6496 – Andrew Robbins 738-3512 John Scanlon 484-9427

**Parish Council:** Barbara Barbour 299-7117 – Joyce Corbin 484-3329 – Janet Farley 674-6065 – Mary Anne Mesropian 674-9284 — Colleen DeSchamp 484-5245 – Steve Giroux 674-9509

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Thursday  
Mass 9:00 am

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 10:30 am

## HOLY DAYS

As Announced

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11:15-12:00

## FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,

## BAPTISMS

By arrangement

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass intention said for a friend or loved one, please contact the Parish office. There are many dates currently available.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 01/23 6:00pm**  
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**Sunday 01/24 10:30am**  
For the repose of the soul of Florence Parent by Connie and John Barth

**Tuesday 01/26 9:00am**  
For the repose of the soul of Florence Parent by Jean Harlow

**Thursday 01/28 9:00AM**  
For the conversion of President Biden

**Saturday 01/30 6:00pm**  
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**Sunday 01/31 10:30am**  
For the repose of the soul of Nancy Marsden by Jean Harlow

If you would like to a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for special occasions, please contact the parish office. Let us know if you have a specific date in mind or if you would prefer the first available Mass. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and the person/people who are requesting the Mass (in other words, how it should be listed in the bulletin.) We will get back to you, and will do our best to accommodate your requests. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

***Please remember in your prayers:*** Peg Grimard, Dale West, Jan Lepisko, Lisa Moeller, Kathy Whited, Rhonda McFarland, Christiane Zue, Claire Harlow, Elinor Garcia, Nancy LaBounty, Officer Kevin Valencia, Sandra Carney, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, David Dillon, Joseph Farley, John Scanlon, Ron Poulin, and Archer David Ruzik.

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of:*** William Tansey, Wesley Hrydziusko, Peter Kilfeather, Masie Ayers, Kacey Leavitt, John Crump, Gerald Lepisko, Father Raphael Kakwavu Nyabenda, Paul Koch, Peter Toepfer, Phil Turgeon, Shirley Bates, Hugh Duling, Phil Salzano, Anne Juzwiak, Nancy Levesque, Joan Lemire, Freida Leneau, Nancy Marsden, Nancy Hall, Earl White Sr., Charles Rushia, Mark Curtis, Margaret Rising and Florence Parent

**TV MASS & SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

For the weekly schedule of Diocesan activities, including daily Mass at 12:05pm and Sunday Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, live rosary at 11:15am, visit [www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources)

Additionally, televised Masses can be seen on Windsor On Air Comcast Channel 8 & 1081 at the following times every week: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 5:00 am, 7:00 am, and 5:00 pm and on WCAX-TV Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m.

***Message from Fr. Rick,***

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Over a year ago now, the COVID-19 pandemic began taking lives and disrupting the ordinary rhythms of life here in the United States and throughout the world. And everywhere, government and public health authorities instituted various forms of lock downs on whole societies. Schools were closed, businesses disrupted or shut down, travel was in many places restricted in a way that this country had not seen at least since the “Spanish influenza” pandemic of 1918-19.

Again and again, and quite correctly, we heard, these measures, harsh and restrictive though they are, were necessary to protect life... we had to do what was necessary to protect the public, especially the most vulnerable from this disease. I cannot be the only one who noticed the striking similarity to this argument that the pro-life movement has been making for decades. Abortion threatens, indeed ends, the lives of the most vulnerable among us. As society rallied to fight the COVID-19 virus, how can we do any less to protect our unborn sisters and brothers from this lethal threat to their very lives?

Let us all continue to pray for the day when the scourge of abortion as well as the plague of COVID-19 are both done away with for all time!

**2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection!

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank those of you who have been ‘catching up’ on their offertory envelopes. Our parish is truly blessed to have so many generous, caring folks who continue to support us with their donations. We also understand that many of you have, and continue to experience financial hardship. We know that you are praying for us and with us, and we are praying for you. Only through prayer and trust in the Lord will we get through this together.

**OFFERINGS**  
**Offerings Report for FY 2021**

Weekly Offertory for January 17, 2021: \$1,268.00  
 Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$46,433.00  
 Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$56,583.06

Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory:  
January 17, 2020: \$0.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 6,641.00  
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$27,370.36

**In addition to regular offertory, we received \$72.00 for Catholic Education collection and \$10 for Solemnity of Mary.**

**ENVELOPES & CALENDARS**

Offertory envelopes and calendars for 2021 are now available. Please contact the Church office to arrange pick up.

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

January 2-3	52
January 9-10	60
January 16-17	53