



Mass Schedule & Intentions
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14th ~ 20th, 2019

12/14 SATURDAY VIGIL:
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 4:30pm Intentions of Lance & Thersa Warhold (25th Anniversary)

12/15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:00am The People of the Parish
 10:30am Ferrari & Vesce Families

12/16 MONDAY
 7:30am Adoration
 8:30am Luisa Catanese

12/17 TUESDAY
 11:00am Adoration
 12noon Clifford Joseph Schnieders

12/18 WEDNESDAY
 7:30am Adoration
 8:30am Intentions of Kenneth Rauseo

12/19 THURSDAY
 4:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm Lintermann Family

12/20 FRIDAY
 7:30am Adoration
 8:30am George Jennings

HIDDEN MYSTERIES OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Following Dates: After the noon Mass at the Parish Hall for the Advent Season:

December 17 - Session IV (Time 57.09)
 If you are not able to attend the scheduled sessions the program is online. corproject.com/Guadalupe.

Dear Parishioners,

Brothers and sisters, a simple glance at our modern culture reveals the glaring truth about morality – culturally speaking, we’ve become more tolerant of evil and watered down the reality of sin. We may ask ourselves, “What effect does this have on my relationship with God and others?”

Jesus consistently taught his disciples that to follow Him means to stand against evil wherever we encounter it. At times it will be inconvenient, yet the overall numbness to sin and evil in our society has a negative effect on our own consciences – the voice of God in our soul telling us right from wrong. The modern worldview of moral relativism tolerates anything as long as someone isn’t hurt or offended – that is the ‘greatest sin’ of modernity. In truth, sin separates us from God, from others, and from ourselves.

Christ instituted seven sacraments in 3 categories: Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), Service (Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders), and Healing (Anointing of the Sick and Confession). Unfortunately, we have normalized living with the guilt and shame that comes from sin in our lives and we get more and more creative in distracting ourselves from facing it and allowing Jesus, Lord and lover of our souls, to bring healing to our brokenness.

Each and every person is in need of healing from the effects of sin and the reality of living in a fallen world, which is precisely why Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Confession. He knew that we would need forgiveness and mercy to heal. Confession is not about judgement or condemnation, it’s ultimately about growing in the freedom that God has created us for. Sin binds us; mercy frees us. Jesus, through His Church, asks us as disciples to go to confession at least once a year. Personally, I try to go once or twice a month because I know that I need the graces to be healed in my mind, my heart, my emotions, my memories, and even at times, the physical effect that sin can take on our body.

I’m inviting each of you to receive the gift of Divine Mercy in Confession as a way to prepare yourselves for the joy of Christmas. Fr. Joseph and I will be hearing confessions at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, 12/17 from 6-8pm and at Most Holy Name of Jesus on 12/22 from 6-8pm. If it’s been awhile – please don’t let your anxiety or fear keep you away. Fr. Joseph and I will be delighted to help you as you need. This may be helpful:

<https://goodconfession.com/examination-of-conscience/>.

Come and give the newborn King what he desires most from you this Christmas – a humble heart, cleansed by mercy, where He may rest His head. Have a blessed week!

*With Mary
 In Christ,*

Fr. Jon

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday,
 December 24th, Masses
 at 4:30pm & Midnight**

**Christmas Day, Wednesday,
 December 25th 10am Mass**

**Tuesday, December 31st
 New Year's Eve Mass,
 4:30pm**

**Solemnity of Mary, Wednesday,
 January 1st 10:00am**

Life is Precious Trip sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. Please have your teens and chaperones register by January 1st to secure their spots!

Register online at the following address:
<https://vermontcatholic.org/event/life-is-precious-2020/>

We have an exciting weekend in place. We’ll depart on January 23rd (Thursday evening), arriving in the D.C area on Friday (January 24th) for a youth rally with thousands of teens. Following the rally, we’ll join hundreds of thousands for the March for Life. On Saturday, (January 25th.) we’ll spend time visiting the elderly in a nursing home, tour the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Shrine of John Paul II, and conclude our day with a Vigil Mass at the Basilica. We will return to Burlington in the late afternoon on Sunday (January 26th).

A more detailed itinerary can be found in this video promotion: <https://vimeo.com/374762184>

Religious Education Program

Sunday, December 15th

Grades 1-7th from 9:45-11 AM
 -Visit The Manor

Confirmation Students from 5-6:30 PM
 -BESSED MOTHER: Who is Mary? Importance in the Church
 -Seubenville Conference [Steubenville East will be happening again July 10-12, 2020. Join over 2,500 other teens from around New England for a weekend of inspiration, faith, fun and fellowship.] Register by Jan 15th

New CDs in Narthex! Just in time for Advent and Christmas, the CD supply is freshly stocked with music and talks to inspire all ages. Ask Joanna if you want to see certain topics covered that you haven't seen yet. Text: 802-272-4497 or email joanna.bisceglio@gmail.com

Annual Rally for Life Invitation - Save the Date: January 18th, 2020 Montpelier. As Catholics, we support the right to life of all people born and unborn. Stay tuned for details.

The Parish Office will be closed from December 23rd through January 2nd. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas!