



**Mass Intentions
Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 27th ~ July 3rd, 2020**

6/27 SATURDAY VIGIL:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Tony Adams

6/28 SUNDAY

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Clifford Joseph Schnieders

10:30am Earl & Vivian Edmondson

6/29 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Intentions of Kathi Henry

6/30 TUESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Howard Molter

7/1 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Corrado Giovanniello

7/2 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Frances Routhier

7/3 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Karen Bishop Balog

Mass intentions available throughout 2020. If anyone would like a Mass intention for deceased, living, anniversaries or some who is ill. Please contact Phyllis via email at blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org or contact the office at 253-7536. They all come with beautiful cards and we will mail them out for you or leave them at the parish center mailbox. There are many dates available.

Dear *Parishioners*,

This weekend's readings present the reality of receptivity and hospitality. From the prophet Elisha who was received in Shunem with such graciousness to the words of our Lord Jesus to his apostles as he teaches them about discipleship, "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," welcoming others has a profoundly spiritual meaning in lives of Christians.

In the rule of St. Benedict, founder of western monasticism, he writes, "Let all guests be received as Christ," followed by detailed instructions to his monks on the reception of visitors to the monastery. Woven into this practice of receiving Christ in one another, Christian hospitality finds its ultimate expression in the reception of the Eucharist at Holy Mass.

When I stop to consider the awesome privilege I have to receive the precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus into my being, my dwelling place, the poor cave of Bethlehem takes on such a greater significance. Here in this humble, rugged, impoverished abode for animals, the king of the universe entered our world. Each time at Mass, that same reality strikes deeply about how my own dwelling is so poor and unfit to receive God in the flesh. To receive Jesus in the Eucharist is to receive the gift of the Father, who sent the Son into our world to become the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,' the Savior who came to forgive and free us. It continues to be one of the greatest joys of my priesthood to feed you with the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

As July begins this week I have been reflecting on how only a year ago Fr. Joseph and I began our pastoral ministry together here in Lamoille County...and what a blessed year it has been! From our hearts, we thank you for the great kindness and generosity in opening your hearts and homes to welcome us. We also ask for your forgiveness for the times our own shortcomings and weaknesses have gotten in the way. Please know that we love and pray for you and continue to thank God for the blessing of serving Christ in you as your priests. Stay safe and I hope you have a grace-filled week. God bless!

*With Mary,
In Christ,
Fr. Jon*

Message from Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyne concerning the death of George Floyd, the continuing scourge of racism and the recent protests

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have been giving much thought to a pastoral response to the present violence and upheaval in our country sparked by the recent death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I have read many statements and heard many opinions on how best to respond as a man of faith speaking to people of faith and goodwill here in Vermont concerning his death, the continuing scourge of racism and the recent protests and social unrest in our country. Just two days ago, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on these matters which encapsulates my own feelings and thoughts well:

The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice. How is it possible that in America, a black man's life can be taken from him while calls for help are not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens?

I am praying for George Floyd and his loved ones, and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles and across the country. The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement who carry out their duties with honor. We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable.

We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin. It should not be this way in America. Racism has been tolerated for far too long in our way of life.

It is true what Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said, that riots are the language of the unheard. We should be doing a lot of listening right now. This time, we should not fail to hear what people are

saying through their pain. We need to finally root out the racial injustice that still infects too many areas of American society.

But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of true and lasting change. Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity. We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise — to be a beloved community of life, liberty and equality for all. Please join with me in prayer and peaceful action to renew our commitment and fulfill our nation's sacred promise — “to be a beloved community of life, liberty and equality for all.”

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

Daily Rosary Apostolate

The Diocese continues to offer a daily Rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck in leading each day. Interested? Here's the details:

“I would love it if you would schedule a time with me to record a Rosary. What does that look like exactly? It's very simple! You email me with convenient times for you and once it is scheduled I will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you'd prefer, I can show slides for each mystery while we pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, *please* contact me. You can email me with a time that works for you and we can schedule it. Please email me at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org