



Mass Intentions  
 First Sunday of Advent  
 November 28<sup>th</sup> ~  
 December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**11/28 SATURDAY VIGIL:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 4:30pm Intentions of Marie Rauseo

**11/29 SUNDAY**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00am The People of the Parish  
 10:30am Don Bywater

**11/30 MONDAY**  
 7:30am Adoration  
 8:30am Melanie Heuer

**12/1 TUESDAY**  
 11:00am Adoration  
 12noon Intentions of Scott Grigg

**12/2 WEDNESDAY**  
 7:30am Adoration  
 8:30am Corinne Trevallion-Tyler

**12/3 THURSDAY**  
 4:30pm Adoraton  
 5:30pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

**12/4 FRIDAY**  
 7:30am Adoration  
 8:30am Jack Morrissey

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
 MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Tuesday  
 8:00am Adoration  
 9:00am Mass  
 Wednesday  
 11:00am Adoration  
 12:00noon Mass  
 Thursday & Friday  
 8:00am Adoration  
 9:00am Mass

*Dear Parishioners,*

I imagine most of us had a different kind of Thanksgiving this year, but hopefully one that still provided the opportunity to stop and give thanks. How beautiful that Thanksgiving falls for us usually during the last week of the liturgical year. It proposes a fitting conclusion and invites us to reflect back on the countless graces and blessings that we received in the previous year. No doubt 2020 has brought us many of unforeseen challenges, yet it has also been a year rich in grace and blessings, while revealing more our personal character.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! Advent quickly moves our attention from considering the contents of the past year to preparing for the future. It is a season of anticipation, and waiting. A season of light and darkness. The advent wreath that will adorn our kitchen tables leads our procession through this brief but profound season.

Caryll Houselander, a British author and mystic from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, penned a book pregnant with deep insight into mystery of our Blessed Mother called, *The Reed of God*. From the third chapter entitled, "Advent," she writes, "When a woman is carrying a child, she develops a certain instinct of self-defense. It is not selfishness, it is not egoism. It is an absorption into the life within, a folding of self like a little tent around the child's frailty, a God-like instinct to cherish, and some day to bring forth, the life. A closing upon it like the pedals of a flower closing upon the dew that shines in its heart."

With all the challenges and restrictions we face, the gift of Advent is intended to help us rediscover the beauty of God's divine life within us through our Baptism. He lives in us and like a child in utero, is meant to draw our focus, our attention away from ourselves, our wants and desires, in order to be absorbed into the life of God within. During the Advent season, Mary would have been in her final month of pregnancy with the Son of God. I encourage you to approach this Advent season with intention – make exclusive time to listen to God in prayer; get to daily Mass more frequently; make a good confession. *Jesus, we open our hearts to you and to Mary, and ask you both to be with us. Teach us how to love and follow you because there is always more with God. Amen.*

*With Mary  
 In Christ*

*Fr. Jon*

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
 CHALLENGES TO GROW**

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[Vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge](http://Vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge)

**Christ Our Hope Campaign *Update***

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

No Religious Education Class  
 on Sunday, 11/29/20  
 Classes for Confirmation students only  
 on Sunday, 12/5/20.

Please be sure to pick up your "**Little Blue Book**" for Advent and the Christmas Season. It's a wonderful book with a six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year A. They will be available in the mailbox outside the parish center. Also, the Word Among Us for Advent.

**BIRTHRIGHT OF BURLINGTON**

A big Thank you from Birthright. This generous gift will help to sustain Birthright and our mission of providing unconditional loving service and support to any pregnant woman, and/or her partner, who seek help in carrying their child to term. They and their babies are the true beneficiaries of your kindness and generosity, and that of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please know how grateful we are for your continued support of Birthright. In this time of social isolation, may God keep you safe and well.

**Social Action Ministry wants to thank our Parishioners at Blessed Sacrament**

Your donations and prayers reflect God's love. Thank you so much. We are a group of 7, we meet once a month to discuss the requests we have received. We works closely with United Way and Capstone. We also receive referrals from Lamoille Home Health. Because of your support, we have helped many families with rent deposits, rent evictions, emergency shut offs for utilities and emergency fuel, Brians Bags, boots and socks or homeless, laundry vouchers at Lamoille Landry, medicines and medical equipment. Four times a year (before covid) we planned, cooked, and delivered take-out dinners to St.John's Knoll and Lamoille View Apts. We also have gas and food cards (value \$25.) that are given out when needed, they are at the Most Holy Name Parish Office in Morrisville. If you would like to make a donation, please send to Social Action Ministry, P.O. Box 1266, Morrisville, VT 05661

If you wish to continue to keep up with your weekly offertory, you can mail it to Blessed Sacrament Church, P.O. Box 27, Stowe, VT 05672

Also, you can make a one time donation or monthly offertory on E-Giving, just contact Phyllis via email ([blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org)) to sign up or call the parish office (messages are checked frequently). On our website ([bscv.com](http://bscv.com)) you can also donate through paypal. Thank you so much for your generosity!



# NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

November 21-27, 2020



## UPDATE

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His mercy endures forever!*  
— Psalm 107:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign is 25 percent to goal in less than a month since our launch. On behalf of our parishes that benefit most from your generosity, I thank you. To view your parish's progress visit: [www.christourhopevt.org/parish](http://www.christourhopevt.org/parish).

Seven of our parishes are already at 40 percent of their goal, and two are more than 70 percent to goal! There are 83 churches participating in this campaign with needs ranging from increasing parish ministries that serve the poor to capital needs to make the parish more welcoming and accessible — such as a handicap ramp or paving the parking lot — to support for religious education salaries and materials. You can learn more about your parish goals by picking up the parish goals insert after Mass or visiting your parish website.

### Virtual Matching Gift Challenge

For those who are still considering a gift, this weekend, November 21-22, I have pledged a \$10,000 matching gift to match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online. The donors' parish will receive \$1,000 towards its goal. To donate online visit: [www.christourhopevt.org/donate](http://www.christourhopevt.org/donate).

With Christ as our hope, together we will build a vibrant Church in this place and time and for generations to come.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Christopher J. Coyne*

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington

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25%

As of November 11: \$2,481,542

Goal: \$10,000,000

## Upcoming Events



12|05 SATURDAY  
**Our Lady of Fatima Devotions**  
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am  
Join us the first Saturday of every month.  
Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 and Mass at 8:30.



12|12 SATURDAY  
**Padre Pio Devotions**  
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am  
Rosary starts at 8am followed by Mass, Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the parish hall after Mass.



12|12 SATURDAY  
**Walk by Faith: Young Adult Advent Pilgrimage Walk**  
Burlington • 1 - 5 pm  
We'll dive into the season of Advent in the steps of Our Lady and St. Joseph. We'll begin at St. Anthony's in Burlington, making stops along the way for prayer, talks and reflection at Christ the King and Church Street, concluding with vigil Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.



12|17 THURSDAY  
**Virtual Theology on Tap**  
Zoom meeting • 7 - 8 pm  
Register at: [vermontcatholic.org/event/virtual-theology-on-tap-3/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/virtual-theology-on-tap-3/)

## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland:  
Cook

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Resident Services Coordinator

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home,  
Burlington: Cook

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home,  
Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech  
— \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home,  
Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home,  
Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver  
— \$500 Sign-On Bonus

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For More Info:  
[vermontcatholic.org/careers](http://vermontcatholic.org/careers)



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar:  
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## CHRIST OUR Hope



### 2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As we launch the Christ our Hope campaign, we ask that you first prayerfully consider your annual gift to the Bishop's Appeal which helps support statewide ministries today: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org). If you are able, we then ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our first-ever statewide campaign over a three-year period to ensure the vibrant future of our parishes, schools and ministries to the poor.

100%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: \$2,651,157

74%

As of November 11: \$1,972,321