



Mass Schedule & Intentions
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12th ~ 18th, 2020

12/12 SATURDAY VIGIL:

Our Lady of Guadalupe
 4:30pm Intentions of the Sand Family

12/13 GAUDETE SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Advent
 8:00am The People of the Parish
 10:30am Gardella Family

12/14 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration
 8:30am Special Intentions

12/15 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration
 12noon Edmondson & Duperre Families

12/16 WEDNESDAY ~ NO MASS @BSC

8:15am BISHOP MARSHALL SCHOOL
 Claire Detora

12/17 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoraton
 5:30pm Intentions of Sands Family

12/18 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration
 8:30am Intentiouons of Ken Rauseo

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
 Daily Mass will be held this week at the Crosby Center.

Dear parishioners,

This week we'll light the rose candle on our Advent wreath – but why? What does this mean and where does this tradition of “Rose Sunday” come from?

The season of Advent used to mirror the season of Lent, meaning it stretched out over 40 days as preparation for Christmas. Called “St. Martin’s Lent” from the 5th century, it began November 12 after his feast day. In the 9th and 10th centuries it was reduced to 4 weeks with a focus on St. Nicholas’ feast day, December 6th.

Technically, the Latin name of the 3rd Sunday of Advent is called, “Gaudete Sunday.” *Gaudete* means ‘rejoice,’ and it comes from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord, always!” This weekend marks a shift from the first two weeks of Advent, where our focus was “the Lord is coming,” now in the final two weeks our hearts move in prayer to, “the Lord is near!” As the joyous expectation builds, we relax from our more intense preparations for Christmas during this 3rd Sunday of Advent. The Rose colored candle is meant to give us the encouragement we need, now that we’ve passed the midpoint of Advent, to finish our spiritual preparations for Christmas well.

Anticipating that salvation is near, the readings and the liturgy of the Church in these final weeks will reflect the hope and joy that God is coming to save us, Alleluia! So in these final weeks of preparation, between card writing and shopping, let’s recall that this season is about the joyful anticipation of our God who so desires to enter into not only world, but our lives. The God whom the universe cannot contain draws near to us and comes to us humble, vulnerable and poor, so that we may not fear to approach him. May the light of the rose candle this week be a foretaste of the joyful feast to come at His birth! Rejoice, our God is near.

With Mary
In Christ

Fr. Jon

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to new COVID restrictions and in efforts to keep everyone as safe as possible during our Christmas Masses, we are requiring registration. We will be offering 5 Masses, with one reserved for parishioners only. The Mass times will be as follows:

Christmas Eve, 12/24
 2:30pm (PARISHIONERS ONLY)
 4:30pm
 6:30pm

Christmas, 12/25
 12:00am Midnight
 10:00am

REGISTRATION

When you are ready to register, please click on ONE of the following links to sign up. The link to the general registration will also be available on the main page of the website but the 2:30pm Mass registration will only be available through this link and contacting the office directly. Please note that we have strict guidelines in place to ensure social distancing and seats are not guaranteed.

To register for the **PARISHIONER ONLY** 2:30pm Mass - [click here](#)

To register for any of the other Masses - please [click here](#)

If you would rather register over the phone, please call Elisabeth Ortiz at 802-881-5154

****The deadline to register is December 20.** Thank you so much for your patience and understanding in these matters.

FINANCIAL NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

	Current Yr.	Prev. Yr.
Offertory	\$ 6,801	\$16,199
November E-Giving	\$ 3,795	\$ 4,215
Donations	<u>\$ 3,734</u>	<u>\$ 8,254</u>
Total	\$14,330	\$28,668

Please refer to the In-Land See (attached) for “Where to Watch” Christmas Eve and Day Masses on EWTN and Livestream from St. Joseph’s Cathedral.

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

A portion of the funds raised through the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: www.christourhopevt.org

Goal: \$191,000 Actual: \$3,948 only at 8% of goal.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

IT’S THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Our Savior draws near. Take time with your loved one(s) and share a memory of a cherished family time. Keep up with helping a person in need.

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NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 12-18, 2020 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Caring during Coronavirus

Catholic communities continue outreach during pandemic

Each year the Office of Communications surveys our 69 parishes regarding their engagement in social ministries in the following categories: hunger, poverty, homelessness, illness and prison. Rooted in Matthew 25:35, our Catholic faith calls each one of us to put our faith into action by engaging in social ministries that serve the most vulnerable in our midst. The following survey results highlight our parishes' commitment to social ministries throughout the Diocese of Burlington. Learn more in the Winter issue of *Vermont Catholic Magazine*.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."

— Matthew 25:35

PARISH PARTICIPATION IN INDIVIDUAL MINISTRIES

95% Hunger

93% Poverty

80% Illness/Infirmity

55% Homelessness

20% Prison

100% of parishes pray for those experiencing illness/infirmity.

77% of parishes bring Mass services to family homes and residential care or nursing homes.

69% of parishes provide financial support for those experiencing homelessness.

66% of parishes provide vouchers for household goods to those in need.

60% of parishes hold food drives and collect food for the hungry.

30% of parishes hold clothing drives for those struggling with poverty.

Where to watch
Christmas Eve and Day Mass

EWTN

www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule/united-states/2020-12-24

Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral Livestream

www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

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32%

As of Dec. 3: \$3,196,612

Goal: \$10,000,000

Upcoming Events



12|14, 21 MONDAYS
Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti Study with Msgr. McDermott
via Zoom • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Msgr. McDermott will host a three-part Zoom study which will focus on the major themes of the document. Participants are encouraged to read the document, or at least a summary of the document, prior to the meetings.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/



12|15, 22 TUESDAYS
Praying with the Scriptures in Advent
via Zoom • 7:30 - 8 pm

This Advent, prepare for the coming of Christ by praying with the Scriptures. Bring a prayerful end to your day as Michael Hagan guides you in reading, reflecting, responding, and resting with the previous Sunday's Gospel reading. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/



12|17 THURSDAY
Virtual Theology on Tap
Zoom • 7 pm

Grab a pint and join us over Zoom for Theology on Tap! Sr. Helena Burns, FSP will be speaking on "Theology of the Body." Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for young adults ages 18-39.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Accounting Assistant — AP/AR

Rice Memorial High School,
S. Burlington: Bookkeeper, Part-time

St. Peter's Parish, Rutland:
Administrative Assistant, Part-Time

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



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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. 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

76%

As of December 3: \$2,019,715