



**Mass Schedule & Intentions**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**12/19 SATURDAY VIGIL:**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 4:30pm Lintermann Family

**12/20 SUNDAY**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00am The People of the Parish  
 10:30am George Jennings

**12/21 MONDAY**  
 7:30am Adoration  
 8:30am Jack Mardach

**12/22 TUESDAY**  
 11:00am Adoration  
 12noon Natalina Toffolo

**12/23 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30am John F. Wohlfahrt, III

**12/24 THURSDAY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 2:30pm Parishioners Mass  
           Jean Story  
 4:30pm Frances Routhier  
 6:30pm Ferrari Family

**12/25 FRIDAY ~ CHRISTMAS**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
 12:00am Midnight  
           Beatrice & John Smith  
 10:00am The People of the Parish

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
**MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday ~ 8:00am Adoration ~ 9:00am Mass  
 Wednesday ~ 11:00am Adoration 12:00noon Mass

Christmas Eve ~ Thursday ~ 2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Christmas ~ Friday ~ 12am Midnight & 10am

*Dear parishioners,*

This year has confronted us with serious challenges regarding our everyday life. Things or people we took for granted now have a newfound appreciation to us due to the pandemic. What has been on my heart most has been the isolation that has brought such loneliness and sadness to people's lives. In this time, especially for our vulnerable population, we need to protect them but also remember that they need our presence in our lives.

Another reality we've been awakened to has been the power of presence. Zoom and other virtual programs that help us communicate have been a great tool during this time to stay connected with colleagues, classmates, teachers, family and friends. However, we are made in the image and likeness of God, meaning that we need real, authentic presence with one another – that is one aspect of our humanity that is so much like God. God is all-present, but in the fullness of time he entered our world through the Virgin Mary and became present to us in a way that made him approachable, relatable, someone we could understand.

The beauty of Christmas reverences that Divine presence being born into our world in a definitive way, in a particular person, in the child of Bethlehem. How grateful we are in this season to have God's presence in our lives and in our world. Our Lord never promised that he would take away all our problems or difficulties; He never promised he would end suffering in this world. But He did promise that He would never leave us, His presence would always be with us. Advent's anthem, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is fulfilled in the manger of Bethlehem, and now that He has entered this world, His presence remains with us through the Church and through the Sacraments.

On behalf of Fr. Joseph and myself, we would like to wish each of you and your families a very merry Christmas. May this season fill you with the joy of the newborn King and strengthen your hope in the promise of salvation.

*With Mary*  
*In Christ*  
  
*Fr. Jon*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Confirmation students won't meet again until Sunday, Jan 10th. In the meantime, please send in your Saint Reports and Sponsor Forms.

Our next Family Faith Formation class will be January 31st. Many thanks to Mary Margaret Carroll for the art night that closed our 2020 Family Faith Formation events. Families can light their luminaries at home or bring them to Blessed Sacrament to be shared by all.

Congratulations to the Holy Communion candidates who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend.

We would love to see photos of your Nativity Scenes, please email a photo to [cjpatoine@hotmail.com](mailto:cjpatoine@hotmail.com).

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**

Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider a gift before the end of the year. You can make a gift online: [vermontcatholic.org/donate](http://vermontcatholic.org/donate)

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
**CHALLENGES TO GROW**  
**YOUR MARRIAGE**

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**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 by 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 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.

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 19-25, 2020 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## God is with us

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined” (Is 9:2).*

My brothers and sisters, if we ever needed to be reminded once again of the full meaning of the Incarnation, the present situation in the world and in our country presents itself for consideration. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16). Throughout the centuries in this epoch of Christ and the Church, time and time again the world has been assaulted by the darkness of sin, war, racial hatred, disease and pandemics and, time and time again, the Catholic Christian faith has been a light that has shined in the darkness.

In Christ, sin and death — personified as darkness — have been overcome by light — Christ the Word made flesh. The various biblical stories and traditions of Christmas enmesh this truth: The closeness of Christmas Day with its lengthening of days to the day of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year in the north; the star hovering above Bethlehem, leading the Magi to the stable where Jesus was born; the heavenly voices of the angels rejoicing in the night with the triumphant message to the shepherds that a “Savior has been born;” and the later traditions of the yule log and the lights on the tree and candles in the window all proclaiming that upon those who

dwelt in darkness and despair a light has shone. How timely for us to hear these bearings of good news again today.

Yet, what does the Christian message bring to a divided nation gripped by pandemic and increasing political, economic and social separation? Everything. What does our message of hope bring to people who feel isolated, angry and socially adrift? Invitation. I believe that more than ever, just as the message of Christ has been incarnational from its beginning — “God made man” — so the message of Christ that is carried forth in the salvific work of the Church is incarnational as well: God the Father, Son and Spirit in the Church are manifested in the baptized believer who makes present to others the fullness of truth that resides in his or heart that God is with us. I think our most important work right now in our families, in our communities, in our places of work is to be with others as a Roman Catholic, preaching the word of salvation by the sermon of our lives.

How can others know that “God is with us?” Because I live as one who says, “God is with me.”



Merry Christmas,

*Christopher J. Coyne*

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington



### Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

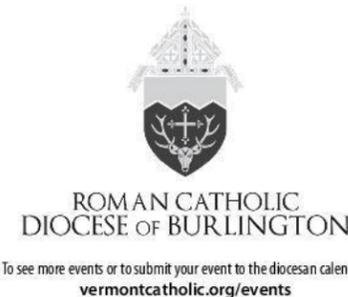
To learn more or make a gift visit: [christourhopevt.org](http://christourhopevt.org).

36% As of Dec. 9: \$3,492,712 Goal: \$9,582,456

Where to watch  
*Christmas Eve  
and Day Mass*

**EWTN**  
[www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule/united-states/2020-12-24](http://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/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/)  
Christmas Eve: 4 p.m.  
Christmas Day: 10 a.m.



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### DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

*Diocese: Accounting Assistant — AP/AR*

*Rice Memorial High School,  
S. Burlington: Bookkeeper, 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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Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver*

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

**DEC. 20-26, 2020**

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*Hope*

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**100%**

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

**77%**

*As of December 9: \$2,031,314*