



**Mass Schedule & Intentions
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
December 26th ~ 31st, 2020**

12/26 SATURDAY VIGIL:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
4:30pm Dean Labrie

12/27 SUNDAY

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00am The People of the Parish
10:30am O'Donnell-Anderson Families

12/28 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration
8:30am Intentions of Jan Hudgens

12/29 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration
12noon Smith & Sheridan Families

12/30 WEDNESDAY

8:30am DecCelle Family

12/31 THURSDAY ~ New Year's Eve

4:30pm Robert Potter

**1/1 FRIDAY ~ Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

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

Thursday ~ New Year's Eve ~ 4:00pm

Solemnity of Mary ~ New Year's Day ~ 9:00am

Dear parishioners,

You may have heard that Pope Francis dedicated this next year to St. Joseph, stretching from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. This year will bring a focus to the patron of the Universal Church and allow our confidence to deepen in his powerful intercession. St. Joseph is the head of the Holy Family, chosen by God the Father to be human foster father to Jesus, God the Son.

From St. Joseph we learn the significance of humble love and service, particularly in the context of family life. Joseph's example models the humility of always serving Jesus and Mary first. What ordered his life was the divine command sent from God through the Archangel Gabriel, "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." From that moment he understood that his life was at the service of a much greater mystery.

To be honest, I am relatively new in my devotion to St. Joseph. I never really grew in my understanding of how much of his life speaks into mine. Yet, the more I've been praying for his intercession and contemplating his role in God's divine plan, the more my own interior life has deepened and my love for him has grown. When God took flesh in Mary's womb and would be born in Bethlehem, God the Father chose Joseph to be the human face and the father's heart by which Jesus, in his humanity, would come to know the Hebrew word, "Abba," or in English, "Daddy," or "Papa."

Mary knew St. Joseph's chaste, sacrificial, spousal love that always honored the mystery of her virginity and purity, and it was a love in which she would always be safe, protected, and provided for.

During this year dedicated to St. Joseph, invite him into your home and your interior life. If you don't have an image or statue of St. Joseph in your home, considering giving that gift to your family. If you haven't ever prayed the powerful Litany to St. Joseph, I highly recommend that you bring that into your regular time of prayer.

"There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard." *St. Thomas Aquinas*

*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. Families can light their luminaries at home or bring them to Blessed Sacrament to be shared by all.

We would love to see photos of your Nativity Scenes, please email a photo to cjpatoine@hotmail.com.

**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

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER
CHALLENGES TO GROW
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NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS

Every Sunday will be Food Shelf Sunday. Please remember to bring in a food donation to Mass for the Lamoille Community Food Share. The basket is in the back of the church! Thank you for your generosity!

WORD AMONG US

The January Word Among Us booklets are available to pick up outside the Parish Center in the mailbox.

2021 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The Collection Envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Be sure to pick up your box before the end of the year!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND
BASKETS**

A big Thank you to all who helped decorate our beautiful church. Also, to all who coordinated the Christmas Baskets this year. Hope all of you have safe and happy New Year!

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

**Solemnity of Mary, Friday,
January 1st 10:00am
Holy Day of Obligation**

NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 26, 2020 – January 1, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

New ministry to support those who are ill, alone

Even in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the parish community of St. Mark in Burlington is moving forward with plans for a new ministry to support those who are ill or alone and in need of prayers.

The Illness Support Ministry, which grew out of the priorities of the 2018 Diocesan Synod, is meant to reach out to anyone who contacts the parish for prayers in the face of sickness, or those who are homebound or in nursing homes.

Often, those who contact the parish may not even be parishioners, said Barry Comeau, parish synod delegate.

One of the primary goals, Comeau explained, is to create an information card for those in need of prayers, which would include addresses, contact information and names of family

members, if possible; anything that would make connecting with the sick possible, especially during this time when visits are restricted because of Covid-19.

The committee — which also includes Marie Forcier, Donna Russell and Jan Hevey — has been hampered by the pandemic in efforts to gather but is deciding on uplifting prayers and messages of support to be mailed to the sick, and to family members in some cases, to let them know they are being prayed for and remembered.

VTC • Mary Clifford Morrell

U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines

On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

"Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of

our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."

The full statement from the bishop chairmen may be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

— Public Affairs Office, USCCB

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Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

To learn more or make a gift visit: christourhopevt.org.

37%

As of Dec. 16: \$3,570,467

Goal: \$9,582,456

Upcoming Events



01|07, 14, 21, 28 THURSDAYS
Vermont Catholic Book Club:
Silence

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

This January, join us as we read Shusaku Endo's *Silence*. Two missionary priests secretly travel into 17th century Japan at a time when Christians are being persecuted harshly. What does it mean to be faithful to Christ in difficult times? This question and many others are posed in this challenging and gripping novel. We will meet four times to discuss the book and how we might learn from it. Bring a friend! Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/book-study-silence/



01|13, 20, 27 WEDNESDAYS
Family & Faith in the Home

via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm

Parents are invited to attend an interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Hemon of the Messy Family Project. Mike and Alicia have 10 children, and have much to share with parenting while living the Catholic faith. The webinars are as follows:

January 13, 8-9:30 p.m. — Communication in Marriage

January 20, 8-9:30 p.m. — Messy Parenting 101

January 27, 8-9:30 p.m. — Evangelizing Your Children

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/



01|20 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals
Virtual Event

via Zoom • 8 - 9 am

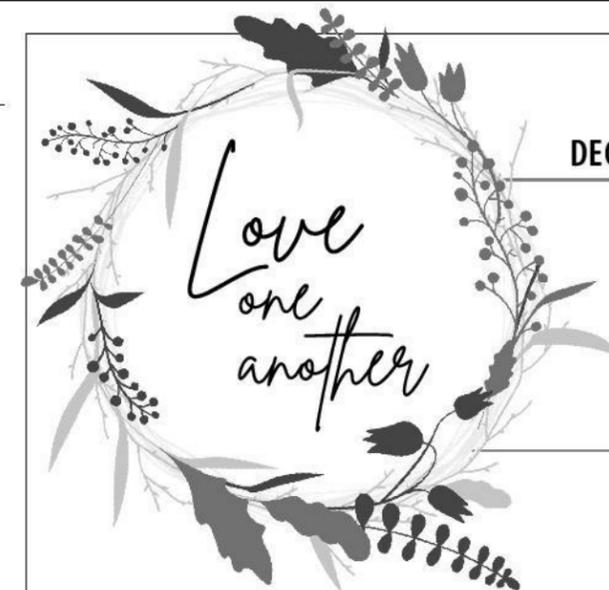
Our January guest speaker is Deacon Pete Gummere — Bioethicist and Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He will be presenting, "Discernment: Family, Career and Service to the Church." Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event/



01|21 THURSDAY
"Just Mercy" Book Study Group

via Zoom • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Mercy Corps, a newly formed group of parishioners at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, is hosting an online book study for *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. The series will meet monthly, January through June. Saint John Vianney Church will have copies of the book available for \$10/copy. For more information, to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the book, or to register, please contact Connie McDonald at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.



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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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100%

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

78%

As of December 16: \$2,068,325