



**Mass Schedule & Intentions  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 12<sup>th</sup> , 2021**

**3/6 SATURDAY VIGIL:**

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
4:30pm The Lintermann Family

**3/7 SUNDAY**

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
8:00am The People of the Parish  
10:30am Joseph Stankewich

**3/8 MONDAY**

7:30am Adoration  
8:30am The Ferrari & Vesce Families

**3/9 TUESDAY**

11:00am Adoration  
12noon Jack Morrissey

**3/10 WEDNESDAY**

7:30am Adoration  
8:30am Margaret Hazel

**3/11 THURSDAY**

4:30pm Adoration  
5:30pm The Krzeczowski Family

**3/12 FRIDAY**

7:30am Adoration  
8:30am Daniel Collins

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday – 8:00am Adoration - 9:00am Mass

Wednesday – 11:00am Adoration – Noon Mass

Thursday & Friday – 8:00am Adoration  
– 9:00am Mass

*Dear parishioners,*

This weekend Fr. Joseph and I will reflect on the deadly sin of lust in our homily, so this column will treat the heavenly virtue of chastity. And wow...does this word need to be redeemed in our culture.

Chastity has been negatively associated with prudishness or rule following, yet it is a virtue, a way of living truth that allows human flourishing. Chastity is a rightly ordered love. While affirming the sacredness of sexual desire as good and as a gift from God, the virtue of chastity orders sexual desire in accord with God's design, which fosters the experience of sexuality and sexual desire in a way that is in accord with our human dignity. The Catechism teaches the way to authentic happiness and holiness is self-mastery, and so the virtue of chastity is an essential ingredient in acquiring such self-possession. As with all virtues, chastity affirms the design of God for our bodies, our sexuality, our desires and attractions.

Who is called to be chaste? Everyone – husbands, wives, priests, boyfriends, girlfriends, single folks, young people, elderly, religious, etc. Chastity is rightly ordered love toward another and ourselves that lives God's design for sexuality. The Bible often teaches about living chastely: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Chastity reverences the image of God in others and in ourselves – and is expressed by how we act, how we speak, and how we dress. The self-mastery that we are called to is a right ordering of our passions. Sins like lust result from passions governing our actions instead of reason. To quote an article by Fr. Jerry Pokorsky, "Immodest or provocative dress violates the virtue of chastity. Impure glances or a brief impure thought are slight sins but need to be resisted. An impure fantasy, with full consent, is a mortal sin. Viewing various types of pornography and other forms of impure entertainment is also gravely sinful. Mortal sins also include external expressions of unchastity such as masturbation, fornication, contraception, homosexual behavior, and adultery."

Chastity is not simply a virtue of self-control or self-respect, but is also a virtue of mutual respect and responsible love. In a hyper-sexualized culture, this virtue is counter-cultural, and yet it is chastity that opens the human heart to become a free gift of self and to freely receive another and honors the beautiful design of self-giving love that is the fundamental principle of living as Christ taught us. God bless you.

*With Mary,  
In Christ, Fr Jon*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Confirmation Students will meet this Sunday at the Parish Hall from 5-6:30PM

**March 7,  
2021**

Session 5: the bible Map for the Journey + Intro to the Bible

Family Faith Formation: Let's experience Lent with those in love by donating 2 items to the food pantry; we have a donation basket in the back of the church. As Pope Francis says, "A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness."

**BJAMS TUITION ASSISTANCE**

For registered Blessed Sacrament Parishioners who send their child(ren) to Bishop Marshall School, there will be a brief meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 4pm in the parish hall regarding the Tuition Assistance for this Spring. Please contact Fr. Schnobrich with any further questions  
([jschnobrich@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:jschnobrich@vermontcatholic.org)).

**DEVOTIONAL LENTEN  
OPPORTUNITIES**

Monday 6pm Parish wide Zoom Rosary (email [blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org) for the link)  
Friday 6pm Stations of the Cross (in person)  
Friday 7pm Stations of the Cross via Zoom (email [mhnj@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:mhnj@vermontcatholic.org) for the link)

**FEBRUARY FINANCIAL NEWS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Offertory	\$ 4,762	\$ 7,529
Donations	7,070	2,738
E-Giving (CC)	<u>4,475</u>	<u>4,340</u>
Total	\$16,307	\$14,607

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 ([bscvt.com](http://bscvt.com)) you can also donate through paypal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**GUIDELINES FOR LENT**

.. The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance, and works of charity.

.. **Good Friday**, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence,

.. The role of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The role of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.

.. **Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 or older.

.. The substantial observances of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

.. Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.

**LENTEN MISSION INFORMATION**  
**AVAILABLE [HERE](#).**  
March 9 and 10, 6pm

