



**Mass Schedule & Intentions  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 17th ~ April 23rd, 2021**

**4/17 SATURDAY VIGIL:**

4:30pm Maria Lambert

**4/18 THIRD SUNDAY EASTER**

8:00am The People of the Parish

10:30am Herb Arnold

**4/19 MONDAY**

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Ignatius Fischer

**4/20 TUESDAY**

11:00am Adoration

12noon Daniel Dunlap

**4/21 WEDNESDAY**

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Costante Toffolo

**4/22 THURSDAY**

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Herb and Anne Arnold

**4/23 FRIDAY**

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Martha & Ben Munson

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday ~ 8:00am Adoration  
9:00am Mass

Wednesday ~ 11:00am Adoration  
12 Noon Mass

Thursday ~ 8:00am Adoration  
9:00am Mass

Friday ~ 8:00am Adoration  
9:00am Mass

Dear Parishioners,

In this week's column, I will begin on a note of gratitude to God for all He has been doing for us. We are still alive despite the challenges we all have been through. Do not give up, God has better plans still waiting for us. Last weekend, I was at the Blessed Sacrament, Stowe, to appeal for some funds, to help some of our parishes in my home diocese in Nigeria, Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria. I am grateful to all those who have felt the pains of those people in the difficult environments around River Niger. This week I am in Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Morrisville to ask for the same help.

Last week one of the priests, a classmate of mine who is heading one of the schools in those environments, sent pictures to me. The first thing that came to my mind when I saw those pictures was that there may be violence that led to such disasters, but I was wrong, it was a natural disaster. I placed a call across to know the cause, he told me that there was a storm last week that ripped almost all the buildings of their roofs. Father Joseph Memorial High School Aguleri, is an institution that was returned to the Church after years of being controlled by the government. It was in dilapidated conditions when the Catholic Church got it back. Our Archdiocese put in thousands of dollars to put this school back to shape, so that the children will have decent environment of learning. Last weekend's storm took the school back to a very ugly state, even worse than how the government left it. The good news is that no life was lost. It is a miracle that up to sixteen poles went down in the school, which has led to loss of power, and most of their buildings badly damaged while the students are in session, yet there was no harm.

They will need our help in this challenging time. Our generosity will help this poor community to repair the damage caused by the heavy wind and storm. Remember them in your prayers that is the most important of all. We are witnesses of love. May we be moved by love. You can make your donations to Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Morrisville or to Blessed Sacrament Parish, Stowe. The parish will send us a letter to help us in filing for tax next year. At the memo of the check, write "Africa". May God bless you immensely.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Fr. Joseph

We welcome one of our former Pastors, Fr. Bernie Gaudreau! Fr. Bernie will be celebrating all Masses at Blessed Sacrament this weekend. Please join us at Mass to welcome him!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

There is no class this weekend. Enjoy Spring break and we'll see you for FFF on Zoom, Sunday, April 25th!

Save the date: First Communion will be Sunday, May 2nd at 10:30 AM. Also that day, we'll go for an Emmaus/Hiking Retreat at the Jay Peak Recreation area (noon-4PM). Please bring lunch & water. All are welcome.

**Totus Tuus Registration is OPEN**

Totus Tuus 2021 - **June 27 – July 1** (High School), **June 28 – July 2** (Grade School)

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/totus-tuus-stowe-2/>

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a summer catechetical **youth program (for grades 1—8)**, is being held in-person Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games, and recess. There is also a program for **high school youth**, which runs Sunday-Thursday 7:00-9:00 pm. TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN!!! The youthful energy of the team is contagious, come out and join us!!! Participants in the grade school program should bring a snack, lunch, and recess equipment.

Registration cost to families will be: Grades 1-8 is **\$60.00 per student**, Grades 9-12 is **\$25.00 per family**, or maximum of \$150.00 per family (includes all grades combined). We want everyone to be able to attend, if you need a scholarship, please contact Fr. Jon.

***LOVE ONE ANOTHER***

***CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE***

***HAVE A "REMEMBERING NIGHT"***

Reminiscence about the first time you saw each other, your first date, when each of you realized he/she might be "the one", and how you felt the night before your wedding. End with a prayer thanking the Holy Spirit for bringing you together.

There are Mass intentions available throughout 2021. If anyone would like a Mass intention for deceased, living or someone who is ill. Please contact Phyllis via email at [blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org) or contact the office at 253-7536. They all come with beautiful cards and we will mail them out for you or leave them at the parish center mailbox. There are many dates available.

**Neighbors Feeding  
Neighbors Sunday**

**Every Sunday will be Food Shelf Sunday.  
Please bring a non-perishable food item to Mass for the Lamoille Community Food Share!  
They are always looking for pet food as well. Monetary donations always welcome!**



# NEWS FROM The Inland See

April 10–16, 2021 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



‘Our words are to be at the service of the *Divine Word*’

It is easy for human beings to become overwhelmed by words. Endless news reports, social media and idle chatter consume so much time and energy, and to what end?

All too often words are set against each other for reasons of power, correctness, control or manipulation. There seems to be a war going on in this “world of word-craft.”

During His sacred Passion, our blessed Lord experienced this in His humanity, but rather than engaging it, he put an end to it by fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy: “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth” (Is 53:7).

As He is, so we are to be.

We rationalize, however, the avalanche of words coming at us, or from us, by insisting that it is necessary for work or to stay updated, connected and informed; this may be partially accurate. But more importantly is the answer to the question of whether any, or all, of these words lead us and others deeper into relationship with Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate.

In short, all of our words are to be at the service of the Divine Word. This reality is certainly on full display in the homilies of St. John Chrysostom, known as “Golden-Mouth” for the eloquence with which he preached in the fourth and early fifth centuries. Or, fast-forwarding roughly 800 years, we may note the thorough and unparalleled rhetoric of St. Thomas Aquinas.

And yet, isn’t it interesting that this year the Church asks us to consider St. Joseph, the man called by God to be the husband of and protector and provider for His most perfect creature, our Blessed Mother, and the foster-father of His Son, the Word made flesh.

And what’s more is that this saintly man never utters one word in the entirety of Sacred Scripture! It would be unreasonable to believe that St. Joseph never spoke during the course of his earthly life, but we can be certain that nothing he ever said

was deemed by God to be necessary for our salvation since it is not included in Sacred Scripture.

At this time in the Church’s history, we are confronted by the “secret life” of St. Joseph, particularly in his relationship to the Mother of God and the Incarnate Word.

To remain close to Jesus and Mary and grow in one’s relationship with them — as St. Joseph did — requires faith, hope, love, trust, commitment and sacrifice. Certainly, doubt and anxiety are a part of life, but they become manageable the more one’s soul follows the will of God, is in union with His Word and strengthened by His grace.

Let us, then, take every opportunity to engage more fervently and robustly a life a prayer, especially time with our Lord in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and meditate with our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph on the life of Christ through the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. For the more consistently this becomes the desire of our soul and practice of our life, the more we, like St. Joseph in union with the Blessed Mother and safeguarded by God’s Almighty Word, will love the Church, fight to defend Her dignity and honor, protect Her children from the terror of demons and work for the salvation of souls so that God’s faithful may experience the grace of a happy death.

These may be beautiful and powerful words, but unless and until they propel us to be caught up in our fascination with the Divine Word of God, we will remain perplexed by the faithful and committed silence of St. Joseph — a man who reveals in God’s Providence that words are oftentimes overrated, but the relationship we have to the Word Incarnate is what truly transforms our life, our family, our culture, our history and our vocation.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

— **Father James Dodson is vocation director for the Diocese of Burlington**

*From the Spring 2021 issue of Vermont Catholic magazine.*

## Upcoming Events



04|11 SUNDAY  
**Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 2 - 4 pm*  
The devotions will begin with Confession from 2 – 3 PM, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



04|14 WEDNESDAY  
**Parent Cafe — Blessed are They That Mourn**  
*Zoom • 7:30 - 8:15 pm*

Join Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack to discuss how suffering equips us with the strength to comfort and understand others. Short presentation on the second Beatitude, discussion, and prayer. [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe-blessed-are-they-that-mourn/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe-blessed-are-they-that-mourn/)



04|17 SATURDAY  
**Msgr. Thomas Ball — 10th Anniversary Memorial Mass**  
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 8 am*

Msgr. Thomas Ball was a long-time rector of The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Burlington. The Knights of Columbus honor guard will be present along with Celia Asbel as Music Director.



04|28 WEDNESDAY  
**Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Event**  
*Zoom • 8 - 9 am*

Our April guest speaker is Mary Anne Sheahan, Execu-

tive Director — Vermont Talent Pipeline Management Program, Vermont Business Roundtable. Learn more: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event-2/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event-2/)



05|01 SATURDAY  
**Our Lady of Fatima Devotions**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am*  
Rosary, Confessions, Mass at 8:30 am.



05|08 SATURDAY  
**Food Drive at Cathedral of St. Joseph and St Mark Churches**  
*Burlington • 9 - 11 am*

The Knights of Columbus de Goesbriand Council # 275 is conducting a food drive at both churches, with drop-off in the parking lot of nonperishable food items to benefit the North End Food Pantry. Please consider making a donation.



05|13 THURSDAY  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
*Solemnity*  
We commemorate the day Jesus ascended into heaven. Read about the Ascension in Acts 1: 6-12.



05|23 SUNDAY  
**Pentecost**  
*Solemnity*  
We commemorate the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles. Read about Pentecost in Acts 2: 1-13.



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

Goal: \$9,582,456

46% As of March 31, 2021: \$4,392,707

APRIL 11–17, 2021

**CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE**

**DIVINE MERCY**

Ask Jesus for Divine Mercy in your marriage by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together:

[www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet)

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

## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

*Diocese:* Staff Accountant

*The Loretto Home, Rutland:* Director of Nursing — Up to \$7,500 Sign-on Bonus!

*The Loretto Home, Rutland:* Full-Time and Part-Time LNA or Nurse Aide – \$500 Sign-On Bonus for Full-Time!

*St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland:* Full-Time and Part-Time LNA or Nurse Aide — \$500 Sign-On Bonus for Full-Time!

*The School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales, Bennington:* Principal

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