

April 10 ~ 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

2nd Sunday of Easter

Saturday Evening:

4:00 St. Rose of Lima: Fr. Thomas Nadeau by Winston & Mary Pidgeon

Sanctuary Lamp: Victims of the Washington DC Capitol shooting and their loved ones

6:00 St. Joseph (ILM): **Beginning this week (April 10th) there will be no Sat. evening Masses at this location until further notice.**

Sunday Morning:

8:00 St. Joseph (Gr.I): Rose Guilmette by her Family
Sanctuary Lamp: Victims of the Washington DC Capitol shooting and their loved ones

10:30 St. Amadeus: Rudy Prairie by Lorraine Mumley
Sanctuary Lamp: Victims of the Washington DC Capitol shooting and their loved ones

Special prayers are requested at our Masses for **David Pelkey, recovering from surgery in Florida**

Please pray for our sick: Ray "Papa" Allen – Michael Antonioli – Howard Atherton – Shawn Beaudoin – Adele Beck – Victoria Bissonette – David Brownell – Marianne Dubuque – Antoinette Howard – Jean Labombard – Norma Lafayette – Pat McCann – Bernadette Milani – Ronald Morin – David Pelkey – Jordan Pidgeon – Wayne Roberge – Lloyd Rollins – Beth Savage – Lola Scandore – Dan Smith – Daniel Therrien – Kevin Turtle – those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers – those in nursing homes, rehab centers, hospitals and the home-bound – hospital and clinic workers everywhere



Recently Deceased:

Robert Martell ¹

Rene "Rudy" Prairie ¹

Robert Miller ³

TELEVISED MASSES

Diocese of Burlington*

vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/
Sundays: 10:00 am Daily Mass: 12:05 pm

EWTN Television (on DISH-Ch. 261 and Direct TV-Ch 370):
Daily Mass at 8 am, Noon and 7 pm

The CW Channel (Plattsburgh): Sunday at 10 am

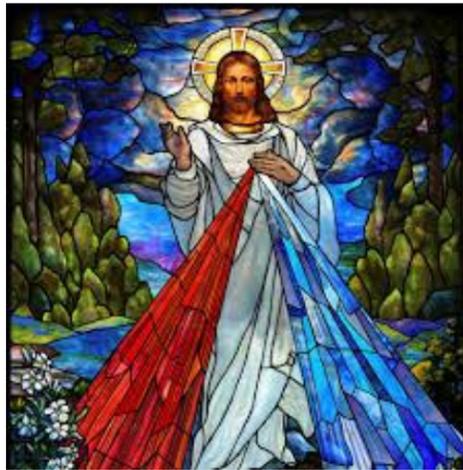
WCAX-Channel 3 (Burlington): Sunday at 6 am

Direct TV-Channel 370: Sunday at 8 am

Online: Catholictv.org: search any Mass, any day (by date)

Divine Mercy Sunday

"Lord, have mercy," we pray at the beginning of Mass, calling upon the Lord to have mercy on us in our sinfulness. Today



we celebrate that divine mercy, the mercy that is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin, the mercy that always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord, the mercy that led God to send the Son to win us our salvation. Let us rejoice that we are always able to receive that tender mercy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Masses at St. Joseph Church in Isle La Motte are suspended for the foreseeable future.

With St. Anne's Shrine opening early for the summer season **and** with the Diocese struggling to find priests to serve all the churches whose pastors have left, we will be **eliminating the 6 pm Saturday Mass for the time being.** We hope our parishioners will attend one of our other 3 weekend Masses. If you find a more convenient service elsewhere, please continue to give regular donations to OLL by either making your checks out to our parish or putting cash in envelopes clearly marked for us. All Vermont Catholic churches and St. Pat's in Rouses Point will send us those donations. With prayers (and maybe a little luck) our faithful group of attendees will be back in "their" church by the Fall.



Snowbirds....

As you return to our "flock", please let us know you're back so we can begin using your summer addresses and telephone numbers. Besides....we want to give you a real "Welcome Home"!

Please join our Parish Family for Mass!

Sign-in sheets: When you enter the church, **you must add your information to the sign-in sheets near the door, including a valid telephone number.** This is for contact tracing, should a COVID-19 outbreak occur in the future.

Masks required to attend (even if you are wearing a Face Shield). **Please bring hand sanitizer to use if you have it.**

Bishop Coyne is still permitting people to stay home **ONLY if you are not comfortable or feel you are at risk** attend-ing in public. **You are, however, still required to "attend" via TV or an internet site.**

Parish Fundraisers...

The Clothes Closet will be re-opening the end of April

Currently, we have a stockpile of items, but soon we'll be requesting donations of clothes and items for our Rummage Sale. **Remember, these are currently our only scheduled fundraisers for our northern churches. Please think of us, before you send your donations to other outlets!**



Chicken Barbeque Take-Out Dinner: Saturday, **MAY 22:**

St. Rose of Lima Church Hall.

Pick-ups between 4:30 and 6 pm.

Menu: barbequed chicken, baked



beans, potato salad, cole slaw, roll and peanut butter



pie! **Cost: Adults: \$12 / children**

under 10: \$6 We strongly recommend ordering in advance in case they sell out—again! Call **Val Hunter** at (802) 372-7500 or email her at: mvhunter88@msn.com

Parish Miscellany...



Hannaford Stores Food Distribution: St. Amadeus Parish Center

Hours: **Wednesdays beginning around 9 am**

(sometimes they arrive earlier.)

This is NOT for the NEEDY ONLY, but items go quickly so get there early!

St. Amadeus Food Shelf: St. Amadeus Rectory; open **Tuesdays from 9:30 – 4:30** (or whenever Laura is working) Household supplies also available (laundry detergent, soap, toothbrushes/paste, shampoo, etc.) **Donations accepted at our offices and St. Amadeus Masses.**

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign...

Thanks to the early donations and pledges from our parishioners, **OLL** is closer to its goal than any other church in the diocese! We currently stand at **95% of our goal** of \$97,005.00. If you've been waiting to pledge, please do so soon. **Right now we receive 60% of the funds we raise until we hit 115%--then we get it all!** So reaching that initial milestone is imperative. While we understand some of you are waiting until that time, we will never get there if *everyone* waits. If it's easier on your household budget, you may want to consider a monthly donation, as some of our donors are doing. You may drop in a collection basket or send directly to the Diocese, but please help with as much as you can as soon as you can. **Thank you!**

Parish Support - Thank you!

Sunday Collections: *

St. Amadeus/St Joseph (ILM): \$ 690
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 507

Second Collections:

St. Amadeus/St Joseph (ILM): \$ 109
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 128

* **These figures do not include gifts to the parish**

This Weekend's 2nd Collection: NO 2nd collection, but gifts cheerfully accepted! **Next Weekend:** Building Fund

When making contributions to our churches please make checks out to: **Our Lady of the Lake Parish** and indicate in the memo area which church should receive your donations

Help! Our parish secretary, Laura Limoge, and her husband Lee Kimball have sold their house and are looking for a temporary rental through the summer (and possibly fall). Looking for modest accommodations; will be happy to "work off" some of the rent by working around a property (Lee can do it all and Laura's a willing helper). They must be out of their home by April 30; hoping to be in a rental by April 27th. Please call Laura at either office on her work days or on her personal phone at: (207) 767-9797. (References available from a "higher power" ☺)

April is

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know....The Diocese of Burlington will pray for individuals who suffer from abuse and neglect. The Diocese will be hosting a **Night of Healing Prayer** to remember those who have suffered—or are currently suffering—from abuse and neglect. The date and time will be posted on the Diocesan calendar of events at: VermontCatholic.org/events



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES

Domestic Violence **800-228-7395**
Sexual Violence **800-489-7273**
Teen Dating Abuse **866-331-9474**

VT Network: <https://vtnetwork.org>

Domestic Violence Resources:
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/resources/domestic-violence>



Rev. Msgr. John McDermott
Thu 3/25/2021 2:17 PM

Message from Bishop Coyne:

My friends I write to you to first acknowledge the good work and ministry that Fr. Larry has carried out in your midst as pastor these last few years. I thank him for his service and look forward, hopefully, to his return to the Diocese of Burlington in the future. God speed and safe journey, Fr. Larry.

I also write to assure you that the necessity of Fr. Larry's returning to the Philippines until his immigration status can be worked out is just that - an immigration issue. He is not alone in facing this problem. At least three other international priests who served in the Diocese of Burlington at present have to return home as their visas have expired. What used to take only 3-4 months process through immigration now takes 15-17 months and their visas will be expiring long before that time. I was caught unawares of the change and sadly, we now face a significant clergy shortage.

Please know, I have no intention of closing your parishes. I am working with the clergy personnel board to do everything that I can to make sure that there is a regular celebration of the Sacraments in your midst, but I cannot, unfortunately, assign a pastor to your three parishes at this time. I am sorry for that. But also know that yours is not the only community that will be without a resident pastor for the foreseeable future. I ask for your patience and perseverance in the months ahead.

In the meantime, may you have a blessed and safe Holy Week and Easter. Stay safe.

Bishop Coyne

Rev. Msgr. John McDermott
Wed 4/7/2021 10:53 AM

Dear Island Parishioners:

With Fr. Larry Organiza's return to the Philippines after Easter there have been questions on what will happen to Our Lady of the Lake Parish and the celebration of Mass and the other sacraments. First, it is the hope and prayer of the Diocese of Burlington that Fr. Larry will be back in a year or so to pick up where he left off in the Islands.

In the meantime because of the serious reduction in available priests to provide pastoral coverage, the Diocese will provide a permanent deacon to serve as the Temporary Administrator of the parish. He will be responsible for overseeing parish life, parish council, finance council, etc. He will also work with the parish secretary to make sure the parish is able to address any other issue which arises during the coming 12 months, e.g. funerals, etc. An official announcement on this appointment will be made next week.

Regarding Mass coverage, for the spring into the summer months, the Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Rose of Lima and the Sunday morning Mass at St. Joseph, Grand Isle will be covered by visiting priests. Fr. Cummings will celebrate the Sunday morning Mass at St. Amadeus, Alburgh, until St. Anne Shrine opens. There will be no Vigil Mass at St. Joseph, Isle la Motte. After the Shrine opens, the Diocese is asking that parishioners from Alburgh and Isle la Motte to attend Mass at the Shrine until the Shrine closes. All parish offertory envelopes will be returned to the parish office. At the conclusion of the Shrine season, the Diocese hopes to be able to provide a Sunday morning Mass in Alburgh, although this is not guaranteed at this time.

While this is not a perfect solution, it does ensure the parishioners have access to the Mass and Sacraments. The Diocese thanks you in advance for your cooperation in this very challenging time.

Msgr. John J. McDermott, V



NEWS FROM The Inland See

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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*

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