

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Monsignor
Richard G. Lavalley
Pastor

Reverend
Joseph Sanderson
Parochial Vicar

Saint Francis Xavier School
Eric Becker, Principal
Pre-School through 8th grade
655-2600

**Director of Faith
Formation**
Jordan Easley
503-8241

**Our Lady of
Providence**
Residential Care
Facility
655-2395

St. Francis Xavier Cares
Sharon Brown, RN
Parish Nurse
922-2958



Weekend Masses
Saturday : 4:00 PM
Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM

Confessions
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Anytime by appointment
St. Vincent de Paul Center
Phone: 655-3006
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Baptisms

Parent classes required. Please call the rectory for more information.

Marriage

Plan six months in advance.
Contact the rectory. Attend Pre-Cana classes

Registration

New parishioners and newly married couples should register by calling the rectory as soon as possible.

TELEPHONES

School	After School
655-2600	655-4660
School Website: www.SFXVT.org	



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 - 8:35 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/



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 Abel 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/



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 Giesbriand 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.

CHRIST OUR

Hope



BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH

To learn more or make a gift visit:
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

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday April 12, 2021
 8:00 AM David Bouffard *by Shehard Family*
 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Providence Chapel
No public attendance at this time

Tuesday April 13
 8:00 AM Charlotte & Don Companion & Deceased
 Members of the Companion Family
 11:00 AM Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*

Wednesday April 14
 8:00 AM John L Spittle *by Wife & Children*
 11:00 AM Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*

Thursday April 15
 8:00 AM Mary Muir *by Deacon Tom & Robin
 McCormick*
 11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Mount Family
by Mount Family
 (OLP Chapel) *No public attendance*

Friday April 16
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Esposito Family
 11:00 AM Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*

Saturday April 17
 4:00 PM Clemence Bergeron *by Anne Bergeron*

Sunday April 18
 7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Turmel Family
 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
 11:00 AM Theodore & Madeline Merchant &
 Daughters, Elaine Bergeron, Dorothy
 Shaw, Lorraine Gabbeitt (Merchant Girls)
by The Yandow Family

PARISH SUPPORT

March 28, 2021.....	\$ 5,130.95
Online Giving Offertory (69 Givers).....	\$ 2,369.00
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 39).....	\$ 7,820.81
Weekly Goal.....	\$ 8,500.00
April 4, 2021 (Easter).....	\$ 9,126.00
Online Giving Easter (76 Givers).....	\$ 2,969.00
Good Friday.....	\$ 873.00

Thank you for your continued support

Daily Rosary Apostolate

The Diocese continues to offer a daily Rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck in leading each day. Interested? Here's the details:

"I would love it if you would schedule a time with me to record a Rosary. What does that look like exactly? It's very simple! You email me with convenient times for you and once it is scheduled I will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you'd prefer, I can show slides for each mystery while we pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, *please* contact me. You can email me with a time that works for you and we can schedule it.

Please email me at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org"

The Winooski Knights of Columbus



The Winooski Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 7 PM. Any man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact; *Grand Knight Greg Clairmont at 343-8446 or listandsellvt@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger at 660-9044 or gbolger@ccnne.com* For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site www.wkofc.org and "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Winooskikofc2284

"For I was hungry and you gave me food"

Matthew 25: 35-40

Our St. Francis Xavier parish community is partnering with the new Winooski Food Shelf to help feed our neighbors in need. This parish is an extremely valuable partner in providing the consistent donations of food to the many people coming for assistance. The WFS is grateful for your sustained commitment of providing donations each week and your generosity continues to serve families in need. There is a strong need right now for toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors. Non-perishable food items for distribution such as cereal, tomato paste, and canned food are always appreciated.

Collection boxes are placed in the church vestibule and delivered to the Food Shelf each week.

Your donations may also be dropped off at: J & J Market 12 Malletts Bay Ave. or at Commodities Market on Winooski Falls Way.

Act of Love:

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God My Guardian Dear To whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side To light and guard to rule and guide. Amen

Prayer at Genuflection

Jesus, my God I adore thee here present in the sacrament of your love.

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is reopening April 13th!

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is in need of summer clothing. The Center will accept all donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Thank You....

Christ to the Homebound

Please contact the rectory if you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home. We are excited to renew this ministry.

BLIND NEED HELP

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired has an immediate urgent need for volunteer drivers to get the blind where they need to go. Our volunteer driver pool is so low that we are unable to fulfill all the ride requests we receive from our clients. Covid has been particularly devastating to those with vision loss since they rely on others to help them get to vital medical appointments or to run necessary errands. Volunteer Drivers are reimbursed for the use of their cars and are able to accept or decline any ride requests that do not fit into their own personal schedules. Drive as much or as little as you wish. Even one per week helps a person with vision loss to remain independent.

“Please be assured all our clients requesting rides have agreed to wear masks and practice physical distancing as much as possible. They know our drivers will follow the same guidelines to ensure everyone is as safe as possible” If you enjoy helping other please consider joining our inspirational team of volunteer drivers who make a huge difference in the lives of the blind. For more information, please contact:

Vicki Vest at 800 639 5861 or email Vicki at vvest@vabvi.org

**Christ Our Hope:
Building a Vibrant Church**

We have begun the **CHIRST OUR HOPE** campaign that will benefit both our parish and the entire Catholic Church in Vermont. The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening our faith formation efforts and serving the poor.

This will be an important campaign to not only implement the pastoral priorities identified in the recent Diocesan Synod but help rebuild our parishes and communities that were affected by COVID-19 pandemic. *To date our parish has contributed \$ 106,899.00. Any one whom has not received giving material for Christ Our Hope Campaign please call the rectory 655-2290 or pickup after Mass.*

Thank you for your generous support.

**Our Lady of Providence Residential Care
Community**

Our lady of Providence Residential Care Community welcomes applications for residency.

Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community, a 46-bed, private room and bath facility, is located in Winooski and sits on a 2 ½-acre lush property is now welcoming applications for residency.

With the motto: “With love, we care,” the facility offers an array of services, ranging from weekly housekeeping and laundry to daily spiritual guidance and support and free, scheduled transportation.

The homey atmosphere at Our Lady of Providence combined with a dedicate and caring staff make for an unbeatable combination. In addition to the above mentioned amenities, the facility also provides delicious meals and medical support, including 24-hour, daily nursing care.

Please consider visiting our facility and taking a tour. We think that you will discover that Our Lady of Providence is the best kept secret in Chittenden County.

Please visit our website, OurladyofProvidence.org or call 655-2395 for more information.

FORMED

FORMED is an online platform providing Catholic content movies, children’s shows, bible studies, etc., from Catholic organizations & individuals. Please make use of this resource. Go to formed.org and sign up as a parishioner. Enter “Saint Francis Xavier Church” for the parish name. Make sure you select Saint Francis Xavier Church, Winooski VT. **Enjoy!**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio
IS ON THE AIR! Tune to 105.5 FM
24 hours a day/7 days a week**

This is YOUR radio station, so please be an active listener. Our success depends on it! The more people listen, the sooner our communities will hear about it and listen themselves and come back to The Church. So preset your radio dial and find your favorite shows! Visit our website at WRXJ1055.org

**Joy
to share...**

St. Francis Xavier School:

We encourage you to visit our friends and alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SFXAlumni.

Also, you may go to our school website at www.sfxwinooski.org

Happy Easter!