

First Sunday of Advent

November 29th to December 6th, 2020

Saturday, Nov. 28th – Weekday

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – For All The Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For the People of our Parishes

10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – D'sed Members of the St. Anne Society by Its Members

Monday, Nov. 30th – St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – David DiPerna by the Family

Tues. Dec. 1st – Advent Weekday

6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Janice, J. William & Mabel Maynard by The Estate

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

Thurs., Dec. 3rd – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Jean-Noël & Claude Desautels by Noël

FIRST Friday, Dec. 4th – St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Holy Souls in Purgatory by JAN

FIRST Saturday, Dec. 5th – Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – First Saturday Devotion Prayers

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

Sunday, December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For the People of our Parishes

10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Gaston Begnoche by Colin Wood

Please Pray For: Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Alice Kinney, Terry Kneen, Leonard Embury, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Joseph Adams III, Liza Farrar, Mary Parent, Jerry Tatro, Denise Brier, Scott Patterson, Jackey Garrow, Kelly Nuovo, Annie Button, Amber Kneen, Richard Ploof, Jessica Pomerleau-Honlon, Kaida, Father Jordan, a Parishioner, the recently deceased, Betsy Snider, Peter Fournier, Tara Stubbs, Special Intention, Gloria Weld, Lexi Booska, Steven Tracy, Ginger Desautels, and all Soldiers. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucille Brooks, aunt of Prudy Ryea.

To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

Receipts: November 22, 2020

All Saints Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$1,440.00

Offertory	892.00
Campaign for Human Development	158.00
Food Shelf, Energy	20.00
Christmas Flower Donations	20.00
Donation	300.00

St. Isidore Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$705.00

Offertory	446.00
Campaign for Human Development	74.00
Votive Candles	10.00

Thank you to all who are supporting our parishes with your monetary gifts and offerings. God bless you ever more!

Second Collection:

Nov. 29: No Second Collection

Dec. 6: Food Shelf

Thank you for supporting our bulletin:

Lussier's Sawmill

Anthony Lussier, Owner - 802-933-5357

Calendar of Events:

~Friday, Dec. 4th: Rosary Cenacle at All Saints at 6pm

Please come. Our world needs our prayers

~Friday, Dec. 4th: Mac & Cheese Drive-Thru Take Out at All Saints Dorion Hall at 4:30pm – Cost: by Donation

~ Sat., Dec. 5th: First-Saturday Devotional Prayers at All Saints @8am

~Sunday mornings @All Saints: Recitation of the Holy Rosary before Mass beginning around 7:40am

Christ Our Hope Campaign

Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

It's with great joy and excitement that we welcome Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. Jesus is God's greatest gift to mankind. He is the perfect present received every Christmas. John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" – serves as a reminder of God's love and the sacrifice made on our behalf.

Along with celebrating God's wonderful gift, Advent is a time when we enjoy giving a little more. It is an opportunity to give a little more of our time, a little more of our love and a little more of the gifts we've received from God.

So we invite you, this Advent season, to join your brothers and sisters in Christ with a *Christ Our Hope* campaign commitment. Remember your gift will make a difference as we address our needs at All Saints and St. Isidore. But don't forget it will also support the many needs of those most vulnerable among us, while enhancing our ability to educate others. Please return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make your gift.

Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 11/20/2020)

All Saints – \$13,300 raised toward goal of \$77,643 ~ 17%

St. Isidore – \$8,585 raised toward goal of 40,539 ~ 21%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Progress

Updated November 20th

Our Parish Progress for the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal:

All Saints – 66% of \$14K – we need \$4770 to meet goal

St. Isidore – 101% of \$4,656 – \$61 over goal - Congratulations

ON DECEMBER 3rd, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of missionaries. In a letter he wrote from the missionary fields in India, he described the amount of people he Baptized in vivid language:

"As to the numbers who become Christians, you may understand them from this, that it often happens to me to be hardly able to use my hands from the fatigue of baptizing: often in a single day I have baptized whole villages. Sometimes I have lost my voice and strength altogether with repeating again and again the Credo and the other forms."

Pope Gregory XV canonized St. Francis Xavier in 1622 along with Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri and Isidore the Farmer.



CONGRATULATIONS to:

Brielle Hardy who received her First Holy Communion last Sunday at St. Isidore.
Well Done Brielle!

Blessed Therese Newmann Society

We encourage you to take a packet in the back of the church this weekend containing the Blessed Therese Newmann Society prayers and goals.

The packets can be given to anyone who is willing to offer their prayers and sufferings for the renewal of our parishes and the conversion of poor sinners.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 848-7741 or email at: info@allsaintsrichford.org

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our Christmas Giving Program will take place again this year. However, it will be handled differently because of COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. The program begins the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th and will continue through Saturday, December 12th. Your gifts are due back to the church by 9:30 am on Sunday, December 13th, at the latest. Instead of taking your gift tags from the giving tree as you've done in the past, please contact me at goodbro_ms@yahoo.com or leave a message with Linda at the rectory and I'll call you back with tag information. Even though our program looks different this year, your generous gifts convey the message that "Jesus Is The Reason For This Season" to the many needy families and senior citizens in our area.

If anyone would like to choose a tag early, the names/gift ideas are ready now. Please email Karen at goodbro_ms@yahoo.com or call the rectory.

St. Isidore's Giving Program

Starting the first Sunday of Advent on November 29th, we will be asking for gift cards from WalMart, Hannaford and Sylvester's that will be given to local families. If you have a little extra to give this year, please give your donation(s) to Lynn or Peter Locher, Sue Cherrier or Kelly Lagasse. It has been a difficult year for many and whatever support you can offer will be greatly appreciated. The final day to receive your gift will be December 13th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Advent Mission: Infancy Narratives

Tuesday: Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22

Please join Fr. Jordan in an Advent Mission on the Infancy Narratives at All Saints, Richford, VT.

Mass at 6:00 pm ~ 6:30pm Infancy Narratives Talk

(Mission talk will be approximately 30 minutes)

Saint Andrew the Apostle

"Two men followed the Lord from the beginning; one of these was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter."

Andrew was one of the twelve Apostles and is known as the "Protocletus" (the First Called) because he was the first Apostle to be summoned by Jesus into His service. Andrew and his brother Peter made their living as fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. Both men became Apostles, and while Peter symbolically came to represent the Church of the West, Andrew likewise represents the Church of the East.

According to ecclesiastical tradition, Andrew began his missionary activity in the Provinces of Vithynia and Pontus on the southern shores of the Black Sea. Later he journeyed to the City of Byzantium and founded the Christian Church there, ordaining the first Bishop of Byzantium, Stachys, who was one of the 70 disciples of the Lord.

In one of his several missionary journeys to Greece, Andrew visited the City of Patras. Through his preaching and the miracles of healing he performed, in the name of Jesus, many persons were converted to Christianity. Among those healed was Maximilla, the wife of the Roman Proconsul, Aegeates. Seeing this miracle of healing, Stratoklis, the highly intellectual brother of the Proconsul, also became a Christian, and Andrew consecrated and enthroned him as the first Bishop of Patras.

These conversions to the Christian Faith by members of his own family infuriated the Proconsul Aegeates, and he decided, with the urging of the idolators who advised him, to crucify Andrew. The crucifixion was carried out on an X-shaped cross with the body of the Apostle upside down so that he saw neither the earth nor his executioners, but only the sky which he glorified as the heaven in which he would meet his Lord. His body was tenderly removed from the cross by Bishop Stratoklis and Maximilla, and buried with all of the honor befitting the Apostle. Soon countless numbers of Christians made their way to Patras to pay reverence to the grave of Andrew, and when Aegeates realized that the man he had put to death was truly a holy man of God his conscience became so tormented that he committed suicide.

DECEMBER 6TH:

FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS



As a young man, he made a pilgrimage to Palestine and Egypt, becoming a Bishop upon his return. He was imprisoned during the persecutions of Diocletian, but was released after Constantine came to rule. Many stories about his life indicate his kindness and reveal miracles. The Golden Legend tells us how the Saint threw bags of gold coins to a man in order to provide dowries for the man's daughters and save them from lives of lechery. Another tale explains how he saved sailors from a tempest:

"It is read in a chronicle that, the blessed Nicholas was at the Council of Nicea; and on a day, as a ship with mariners were in perishing on the sea, they prayed and required devoutly Nicholas, servant of God, saying: If those things that we have heard of thee said be true, prove them now. And anon a man appeared in his likeness, and said: Lo! see ye me not? ye called me, and then he began to help them in their exploit of the sea, and anon the tempest ceased. And when they were come to his church, they knew him without any man to show him to them, and yet they had never seen him. And then they thanked God and him of their deliverance. And he bade them to attribute it to the mercy of God, and to their belief, and nothing to his merits."

Pray the St. Andrew Novena for Advent

Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30th, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle. Is this just a nice coincidence, or is there deeper significance? There is indeed a deeper significance. St. Andrew was the very first disciple called by Our Lord—that is why, in the Orthodox tradition, he is known by the name Πρωτόκλητος (Protoklitos) which means "First-Called." Andrew is the one who convinced his brother, Simon, to become Jesus' disciple. "We have found the Messiah!" Andrew said to him. Now we know Simon as Peter, the first pope.

In keeping with his role as "the first-called," the feast of St. Andrew is found at the beginning of our new liturgical year. There are many traditions associated with St. Andrew's feast day, but one of the most popular is the Christmas novena that begins on St. Andrew's feast day. It's called the St. Andrew Christmas Novena, or more simply, The Christmas Novena. It's a wonderful way to enter into the Advent season which is marked by a time of anticipation, penance, and prayer.

While the origins of this prayer are unknown, it is over 100 years old (at least) and may have come from Ireland. If the St. Andrew novena was prayed as a regular nine-day novena, it would end on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. However, this novena prayer is actually prayed much longer than nine days—it is prayed throughout all four weeks of Advent.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested. Prayer is an essential part of Advent. Reciting this special novena prayer each day is a simple yet beautiful way to celebrate the spiritual significance of the Advent season and to experience a deeper conversion to the heart of Jesus. And since Andrew helped his brother find the Messiah, he can do the same for us as our spiritual brother. He can lead us, in spirit, to the Christmas crib, saying: "We have found the Messiah ..."

Here is the beautiful prayer:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Walking in the Other Guy's Shoes: An Advent Challenge

WE MUST not rely too much upon ourselves, for grace and understanding are often lacking in us. We have but little inborn light, and this we quickly lose through negligence. Often we are not aware that we are so blind in heart. Meanwhile we do wrong, and then do worse in excusing it. At times we are moved by passion, and we think it zeal. We take others to task for small mistakes, and overlook greater ones in ourselves. We are quick enough to feel and brood over the things we suffer from others, but we think nothing of how much others suffer from us. If a man would weigh his own deeds fully and rightly, he would find little cause to pass severe judgment on others. *Imitation of Christ*, II, 5

Saying YES to God

"From the beginning of the spiritual life, the fervent soul should desire to give itself to God without reserve, always saying yes to Him. But in practice, being still hampered by the bonds of passions and attachment to creatures, it often happens that the soul's gift is not a complete one. Frequently, in the concrete instances of life, when faced with the bitterness of renunciation and interior conflict, its ideal 'yes' is changed into a virtual 'no'. In the state of union, however, this is no longer true. Here the soul is so surrendered to the holy will of God that it does not take back anything of its gift; its yes is so definitive and efficacious that it offers and unites the soul to God as a bride to her Bridegroom; that is why the mystics call this state "spiritual espousals."

"It is important to realize, that, on the part of the soul, the intensity of its union with God depends on the perfection of its yes; it should be a consent that is perfect in breadth and in depth: in breadth, because it should extend not only to what God commands, but even to all that He desires, to all that would give Him greater pleasure. Love must keep the soul so vigilant and attentive that it can discern in various circumstances what pleases God most, and this same love should make the soul generous enough to accomplish all without the least hesitation. The yes must be equally perfect in depth, because the soul should adhere to the divine good pleasure, not with negligence, [stinginess], nor even with the slightest bad grace, but with all the ardor of its will, happy to be able to give itself to God, whatever sacrifice this might entail."

~ *Divine Intimacy*, Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.