



When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is

proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'" Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *Matthew 11:2-11*

**Mass Intentions**

**This Weekend**

**Saturday** 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary  
**December 14** 4:00 PM RIP Jean Ashcroft  
 By: Diane Stack & Rita Bruce

**Sunday** 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary  
**December 15** 10:00 AM RIP Lillian Borges (death rem)  
 By her family

**Daily Masses**

Monday 7:00 AM RIP John F. O'Connor  
 December 16 By: Leo & Barbara Howell

Tuesday 7:00 AM RIP Anthony Jurkoic  
 December 17 By: Narkiewicz Family

Wednesday 7:00 AM RIP Mike Shaughnessy  
 December 18 By: K of C

Thursday 7:00 PM RIP Michael Shaughnessy (bday)  
 December 19 By: Cynthia Kennedy

Friday No Mass  
 December 20

**Next Weekend**

**Saturday** 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary  
**December 21** 4:00 PM RIP Jean Ashcroft  
 By: Betsy Mercier

**Sunday** 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary  
**December 22** 10:00 AM RIP Paul Brodeur (death rem)  
 By Karen Brodeur

**Readings for the Week of December 16, 2019**

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17  
**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25  
**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25  
**Friday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38  
**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Parish Support**

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

**Weekend of December 7, 2019 & December 8, 2019**

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 2068.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 1158.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 910.00
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	\$ 535.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 690.00
Fuel & Heat	\$ 80.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 35.00
	\$ 3408.00

*Catholic Campaign for Human Development* \$ 430.00

**Last Year's Offertory Collection**  
**December 9, 2018 \$ 2536.00**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

Lector: John Marchica  
 EMHC: Bill O'Connor  
 Greeters: Charlotte Scanlon, Barbara Stickney & Sandi Gaspardino

**Sunday December 22, 2019**

Lector: Chris Hodsdon  
 EMHC: Jim Aldrich  
 Greeters: Marge & Sabrina Ladd & Kay Stack



The third candle is lit with the first two and is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle,"

and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The next Weekend is Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

*"who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance."* **1 Peter 1:2**

*Pray for Healing and Comfort*

**Especially for:** Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Georgette Savoy, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Armande Boright, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Fred Waryas, Ellah Williams, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Frank Anderson, Kathy Mearthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This week’s Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus’ message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John’s arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today’s Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater. Jesus’ message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God’s work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God’s kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. (Copyright © 2019 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

**Life is Precious Washington D.C. Trip 2020!**

**Dates: January 23-26** Trip will include Rally for Life with thousands of other teens, March for Life with hundreds of thousands, National Mall Museums, National Basilica and more! Cost: \$175 – submit \$50 non-refundable deposit by November 1. Submit full deposit by January 1, 2020 (non-refundable after January 1). Checks made payable to the Diocese of Burlington Departure from Rice Memorial: 7:30 p.m., January 23 Return: Late afternoon/early evening on January 26 For more information please contact Bill Gavin, 802-658-6110 ext. 1240 or email: [wgavin@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:wgavin@vermontcatholic.org)

**Bishops Annual Appeal 2019**



Thank you for supporting the Bishop’s Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2019 Campaign! We have met our pledge goal! As of November 25<sup>th</sup>, we are at **135.00%**. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Bishops Annual Appeal, Please either write on your donation or on the donations slip St. Charles Parish.

**Knight of Columbus #753**

Now is a wonderful time to become full of joy.



When a loving person can do good for others, or sees that others are happy, they themselves live happily and give glory to God, for “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). Our Lord appreciates anyone who find joy in the happiness of others. **Save the Date:** December 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am. A Fifth Sunday Rosary will be said by the Knights of Columbus to unify and strengthen families, help build the domestic church, bring parishioners together, and devotion to Mary. We hope you can join us. For more information about how to join the Knights of Columbus, please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.



**St. Charles Parish Annual Coat Drive**

Annual Coat drive started on **November 9<sup>th</sup>** and run through **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please donate your gently used coats. This year, like we did last year, we are working with Sara Chard from Springfield Turning Point. The coats that you donate help in the Windham/Windsor County area. Thank you all in advance for helping to keep those in need warmer this winter!

**Rosary New Year Celebration**

Come and join for the New Year’s Evening celebration with Mary, the Queen of Peace, hosted by the Lady’s Blue Army Vermont. The Lady at Fatima requested that we pray the Rosary often for Peace, Hope, and Love. At the Catholic Center at the University of Vermont, Burlington. The Light Procession and the Rosary begin at 5 p.m., followed by the Mass at 6. (The Fatima pilgrim statue will be at the Catholic Center from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4, 2020)

Rosary New Year Celebration

Peace, Hope and Love  
For our Country and throughout the World

Catholic Center UVM,  
Burlington, VT

Dec 31st, 2019, Tuesday

Procession of Light and the  
Rosary: 5 PM

Holy Mass: 6 PM

Hosted by the World Apostolate of Fatima - Our Lady's Blue Army  
Diocese of Burlington, Vermont  
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