

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief

priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary
January 4 4:00 PM RIP Walter Scanlon
 By: Charlotte Scanlon

Sunday 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary
January 5 10:00 AM RIP Frances James
 By Julie & Steve

Daily Masses

Monday 7:00 AM RIP Alice Powers
 January 6 By: K of C

Tuesday 7:00 AM RIP Andre Gaudreau
 January 7 By: Suzanne Gaudreau

Wednesday 7:00 PM RIP Vincent Cherico
 January 8 By: Ed Heyl

Thursday No Mass
 January 9

Friday No Mass
 January 10

Next Weekend

Saturday 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary
January 11 4:00 PM INT Notre Dame de Bannaux
 By: Eliane Davidson

Sunday 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary
January 12 10:00 AM RIP Mike Nauceder
 By Julie Nauceder

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
 Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Jn 3:22 – 4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a, 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
 Mt 3:13-17

Parish Support

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of December 28, 2019 & December 29, 2019

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1983.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 1114.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 864.00
<i>Christmas</i>	\$ 2676.00
<i>Fuel & Heat</i>	\$ 55.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 64.00
	\$ 4778.00

Last Year's Offertory Collection
December 30, 2018 \$ 3906.76

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Lector: Trevor McCants
 EMHC: Bill O'Connor
 Greeters: Charlotte Scanlon, Barbara Stickney & Marie Perrault

Sunday January 12, 2020

Lector: Ed Smith
 EMHC: Jim Aldrich
 Greeters: Mary Bousquet, Marty McDonald & Ellen Podgurski



Fr. Maria will be going home to India from January 6th through February 13th, while he is away,

Fr. Jayaseelan Santhiagu (Fr. Jay) will be our main celebrant. Prayers for safe travels to Fr. Maria

Offering Envelopes

Due to a production issue at the Company, your weekly envelopes will not be here until the middle of January. The company has sent us generic envelopes with no names, these are now available for you to pick up in the vestibule and sacristy, to be used until yours get here. **Please write your name or place an address sticker on them.** Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.



Pray for Healing and Comfort

Especially for: Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Georgette Savoy, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, 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, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Frank Anderson, Kathy Mcarthy, 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.**

The Epiphany of the Lord

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. (Copyright © 2019 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmewtw.org/>.



Knight of Columbus #753

We are happy to announce that James Ronning recently turned 18 years of age and became the newest member of our Council. Congratulations, Jimmy. Take a minute to reflect on life being shaped by rhythms: the rhythm of a heartbeat, breathing, day, night, weeks, months, years. Not to neglect mentioning birthdays, baptisms, weddings (or other sacraments). Do you have a prayer rhythm? If not, please consider mental prayer as a daily event as a vital basic rhythm of existence. With a little effort, daily prayer could become the breathing of our souls. For more information on how to join the Knights of Columbus please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.

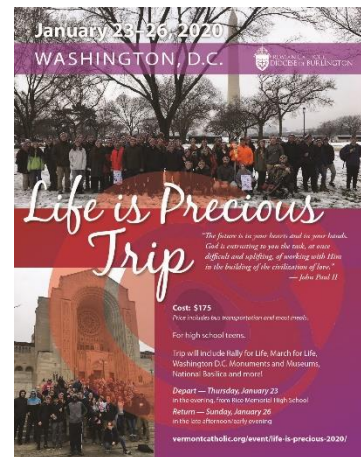


Diocesan Mass and VT Rally for Life, January 18, 2020 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Join us for Mass at St. Augustine Church, 16 Barre Street in Montpelier. Following Mass Vermont Right to Life will

sponsor a prayerful walk to the Statehouse with a program to follow inside.

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. To register please go to <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/life-is-precious-2020/>



A blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you. Deuteronomy 23:5