



The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" And so John the Baptist appeared in the

wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1-8

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday December 5	RIP 4.00 PM	Robert Johnson By: His family
Sunday December 6	RIP 10.00 AM	Dennis Nauceder By: Theresa Nauceder

Daily Masses

Monday December 7	RIP 9:00 AM	Nina & Thomas Marino By: Their family
Tuesday December 8	RIP 9:00 AM	Joanne Joy By: Barbara Joy
Wednesday December 9	RIP 9:00 AM	Norman LaCoille By: Mercier family
Thursday December 10	RIP 9:00 AM	Thomas A. Dunn By: Phyllis Weltz
Friday December 11	No Mass	

Next Weekend

Saturday December 12	RIP 4.00 PM	Jean Ashcroft By: Ann & Meg Ashcroft
Sunday December 13	RIP 10.00 AM	Norman LaCoille By: His family

Holy Day of Obligation December 8th Tuesday, 9:00 AM

Please join us as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a special collection taken on this day.

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2020.

- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab-14/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13b/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/(Ps)Jdt 13:18bc, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/(Ps)Lk 1:46-50, 53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Parish Support

Weekend of November 28, 2020 & November 29, 2020

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 707.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 498.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 209.00
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 47.75
	\$ 784.75

**Last Year's Offertory Collection
December 1, 2019 \$ 2019.93**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- **Wear a mask in Mass.**
- **Sanitize your hands upon entry.**
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of **6 feet or more** unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.
- Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.

For more details about church protocols visit: vermontcatholic.org/covid-19. **Bishop Coyne**

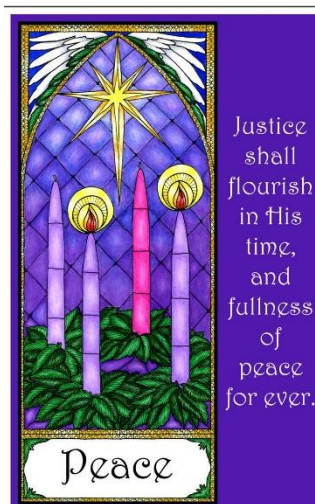
St. Charles is open for daily and weekend mass.

Mass schedule is as follows during this time:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM

Saturdays 4:00 PM / Sundays 10:00 AM

Confessions are at 3:00 on Saturday



Second Sunday of Advent

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

Pray for Healing and Comfort Especially for: Dan Green, Cheryl Ann Westfall, Frances Vaine, Richard Whitcomb, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Nick Hudson, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Theresa Nauceder, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr., Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hinds, Maria Coyne, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hinds, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy MCarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elysse 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.**

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)



Christ our Hope Campaign

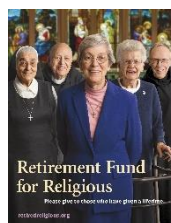
During the season of Thanksgiving, we often take time to reflect on our many blessings. With the *Christ Our Hope* campaign, we are especially grateful for those who have given their time and talents to help along the way. Many volunteers, office administrators, priests and deacons across the Diocese have shared their leadership, broad shoulders and love for their parish to help create the campaign foundation. Phone calls by volunteers and staff not only helped support the campaign and inform fellow parishioners, but perhaps were timely outreach to somebody in need of a conversation. And if a parishioner was not yet ready to make a campaign gift or pledge, a conversation maybe planted a seed for the future. We are building for the future of the Catholic Church in Vermont and want everybody to share in that excitement and vision. So we again thank those who were willing to serve others by sharing that message. As of 11/25/20 we are at \$5364.00 which is 5% of our goal.

CCD Registration, December 13th at 8:30 AM

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education year is on December 13th. There is a parent meeting at 8:30 am. Please join us for the discussion on the upcoming CCD classes to be held.

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
Weekend of December 12th & 13th**

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of service for little or no pay have left their communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious help provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities, please be generous



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our Goal for this year's appeal is \$21,263.00 as of 11/25/20 we are at **\$8875.00** which is **42%** of our goal. If you would like to make a pledge please go to

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal/give-online/annual-appeal-pledge-2/>

Please select St. Charles Parish.

Parishioners need to register to attend the Christmas Vigil Mass and the Christmas Day Mass.

The Mass times have changed as well.

- December 24th – Christmas Vigil –
2:00 PM **85 seats open**
4:00 PM **30 seats open**



December 25th – Christmas Day 10:00 AM **105 seats open**

To register, please email the Parish office stcharlesrectory@comcast.net, or call 802-463-3128.

