



When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law

of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. *Luke 2:22-24, 39-40*

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday December 26	RIP 4.00 PM	Joseph Nowotny By: Sharon & Jim Williams
Sunday December 27	RIP 10.00 AM	Norman LaCoille By: Toni & Kim

Daily Masses

Monday December 28		
Tuesday December 29	No Masses this week	
Wednesday December 30		
Thursday December 31		
First Friday January 1	RIP 9:00 AM	Timothy & Katherine Murphy By: Warren & Mary Peschl

Next Weekend

Saturday January 2	RIP 4.00 PM	Cecil Bissonnette By: Margaret Nowers
Sunday January 3	RIP 10.00 AM	Michael Shaughnessy By: his friends

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation for Mary, Mother of God. Mass is at 9:00 AM

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” *Romans 15:13*

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2020.

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18
- Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Parish Support

Weekend of December 19, 2020 & December 20, 2020

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 806.00
Envelopes	\$ 455.00
Loose Donations	\$ 351.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 220.00
Votive Candles	\$ 35.50
	\$ 1061.15

**Last Year's Offertory Collection
December 21, 2019 \$ 2835.00**

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



Happy New Year to Everyone

Blessings for 2021

Pray for Healing and Comfort Especially for: Dan Green, 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 Hindes, Maria Coyne, 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, 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.**



Christ our Hope Campaign

Have you been thinking about a gift or pledge to the *Christ Our Hope* campaign? There is still time to join thousands across the Diocese who already have made donations. The *Christ Our Hope* campaign is focused on building vibrant parishes, and we pray that our projects will strengthen us for the future. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift. As of 12/18/20 we are at \$5664.00 which is 5% of our goal.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our Goal for this year's appeal is \$21,263.00 as of 12/11/20 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



The Mass for Life with Bishop Coyne will take place January 23 at 9:30 am at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier Join us in-person or online via a livestream. Following the Mass is the Rally for Life. See <https://www.vrlc.net/> for updates and information.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor. Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Cantic of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)



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