

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 RIP Cecil Bissonnette
January 2 4.00 PM By: Margaret Nowers

Sunday RIP Michael Shaughnessy
January 3 10.00 AM By: his friends

Daily Masses

Monday
 January 4

Tuesday
 January 5 No Masses this week

Wednesday
 January 6

Thursday
 January 7

Friday
 January 8

Next Weekend

Saturday RIP Stanley Syzdek
January 9 4.00 PM By: Paul Sackevich

Sunday RIP Michael Shaughnessy
January 10 10.00 AM By: Sean Doyle, James & Ryan Jones

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2021.

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17
Tuesday: 1 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 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
 Mk 1:7-11

Parish Support

Weekend of December 26, 2020 & December 27, 2020

Weekly Offertory: \$ 1334.00
Envelopes \$ 907.00
Loose Donations \$ 427.00

Christmas \$11,608.00
Fuel & Heat \$ 516.00
Votive Candles \$ 46.25

\$13,504.25

**Last Year's Offertory Collection
 December 29, 2019 \$ 2835.25**

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus #753

With the colder weather upon us, the Knights of Columbus have become aware of children in need of coats, gloves, and hats. If you are interested in making a donation to help this worthy cause, donations are being accepted. Please help us "Leave No Neighbor Behind" by sending a donation to: The Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 335, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101. Thank you

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 Naudeder, 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.**

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 © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)



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

Parents are invited to attend an interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project. Mike and Alicia have 10 children and have much to share with parenting while living the Catholic faith.

Family & Faith in the Home
With Mike & Alicia Hernon of The Messy Family Project
Sponsored by: The Diocese of Manchester

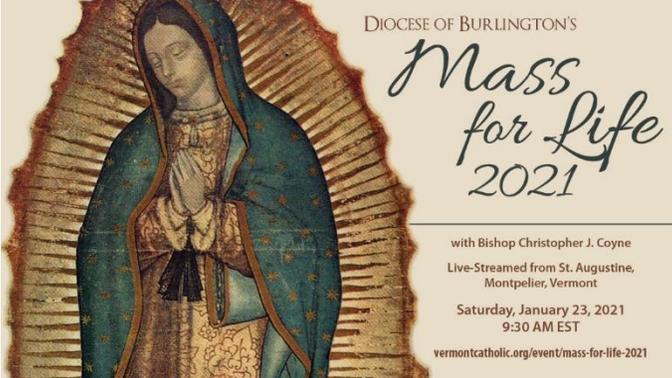


FREE live events:
January 13, 8-9:30 p.m. – Communication in Marriage
January 20, 8-9:30 p.m. – Messy Parenting 101
January 27, 8-9:30 p.m. – Evangelizing Your Children

Register for these virtual sessions:
www.messyfamily.eventbrite.com
Learn more about The Messy Family Project
www.messyfamilyproject.org/about



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DIocese of BURLINGTON'S
Mass for Life 2021
with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne
Live-Streamed from St. Augustine, Montpelier, Vermont
Saturday, January 23, 2021
9:30 AM EST
vermontcatholic.org/event/mass-for-life-2021

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.

‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ - Jeremiah 29:11

