



On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.” From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.” *John 6:60-69*

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday	RIP	Mike Nauceder
August 21	4:00 PM	By: Julie & Family
Sunday	RIP	Kevin Brodeur (bday rem)
August 22	9:00 AM	By: Karen Brodeur

Daily Masses

No Masses Monday /Tuesday

Wednesday	RIP	Bob & Jean Ashcroft (75 th ann)
August 25	9:00 AM	By: Ann & Meg
Thursday	RIP	Stephina Zielinski
August 26	9:00 AM	By: The Green Family
Friday	RIP	John James
August 27	9:00 AM	By: Cindy & Randy Hickins

Next Weekend

Saturday	RIP	Mike Nauceder
August 28	4:00 PM	By: Julie & Family
Sunday	RIP	Kevin Brodeur (bday rem)
August 29	9:00 AM	By: Karen Brodeur

Readings for the Week of August 23, 2021.

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps34:2-3, 16-21/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12b/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Parish Support

Weekend of August 14, 2021 & August 15, 2021

Weekly Offertory:		\$ 1218.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 693.00	
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 525.00	
<i>Assumption of the BVM</i>		\$ 463.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>		\$ 21.50
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<p>Last Year's Offertory Collection August 16, 2020 \$ 1682.00</p>

NEW Mass schedule.

No Masses Monday and Tuesday

Weekday masses Wednesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:00 pm

Confessions 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Sunday Masses will remain at 9:00 AM throughout the year.



St. Joseph the Provider, Feed the Hungry

On Dec. 8, 2020 Pope Francis declared a “Year of St. Joseph” to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named patron of the Universal Church. The year began that day and will end this year on Dec. 8, 2021. Love and devotion to St. Joseph are particularly close to us here in the Diocese of Burlington as our cathedral is named for him and places us under his protection. There is much to consider and ponder concerning St. Joseph and his importance to the Church. Much will be offered for our devotion to him during this patronal year St. Joseph, patron of the Church, pray for us.” – Bishop Christopher Coyne For more information please go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/year-of-st-joseph/feed-the-hungry/>

Please pray for the soul of Sylvia McClary who has passed. Her funeral was on Monday, August 16th. May she rest in the peace of Christ's love.

Pray for Healing and Comfort Especially for: Dan Green, Deb Etheridge, Ron Etheridge, Lori Miller, Frances Vaine, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Warren Peschl, Theresa Naudeder, Verda Raymond, 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, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, 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. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Agnel Samy to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal. To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org. **Please choose St. Charles Parish.** As of August 10th St. Charles is at 25% of our goal which is \$20,199.85

The Social Center is Moving

Calling ALL Volunteers!!! We still need some strong people to help us move the remaining items from the social center to the old school building. We are about 65% done with the move. If you have a truck, or a van that can haul these items we will be moving everything that is left throughout the month of August. **PLEASE, ANY And ALL Help is greatly appreciated!**



Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

September 4 at 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Holy Family Church
30 Lincoln Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452
Beginning with Rosary at 8 am and
Confessions and followed by Mass at 8:30 am



Come celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Newman

October 10, 2021 Essex Junction VT

You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 - 8:00 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3rd: VermontNewman@gmail.com

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples. Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention. Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life. This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life. (Copyright 2021 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)



God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Psalm 46:1-3