



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 28, 2021

Sat 4:00 PM + John A. Swington by the Family
Sun 11:00 AM + All Souls
Wed 9:00 AM No Mass
Thurs 9:00 AM No Mass
Fri 1-3 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM + Karen Rouse by Mom
Sun 11:00 AM + Deacon Gary Griffin by the Family

+ indicates deceased
* indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of November 21, 2021
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection	\$1504.00
Human Development	\$ 181.00

Please Note: Please make out all checks to St. Mary Parish.
Thank you.

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Pray for



The safety of our service men and women working as peacekeepers in today's trying times and for all who are ill, especially Linda Bunn, Richard Barra, Mary McManus, Joel Rivera, Betty Ferraro, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, David Philipson, Rene Hendricks, Rosa Santos, Laura Begnoche, Fella Molina, Stanley Delorm, Ingrid Walker, Stephanie Nailor, Forrest Johnson, Sr., Sierra Johnson, Justin Gonzales, Hunter Tremblay, and Elaine Parmelee.

Ministry Schedule

Lectors

11/27 Laurie Bertrand
 11/28 Abigail Hayes
 12/04 Diane Benware
 12/05 Jenny Coombs



Collection Counters



11/28 Carolyn Walker & Mike Frankiewicz
 12/05 Trish Bertino & Donna Swington
 12/12 Helen Williams & Glenda Gearwar

2nd Collection for weekends in Dec.

12/05 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
 12/12 Religious Retirement Fund
 12/19 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)

Office is open on
Wednesday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parish website: ovcc.vermontcatholic.org

Email: ourladyofgoodhelp@vermontcatholic.org

In case of emergency: Fr. Moe's cell: 802-342-3046

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, December 3rd from 1:00 - 3:00 in the rectory Chapel. All are welcome>

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00pm – Brandon
6:00pm – Pittsford

Christmas Day

9:00am - Pittsford
11:00am – Brandon

A total of 80 people responded to the survey at Our Lady of Good Help and 58 people handed in the survey at Saint Alphonsus. 115 of those surveyed stated that they meet their Christmas obligation by attending Mass on the Eve. The majority of these people stated that 4:00pm was the ideal time; 6:00pm Mass was their second choice. The number of people at Our Lady of Good Help who selected 4:00pm as their first choices plus those from Saint Alphonsus who stated that time was the determining factor when deciding what Mass to attend finalized the schedule. The 4:00pm Mass on the Eve will be celebrated in Brandon and the 6:00pm in Pittsford. On Christmas Day we will follow the traditional times of a 9:00am in Saint Alphonsus and an 11:00am in Our Lady of Good Help.

St. Agnes Clearance Event scheduled: On Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1:00 until 3:00 pm, parishioners are invited to St. Agnes to take any items that they desire which need to be removed from the building. Items include linens, artificial flowers, vases, the sound system, the Nativity set, card table, various items too numerous to mention. Pews and the organ are also available for removal. There is no cost; donations are welcome. For more information, contact Diane at 247-3786 evenings.

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias: Need to be ordered earlier this year. **Deadline is December 12th.** Please order at Brandon Florist Shoppe 247-5727. The cost will be \$13.95. Thank you.

The Advent Wreath: The first three weeks of Advent are a time of preparation which focuses on the Second Coming of Christ. The final eight days anticipate the celebration of the anniversary of Christ's birth. The season of Advent is marked by a feeling of anticipation. The advent wreath can help us to measure the time as we wait for the day of Christ's appearance. The four candles—one for each week of the Advent Season—represent the period of waiting. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The burning flames symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. Having an Advent wreath in your home can assist you and your loved ones in spiritualizing the season, so that we do not lose sight of the true purpose of Christmas, which is to celebrate the coming of the Savior into the world.

What a wonderful way to keep the focus on Christ during this holiday season.

Jesus is... Tree Project

This past Sunday I met with the students in our religious education program and gave them homework for the Advent season. The purpose of the project is to have them identify who Jesus is for them and to reflect on its meaning. I called the homework the Jesus is... Tree Project. I would like to suggest that we all take on the project. Each household could make a Christmas ornament for every day of Advent. The ornament should identify who Jesus is. It can take any shape using anything that is at your disposal. Each ornament should be tagged with the scripture citation that inspired the concept for the ornament. An example could be: "Jesus is the Light of World". This title for Jesus is rooted in the Gospel of John, chapter 8, verse 12. To depict this concept, a light bulb, with a ribbon tied around it for hanging and the inscription John 8:12 attached to the ribbon would meet the requirements for making an ornament. Be creative and remember to root your titles for Jesus in the scriptures. If you need help in identifying the citation in the Scriptures, google the title and most likely it will give you a possible citation. Other ideas for titles are as follows: Jesus is the Son of Mary (Matthew 1:21), Jesus is adored by shepherds (Luke 2:16), Jesus is the Bread of Life (John 6:35), Jesus is my friend (John: 15:15), Jesus is the second person of the Trinity (John 3:18). Why don't we all follow the children's lead and find the true meaning of the Christmas. After all Jesus is the reason for the season.