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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Please consult current bulletin
Vigil for Sunday 4:00 P.M. Saturday
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Wednesday ----- 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
and by appointment

MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory six months in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-6 meet Sunday, 11:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.
Grades 7-10 (Confirmation) meet Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Please contact the parish office for meeting dates & info.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Located in Family Center - Temporarily Closed
Wednesday, Exposition/Benediction in Church
6:30-7:30 P.M.
Visitors always welcome

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please contact the rectory well in
advance to allow time for preparation.

ORESTES BROWNSON LIBRARY

Sunday: 9:15 - 11:30 A.M. All year.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the rectory to inform us of people
who are in need.

CHITTENDEN EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

First Sunday of the month.

NORTH END FOOD SHELF
Third Sunday of the month.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the rectory or come in to visit and register.



Rejoice! The Lord is coming! Where do we find our true happiness and joy? In the traditional Christmas movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life”, George Bailey loses his focus on what is truly important. He accepts what our world and culture lead us to believe, that happiness is dependent on changeable circumstances like good news, good health, peace and quiet, enough money to bring up the family comfortably and having all the material possessions that we would like. Yet these circumstances are not guaranteed and can be lost. George Bailey discovers this and as a result his happiness and joy are snatched away from him, and he despairs.

The Gospel reveals where we find true, everlasting happiness. Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which our happiness and joy is found, our faith in Him leads to joy. No one can take this joy away from us, provided we remain faithful. This 3rd Sunday of Advent reminds us that Jesus is the foundation of our happiness and joy. He is near to us and if we seek him regularly in the Sacraments then no one can take this happiness and joy from us. This week of Advent we are called to rejoice! Rejoice for Jesus is coming soon to usher in a Kingdom of Peace, healing, and eternal life for all who remain faithful.

John the Baptist leads us to deepen our faith and trust in Jesus. By his testimony of Jesus to the religious leaders of his time, John the Baptist seeks to prepare people to recognize and receive Jesus. John does not seek or accept any worldly honors that people might be willing to bestow upon him. He humbly accepts who he is - “the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord’”. John knows his mission and he accepts it humbly and boldly. John proclaims, “...there is one among you whom you do not recognize...”, Jesus! Jesus was already present and among his people during this time of preaching of John the Baptist but He was not yet recognized - He had not yet fully revealed Himself. However, today Jesus has made Himself known; He is fully revealed to us through the His Church and it is up to us to recognize Him!

Upon receiving Jesus we are to be like John the Baptist - a voice crying out: prepare the way of the Lord! Are we aware of Jesus’ presence among us through the sacraments and especially in the Eucharist? In this time of pandemic there is much fear and uncertainty, Jesus is present to set us free from fear, sin, death and uncertainty. When our faith is challenged in these dark and depressed times, we can reach out to God in sincerity to have our faith strengthened and confirmed. Draw near Jesus through reception of the Sacraments and make time to nourish your faith with consistent daily prayer and time before Jesus in the tabernacle. Patience now for our salvation is near – Christ is among us and will fulfill his Kingdom when he comes again. Even though we may not be enjoying that fullness yet, our faith reminds us that it will take place and this gives us hope. This is our reason to rejoice! Lord may the hope of salvation lead us toward a greater zeal for conversion and personal communion with Jesus, whom we joyfully await.

~Father Dallas

UPCOMING Events

- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 12:00 am
Midnight Mass
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Masses 9:00 am & 11:00 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

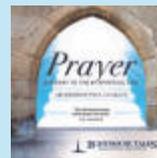
Please pray for the safety of our service men and women throughout the world, and for the sick: Gabrielle Celeste, Richard St. Amour, Monica Hahn, Huguette Paquette, Jed Marcellino, Hilda Carrier, Bobby Santor, Kayden Riley, Roseanne Thibault, Lonnie Atkins, Cara Cook, Carolyn Sheehan, Douglas White, Vanessa Hyde, James Smith, Jeffrey Claude Danis, Kenneth Smith, Lori Carron, Paul Baer, Denise King, Kurt Dittrich, Krista Bora, Hin Biznu, Richard Kochanski, Joe Ward, Thomas Hibbs, Connor Burke, Joseph Gilbert, Kathi Dittrich, Maureen Piontek, Ed & Mim Maxfield, Joan Halpin.

To have someone enrolled on this list, call 864-7686.

LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK HIGHLIGHT

Prayer: Gateway to the Spiritual Life

Archbishop Paul Coakley



ArchBishop Paul Coakley attended the University of Kansas where he completed his undergraduate studies in English and Classical Antiquities. After being ordained a priest in 1983, he served as a priest of the Wichita Diocese for 21 years. He was installed as bishop of Salina, Kansas by Saint John Paul II in 2004 and was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the fourth archbishop of the archdiocese of Oklahoma City, where he has served since 2011. His Episcopal motto is *Duc in Altum*, which translated from Latin, means “Put out into the Deep.” In this presentation, given at the Rediscover Catholic Celebration in Minneapolis, Archbishop Coakley reflects on his own journey, and discusses the importance of prayer to the spiritual life.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

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| Dec. 6 | \$3,118 |
| Weekly Goal | \$4,700 |

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTION

(14-day, 8-day and 6-day)

Tabernacle: Open

Blessed Mother shelf: Deacon Louis Meunier

St. Joseph shelf: For struggling families

Divine Mercy: Gabrielle Celeste

Blessed Mother Altar (5):

1. For the Pawlusiak family & friends
2. The Guyette Family
3. For a special intention
4. Right to life for the unborn
5. Open

St. Joseph Altar (5):

1. For the Pawlusiak family & friends
2. For a special intention
3. For the intentions of Fr. Dallas
4. Bill Guyette
5. Open

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 12:00 am
Midnight Mass

Dec. 25 9:00 am & 11:00 am



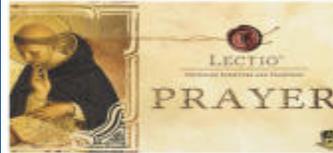
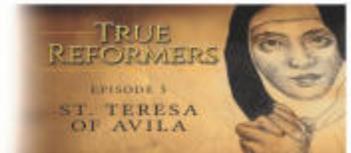
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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 13, 2020

WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

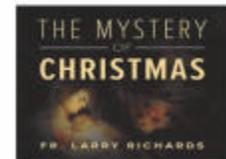


LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS
In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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THEOLOGY NIGHTS

In order to grow in the knowledge and love of our Catholic Faith, we are hosting a monthly Theology Night (Adult Meetings), open to everyone. The topics follow our family faith formation curriculum, which this year focuses on the Sacraments. Theology Nights are held in the Family Center on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please see the schedule of dates below. Theology Nights will be video-recorded and made available on our website for those who would like to watch at home. For more information, please contact the parish office.

THEOLOGY NIGHTS

Monday, January 4, 2021 Monday, April 12, 2021
Monday, February 8, 2021 Monday, May 10, 2021
Monday, March 8, 2021

VOCATION CORNER

Have you received your gift?

Christmas is the season of giving. We busy ourselves making a list of family and friends, and beside each name we write something we think they would like.

God, too, has a gift list. Of course, there are gifts He gives to all of us: life, the beauty of creation, even His own Son for our redemption, the gift of the call to be holy and the means to do that. In addition, beside each name, He writes down a special gift — a calling, or vocation — that will give our lives purpose and fulfillment: to some, the gift of the priesthood; to others, the gift of marriage; to yet others, the gift of a call to consecrated religious life or to the diaconate; to some, the gift of consecrated secular single life.

Have you received your special gift from God, yet? If not, spend some time in prayer during Advent to ask Him what He has for you. Whether you know your vocation or are still discerning, **ask Him for the grace to accept His will and to fully live your vocation.**

“We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We would lose the chance to dream big, and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write for us.” — Pope Francis

St. Alphonsus Liguori, please pray for us.

(Questions? Comments? Email Donna at stmarkvocationministry@gmail.com)

THE INLAND SEE

Caring *during* Coronavirus

Catholic communities continue outreach during pandemic

Each year the Office of Communications surveys our 69 parishes regarding their engagement in social ministries in the following categories: hunger, poverty, homelessness, illness and prison. Rooted in Matthew 25:35, our Catholic faith calls each one of us to put our faith into action by engaging in social ministries that serve the most vulnerable in our midst. The following survey results highlight our parishes' commitment to social ministries throughout the Diocese of Burlington. Learn more in the Winter issue of *Vermont Catholic Magazine*.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."

— Matthew 25:35

PARISH PARTICIPATION IN INDIVIDUAL MINISTRIES

95% Hunger

93% Poverty

80% Illness/Infirmity

55% Homelessness

20% Prison

100%

of parishes pray for those experiencing illness/infirmity.

77%

of parishes bring Mass services to family homes and residential care or nursing homes.

69%

of parishes provide financial support for those experiencing homelessness.

66%

of parishes provide vouchers for household goods to those in need.

60%

of parishes hold food drives and collect food for the hungry.

30%

of parishes hold clothing drives for those struggling with poverty.

Where to watch

*Christmas Eve
and Day Mass*

EWTV

www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule/united-states/2020-12-24

Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral Livestream

www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

CHRIST OUR

Hope

BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

A portion of the funds raised through the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

32%

As of Dec. 3: \$3,196,612

Goal: \$10,000,000

CHRIST OUR HOPE UPDATE

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. With your help at St. Mark, the gifts and pledges received so far have moved us closer to funding the Revitalization Project. 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 to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift.

ADVENT MISSION

It's not too late to join in on the live, online parish Advent mission led by Dr. Ralph Martin! This is our third week journeying in the footsteps of the great doctors of the Church, as taught by Catholic evangelist and author Ralph Martin, from his book *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. You can register at www.renewalministries.net/advent. Parishes and individuals from around the world will be tuning in with us to learn more about this week's theme related to the spiritual journey: *Initial Challenges*. You don't need to have read *The Fulfillment of All Desire* in order to fully participate in the mission, although if you would like to dive deeper with the information, it certainly is encouraged!

WORD OF LIFE

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - Dec. 12

4:00 p.m. Marilyn Daudelin (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY - Dec. 13

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

10:30 a.m. Kenneth Devoid

MONDAY - Dec. 14

9:00 a.m. Filomena DiGregorio

TUESDAY - Dec. 15

9:00 a.m. Marie & Charles Voigtander

WEDNESDAY - Dec. 16

6:00 p.m. Daniel Meunier

6:30-7:30 Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY - Dec. 17

9:00 a.m. Well being of Lori Carron

FRIDAY - Dec. 18

9:00 a.m. Olimpia Todisco

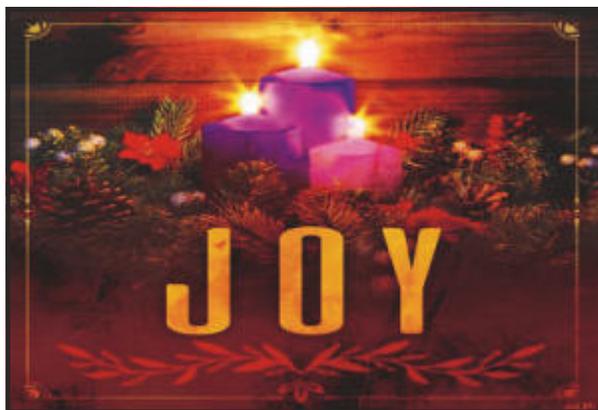
SATURDAY - Dec. 19

4:00 p.m. Reta Bean

SUNDAY - Dec. 20

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

10:30 a.m. Wright Siblings



Submit Your Prayer Requests Online

Our online Prayer Request Form may be found at <https://www.stmarksvt.com/>. In the top menu bar, click on "Welcome," then "Prayer Requests." Fill in the form with your name, e-mail address, and prayer intentions, then hit "Submit." **To pray for posted intentions**, click on "Prayer Intentions" to the left of the request form. Please pray for one another.

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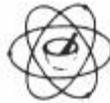
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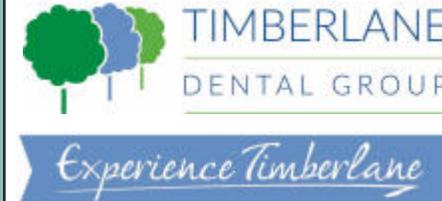
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