

Saint Mark Roman Catholic Church

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January 10, 2021



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- Mk 1:7-8

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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

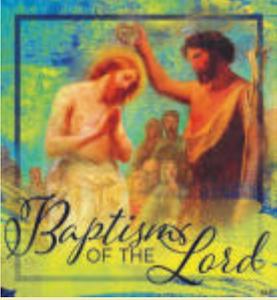
First Sunday of the month.

NORTH END FOOD SHELF

Third Sunday of the month.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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



Why is Jesus baptized?

Jesus is baptized to “fulfill all righteousness” and to show us the way to salvation. Baptism is the means by which we are renewed by God’s grace (sin is taken away – original and personal sin) and we receive the Holy Spirit. In this sense the Baptism of Jesus is the most fitting way for us to conclude the Christmas season. Jesus’ baptism fulfills the promise of salvation, which we have been celebrating this Christmas season; it makes the Sacrament of Baptism the way through which we receive the greatest gift ever known to man, Salvation and eternal life!

"Baptism . . . now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ". And the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "The Lord himself affirms that baptism is necessary for salvation [John 3:5]. . . . Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament [Mark 16:16](CCC 1257). Yet Christians have also always realized that the necessity of water baptism is a *normative* rather than an *absolute* necessity. There are exceptions to water baptism: It is possible to be saved through "baptism of blood," martyrdom for Christ, or through "baptism of desire", that is, an explicit or even implicit desire for baptism.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "Those who die for the faith, those who are catechumens, and all those who, without knowing of the Church but acting under the inspiration of grace, seek God sincerely and strive to fulfill his will, are saved even if they have not been baptized" (CCC 1281; the salvation of unbaptized infants is also possible under this system; cf. CCC 1260–1, 1283). With all this said, we can boil things down to this one truth - Baptism **IS** the way to salvation. Each and everyone of us will need to respond to the way in which God is drawing us to himself (baptism of water, blood or desire) and to continue to fulfill our baptismal promises each day of our life.

Let’s resolve this year to apply these three New Year Resolutions: (1) Monthly confession, (2) One Hour or ½ Hour of Eucharistic adoration each month, (3) 15 minutes of personal prayer everyday.

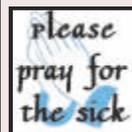
This truly will make the New Year Blessed for all!

~FATHER DALLAS

UPCOMING
Events

- Jan. 23 Annual Respect Life Mass 9:30 a.m. St. Augustine Church in Montpelier
- Jan. 23 Respect Life Mass & Rally for Life 9:30 am St. Augustine Church, Montpelier
- Feb. 7 Marriage Day Mass St. Joseph Church 10:00 am
- Feb. 8 Theology Night Zoom 7:00-8:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Please pray for the safety of our service men and women throughout the world, and for the sick: Patricia Emerson, Melvin A.Prim, Sr. Barbara Jewett, 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.

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Dec. 27 & Jan. 3	\$4,233
Weekly Goal	\$4,700

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTION

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

Tabernacle: Bedard & Cross families

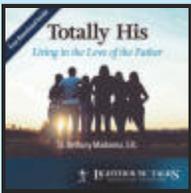
Blessed Mother shelf: Staff & Residents at
Elderwood Nursing Home

St. Joseph shelf: Open

Divine Mercy: Gabrielle Celeste

LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK HIGHLIGHT

Totally His: Living in the Love of the Father Sr. Bethany Madonna



Our weaknesses and our wounds can often make us feel inadequate. But as Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V. illustrates with her insightful humor and profoundly memorable stories, bringing these weaknesses and wounds to God

the Father can allow us to become strong with the Father's strength, and to be healed by the Healer. "The Father Himself loves you... He wants to be with you, at every moment; in every suffering, every pain, every desire and longing."

VOCATION CORNER

One More New Year Resolution

Begin this new year by committing to pray regularly for priests: for young men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood; for priests who are struggling with their vocations; for priests who are overworked and under-staffed; for priests who are lonely or discouraged; for priests who are sick; for retired priests; and for priests who have died. Pray for the Lord to protect, strengthen, and guide our priests; and for them to grow ever closer to the Lord and our Blessed Mother.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

(Questions? Comments? Email Donna at stmarkvocation-ministry@gmail.com)

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Please pray for us.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS AND RALLY FOR LIFE

The Mass for Life with Bishop Coyne will take place January 23 at 9:30 am at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. Attend in-person or watch online via a livestream. Following the Mass is the Rally for Life. Go to vermontcatholic.org/event/mass-for-life-2021 or vrhc@vrhc.net for updates and information.

FAITH AND FAMILY IN THE HOME an interactive webinar by the Messy Family Project

Parents are invited to attend this free three-part series in January, sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester, NH. Join Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project, as they share: January 13, 8:00-9:30 p.m. - Communication in Marriage, January 20, 8:00-9:30 p.m. - Messy Parenting 101, January 27, 8:00-9:30 p.m. - Evangelizing Your Children. Please register at <https://vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/2021-01-20/> Contact Alyse Hlasny, ahlasny@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0108, with any questions.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAYS IN THE CHURCH

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth." - Saint Mother Teresa

Due to the pandemic, we have had to temporarily close our adoration chapel. Every Friday, we now have Eucharistic Adoration in the Church after the 9:00 am Mass until 9:00 pm. All are invited to participate in this wonderful opportunity for prayer in the presence of our Lord. It is not required to sign up or stay for a set length of time; however, to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone we need at least two adorers for each hour and are looking for volunteers to commit to an hour. To sign up for an hour of adoration, please go to: stmarksvt.weadorehim.com. For more information, contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org.

THE INLAND SEE

Together Strong: Life Unites

The theme for the 2021 March for Life is "Together Strong: Life Unites." January is a time to focus our efforts and prayers on saving the most vulnerable among us.

All are welcome to join with Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, in-person or online, at the diocesan Mass at St. Augustine Church Montpelier on Saturday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join with us in prayer during the National 9 Days for Life.

Here is our schedule of Respect Life events and activities during January. We are in this together. We are stronger when we work together. Together Strong: Life Unites!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com



3 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Here's how you can participate in 9 Days for Life:

Thursday, January 21 **Beginning of 9 Days for Life Novena** — Pray together with thousands of other Catholics nationwide for the protection of human life. Sign up to have the novena prayers emailed direct to you. www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life

Friday, January 22 **Spiritually adopt a child in danger of abortion.** Pray three Hail Marys for him or her.

Saturday, January 23 **Mass for Life with Bishop Coyne**, St. Augustine, Montpelier
Join with us in-person or online here: vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/ or Diocese of Burlington's Facebook: www.facebook.com/DioBurlington/
Rally for Life immediately after. See www.vrlc.net/ for updates and information.

Sunday, January 24 **Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** for a mother mourning an abortion that she may find comfort and healing. www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet

Monday, January 25 **Familiarize yourself with the great work of Pope St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae).** Download a free summary compendium of this prophetic writing here: www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-20-ev-compendium.pdf

Tuesday, January 26 **Support and pray for the pro-life pregnancy centers throughout Vermont.**
To locate one near you visit: ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/

Wednesday, January 27 **Offer a rosary for a father who is dealing with his partner's unexpected pregnancy.** Pray that he finds courage and strength to care for his family.

Thursday, January 28 **National Prayer Vigil for Life** www.usccb.org/prolife/national-prayer-vigil-life-schedule
The faithful are encouraged to join virtually on EWTN or the National Basilica's Website. All prayer events on January 28 and 29 will be televised by EWTN.

Friday, January 29 **March for Life, Washington, D.C.**
Watch live on EWTN here: www.ewtn.com/prolife/

Plus:

Sunday, January 31 **Envision Life — Youth/Young Adult event** (ages 18-35)
6 p.m. Prayer/church service at St. John Vianney Church, South Burlington. All youth/young adults invited.
7 p.m. Pro-Life Student speakers — online webinar featuring Molly Sheehan and Krista Corbello. All are invited to this dynamic webinar event.

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK **January 10, 2021**

WATCH **REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION**

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

REBORN
YOUR CHILD AND THE HEART OF BRITAIN

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MARRIAGE DAY MASS WITH BISHOP COYNE
Married Catholic couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2021, who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass with Bishop Coyne, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, February 7, 2021 at the 10:00 am Mass. Given health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at the Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). Registrations will be accepted through January 28, 2021, at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/> Please contact Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org with any questions. If you would like to have your marriage recognized here at the parish, please contact the parish office for more information.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - Jan. 9

4:00 p.m. Esther Doran (12th Anniversary)

SUNDAY - Jan. 10

8:30 a.m. Lee Gilbert

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

MONDAY - Jan. 11

9:00 a.m. Lorraine Laba

TUESDAY - Jan. 12

9:00 a.m. Bill Guyette

WEDNESDAY - Jan. 13

6:00 p.m. John & Esther Doran

6:30-7:30 Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY - Jan. 14

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

FRIDAY - Jan. 15

9:00 a.m. Pierre Bunduki

SATURDAY - Jan. 16

4:00 p.m. Paul Sr., Helen, Gene, Paul Jr., Maurice,
Claire, Lucille & Pauline Brodeur

SUNDAY - Jan. 17

8:30 a.m. Cleo Daigneault

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish



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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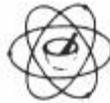
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