

Sunday, November 28, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS - upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

28 SUN First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

✠ 9:00 AM **Decease members of the Lawrence Family**
by Bill & Elaine Ryan

29 Mon Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

NO 9:00 AM MASS

30 Tue **Saint Andrew, Apostle** Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

NO 9:00 AM MASS

1 Wed Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

2 Thu Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

3 Fri **Saint Francis Xavier, Priest** Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

4 Sat **Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

5 SUN Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

Church Offertory

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 1,500.00
11/14 Sunday's Offertory	\$ 1,381.00
Online giving	\$ 50.00
Offertory Total	\$ 1,431.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 135.00
Fuel	\$ 474.00

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 1,500.00
11/21 Sunday's Offertory	\$ 954.00
Online giving	\$ 50.00
Offertory Total	\$ 1,004.00
Flowers	\$ 425.00
Fuel	\$ 215.00

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

Sunday Nov 28th 2nd Collection
Vermont Catholic Tribune

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER a loved one, Mass cards are available for anyone who would like a Mass offered on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. Other occasions when we have Masses offered for others are birthday, anniversary, pre-surgery, or recovering from an illness/surgery. Please contact the rectory 483-2301 (email: stalphonusus@vermontcatholic.org) or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —LPI

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Preparing the Manger

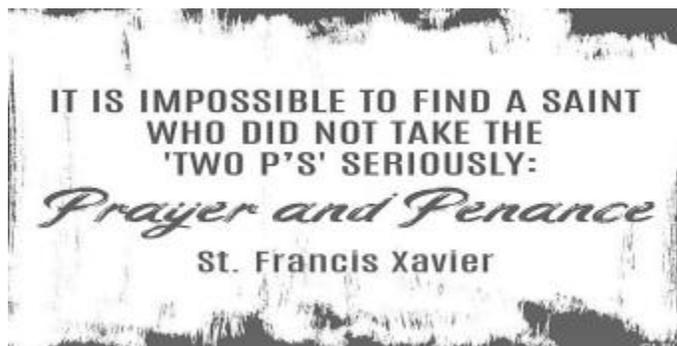
Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

**Please return your Christmas Flower
Offering by December 8th**





The symbol of the Advent season is 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.



The Word among us—Advent 2021

In the pews you will find an issue of the Word among Us covering the 2021 advent season. Please feel free to take it home with you.

THERE ARE VOTIVE CANDLES in front of the Statue of Mary. Feel free before or after Mass to light a candle in honor of Mary, our Mother, and to ask for her powerful intercession.



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 Alphonse. 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 Alphonse 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 Alphonse and an 11:00am in Our Lady of Good Help.



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 homework 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, 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 Christmas. After all Jesus is the reason for the season.

-Fr. Moe

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