

# The Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 January 2021

## Christ the King

At 66 South Main Street, Rutland, Vt



## Immaculate Heart of Mary

At 18 Lincoln Avenue, Rutland, Vt



## St Patrick

At 218 North Main Street, Wallingford, Vt



### Confessions

<b>Friday</b>	3:30 pm	Christ the King
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary

*You may also phone the office to make an appointment.*

### Weekend Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary
	5:30 pm	Christ the King
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Christ the King
	9:00 am	St Patrick (suspended till 7 February)
	9:00 am	Christ the King
	10:30 am	Christ the King

*For our complete Mass schedule, please see inside.*

### Pastoral Offices

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<b>Office</b>	9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday; closed on holidays

### Parish Staff

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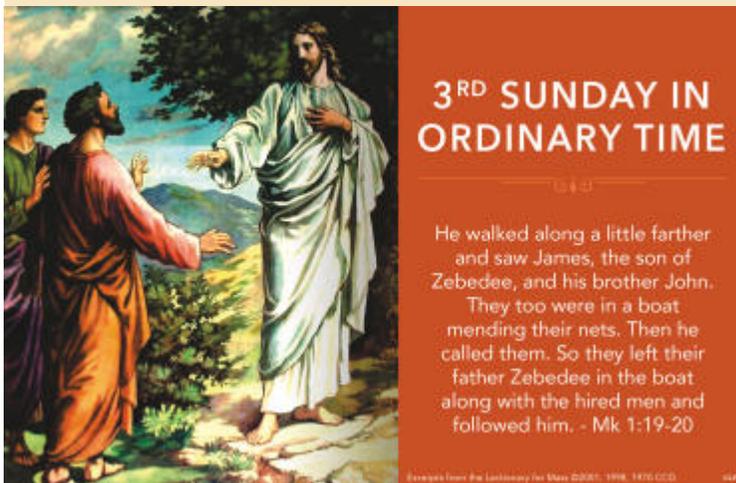
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Michael Alexander, principal



*We are one community with three worship sites: **Christ the King** and **Immaculate Heart of Mary** in Rutland, and **St Patrick** in Wallingford. As one, we **pray** the Eucharist and other sacraments together, and we **explore** the meaning of our Catholic faith. As a community, we **reach out in love**, following the call of Jesus to serve those in need. As one community, we grow together in faith and love for Jesus Christ.*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sat 1/23	4:00 pm	IHM	<b>Louis Masse &amp; family</b> by estate
	5:30 pm	CTK	<b>Mary Jean Stanley</b> by the family
Sun 1/24	7:30 am	CTK	<b>Intentions of RWCC parishioners</b>
	9:00 am	CTK	<b>Muriel D Meiss</b> (birthday memorial) by Linda & Bob Amelang
	10:30 am	CTK	<b>Intentions of Kiernan Canavan</b> in thanksgiving
Mon 1/25	6:45 am	CTK	<b>Mary Margaret Friedl</b> by Aaron & Julie Eaton
	4:45 pm	CTK	<b>Felix C Bargayo Sr</b> by family
Tue 1/26	6:45 am	CTK	<b>Muriel D Meiss</b> (birthday memorial) by Jon & Beth Kiernan & family
	4:45 pm	CTK	<b>Ramiro Lopes</b> by Kathy & Ray Lopes
Wed 1/27	6:45 am	CTK	<b>The Goss family</b> by Kiernan & Jill
	4:45 pm	CTK	<b>Donald J Reardon &amp; family</b> by estate
Thu 1/28	6:45 am	CTK	<b>Ted Demko</b> by Joseph Dicon Jr
	4:45 pm	CTK	<b>Louis Masse &amp; family</b> by estate
Fri 1/29	6:45 am	CTK	<b>Donald J Reardon &amp; family</b> by estate
	8:30 am	CTK	<b>Kate Chapman</b> by Charles & Brigitte Cheswick
	4:45 pm	CTK	<b>William Stanley</b> by the family
Sat 1/30	4:00 pm	IHM	<b>Louis Masse &amp; family</b> by estate
	5:30 pm	CTK	<b>Rachel Pivin Thibault</b> by Rita, John & Dad
Sun 1/31	7:30 am	CTK	<b>Intentions of RWCC parishioners</b>
	9:00 am	CTK	<b>John R Canney Jr</b> by Dr & Mrs Victor Ratkus
	10:30 am	CTK	<b>Margaret T Austin</b> (birthday memorial) by Linda & Bob Amelang

### Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



**Visit our website at [rwcatholic.org](http://rwcatholic.org).**  
Information and bulletins are regularly uploaded.

### St Patrick Parish Church Is Closed for Renovation

St Patrick parish church is undergoing extensive renovation and is thus closed for all Masses and services. It will reopen on 7 February. Parishioners are encouraged to come to the 9 am Mass at Christ the King, or any other Mass at IHM or Christ the King. The church is being painted and re-floored. We look forward to a grand reopening in early February!

### Observances

Sunday:	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday:	<i>The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Sts Timothy and Titus, bishops</i>
Wednesday:	<i>St Angela Merici, virgin</i>
Thursday:	<i>St Thomas Aquinas, priest and DoC</i>
Saturday:	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Next Sunday:	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Schools Week</i>

### Financial News

This week's financial news will be in the next bulletin.

### Gospel Meditation

#### *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



It was a normal day by all accounts, but John was just not feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought him to the emergency department with a

diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death", John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regretfully realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but cannot quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and

ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help — or take the advice of One who is wiser, and avoid this route altogether? “Come after me” are words that Jesus says to all of us. To accept his invitation, we must leave our ego-selves behind, and follow.

When we see and understand the freedom, peace, justice and love he offers, we find ourselves with great sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come into full view, and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others, and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi

### Virtual Coffee Hour

On Saturday mornings at 9:30, Father Bernie hosts a live virtual coffee hour on the Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community Facebook page. It is later posted on our parish website. Please join us as Father Bernie prays, talks about moments in ministry this week, tells you what is bugging him, and answers questions. Your questions may be sent to revbwb@gmail.com.

### 2021 Offertory Envelopes

The remaining 2021 envelopes are now in the parish office. Please phone in to arrange a time to collect yours. If you would no longer like to receive envelopes, or if you would like a set, please contact Gary Belock at Ext 109 for IHM parishioners, or Jerry Whooley at Ext 108 for Christ the King and St Patrick parishioners.



***Come and Spend Time with the Lord!***  
*Adoration is offered at Christ the King every Friday from noon to 2:30 pm.*

### IHM 200 Club

#### Time to Renew

It is time to be thinking about this year's 200 Club, which helps us keep our beautiful church heated during the cold months that lie ahead. The cost of a ticket remains \$120. You can pay this all up front or spread your payments throughout the year. If you need a registration form, please contact the IHM office at (802) 773-6820 Ext 109. Blank forms are at the back of the church. Payments can be mailed or dropped into the offertory basket. For the latter, please use a plain white envelope marked "IHM 200 Club". Thank you and God bless you for your support.

### All Are Welcome

*No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;  
no matter your family or marital status;  
no matter where you are in the practice of faith;  
no matter your self image;  
you are welcome and loved in the parishes of the  
Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community.*

### Ways to Give

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can continue to support your parish in a number of ways:

- Mail in your weekly contributions (envelopes or checks) to your parish name at 66 S Main St, Rutland VT 05701
- Take your contributions to the rectory and give them in person or deposit them in the mail slot of the rectory front door (facing South Main Street)
- Give online at [rwcatholic.org](http://rwcatholic.org). Click on Stewardship/Financial Support, choose your parish, and follow the instructions

Your financial assistance is appreciated now more than ever. Thank you for your continued support.

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#### Mask Mandate

With the recent sharp increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in Vermont, and having learned that more people are no longer wearing masks at Mass, Bishop Coyne is requiring masks to be worn by everyone older than two for the entire celebration of the Mass, as we have been doing. This is to ensure that all parishioners are safe at Mass and that we can continue the public celebration of the sacraments. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended on Sundays and solemnities. Thank you very much for complying.

## Catholic Inquiry and Christian Initiation of Adults

**Monday 25 January at 6:30 pm**

This program at Christ the King church is for those seeking to grow in understanding of their faith and for those seeking to discern (re)entering into communion with the Catholic Church (Christian Initiation). Please contact Father Steven to register or to make inquiries. Everyone is welcome.

## Father Bernie's Wednesday Evening Holy Hour

**Wednesday 27 January at 6:30 pm**

Please join us for our weekly holy hour at Christ the King church, involving Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, silent prayer, and Benediction. Father Bernie is doing a reflection on the Gospel of John.

## Totus Tuus 2021

Mark your calendars! Christ the King parish is happy to host again the Totus Tuus summer camp for children in grades 1 to 8 and high school students this year. The program will take place the week of 20–25 June. More details will be forthcoming. Any questions can be directed to Father Steven at Ext 106.

## 40 Days for Life

### **Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday (17 February to 28 March)**

Please join our Rutland community of faithful Christians this Lent to end abortion. 40 Days for Life is a Christ-centered campaign of prayer, fasting and vigil to seek, in repentance, God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life.

Our three main components are *prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach*. In these ways, we can save the lives of the unborn children of our community, save mothers and fathers from a life of regret, and save the souls of abortion workers.

40 Days for Life is recognized as peaceful throughout the United States and internationally, and we follow all regulations required by law, and most importantly, required by God's holy law. A statement of peace, obtainable at [40daysforlife.com/rutland](http://40daysforlife.com/rutland), must be signed, either on paper or electronically, by everyone who prays on the sidewalk.

Contact Delia Warneke at [havefaith180103@yahoo.com](mailto:havefaith180103@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate. We pray in peace on the sidewalk opposite Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Avenue, Rutland.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**22 February to 15 March Online**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is now virtual for social distancing. Couples explore their individual personalities, improve on their listening and communication with each other, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited, and costs \$100. For more information or to apply, phone John and Diane Forcier at (802) 657-3083 or visit [wwmevtw.org](http://wwmevtw.org).

## Bulletin Notice Deadline

**Please have your bulletin notices to the office by noon on Thursday, 10 days before the bulletin date. Thank you!**

## And from our pastor . . .

Dear friends and parishioners,

In Matthew 22:36–40, Jesus clearly taught that his most important commands are to love God and neighbor:

*"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."*

A tall order! Yet one that is possible.

Jesus adds no qualifiers to this law. He does not say that we should only love those we agree with. He does not give us a pass on not liking those we disagree with or who are different than we are. He simply states that we are to love our neighbors. Anyone serious about Christianity knows that this is hard work and a constant part of our journey. Elsewhere, Jesus calls his followers to love and forgive others, and to be generous and magnanimous. It is the work of each of us who are committed to Jesus to make these teachings our own, each day, every day, in front of each person we meet. At home. At school. At work. At church. In politics.

Yes, even in politics. Last week, I reflected in this space about the anger we are finding in society today, and how anger is harming us as a people. The more I see and reflect on this, it becomes clearer to me that we have lost a sense of what Jesus requires of his people. He did not tell us to love only those people we are politically aligned with. Clearly, it is possible we may meet someone whose views are so opposed to ours that we must in conscience cut ourselves off from that person. But that should not be our first response.

We cannot change anyone but ourselves. I have no control over how others think, feel or act in society. I can only control how I think, act or feel. So in thinking about the teachings of Jesus in this regard, I must look into myself. On that note, here are some questions to guide our thinking. I suggest you use them as an examination of your own conscience, knowing that the only person you can control is yourself.

***Do I clearly understand that loving my neighbor means I am to love all my neighbors, not just those I agree with?***

***Do I attempt to find the good in people I dislike or whose ideas are dissimilar to mine?***

***Do I listen patiently to others as they offer their ideas?***

***Do I give room for people to evolve in their thinking? Or do I just shut people off completely?***

***Do I only listen to people I agree with, or do I seek others' opinions?***

***Do I set an example of kindness? Of generosity? Of forgiveness?***

These are not questions we ask just once and never again. If only it were that simple! These are questions we should ask daily, most especially in situations where we are dealing with someone we find disagreeable. Maybe if we all did this, our political discourse in this country would be much more civil, respectable and Christlike. We can only pray and change our own attitudes.

Peace,  
Father Bernie

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

January 23–29, 2021

## Social justice best served by 'choosing to build strong and loving relationships'

*This article originally ran in the Winter 2020 Issue of Vermont Catholic.*

“Social justice” is often considered to be physical acts of mercy, such as providing food and housing, promoting racial equality and making employment opportunity available. And indeed serving the most vulnerable among us is vital to living out our faith.

But Catholic social justice and teaching encompass much more.

Our Church has a rich treasure of wisdom and writings regarding social justice. There are three major principles of social justice that particularly relate to therapy and counseling work:

- 1. Life and dignity of the person**, often stated to be the foundation of all the principles of social teaching.
- 2. The call to family**, community and participation, seeking together the common good and wellbeing of all.
- 3. Solidarity**, pursuit of justice and peace, recognizing others as our brothers and sisters, building relationships.

I suggest that social justice is best served by choosing to build strong and loving relationships, first within our families and then spreading out locally and globally. We are made to be in union with God and one another; our very beings yearn for connection, to be known and loved and respected. Choosing to love ourselves and others, giving and forgiving, and forging deep, abiding relationships is the basis for a just society.

Recognizing the dignity of every person is integral to shaping how we perceive ourselves and those around us. We are all equal in our worth and value, regardless of ability, race, ethnicity, faith, age, struggles and viewpoints.

And then we choose to take care of relationships within our families, friendships and communities. We choose to see our own needs and desires and at the same time take care of the needs of others as best we can, especially considering the emotional and relational yearnings of ourselves, our spouses,

children, friends and neighbors (next door and across the sea). We choose to make sacrifices in order to respect and connect with the other. We offer calming and peaceful words in order to understand and be understood. We recognize that authentic dialogue is more important than winning the fight. We look on the other with compassion. We make time for meaningful and safe conversation. We avoid name-calling, over-generalizations, negative filters and all-or-nothing thinking.

We all deserve fairness, reliability, loyalty and respect, and we owe these to others as well. When we make dialogue and connection a priority, the physical acts of justice and serving the poor become a natural outpouring toward those around us, whether that be our family, friends or neighbors. The joy and satisfaction that we find in building relationships and becoming community will fuel ever-increasing acts of justice.

— Sharon Trani, *Therapist for Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.*



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via Zoom • 7 pm or 11 am

Do you have a heart for other women and a desire to bring them together in the parish... to meet women where they are and help draw them closer to Christ? This online Zoom information session will introduce you to Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study program now offered at over 400 parishes throughout the US. For more information please contact Elizabeth.Durastanti@walkingwithpurpose.com. 917-714-8015

Register: [walkingwithpurpose.com/events/](http://walkingwithpurpose.com/events/)



01|27 WEDNESDAY  
**Family & Faith in the Home**

via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm

Parents are invited to attend this interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Herson of the Messy Family Project. The topic is "Evangelizing Your Children."

Register: [vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/)



01|31 SUNDAY  
**Envision Life**

via Zoom • 6 - 8 pm

Join us for a virtual pro-life event live-streamed from Saint John Vianney Church in S. Burlington. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations, by Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy at Maryland Catholic Conference and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way.

Register: [vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/)



02|07 SUNDAY  
**Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Coyne**

Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington • 10 am

Join Bishop Coyne for a special Mass to honor and celebrate sacramental marriages with significant anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2021. Given the health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at this Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). Registrations will be accepted through January 28, 2021.

Register: [vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/)



JAN. 24-30, 2021

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**TAKE TIME TO THINK BACK TO YOUR WEDDING DAY.**

Share with each other one memory that made you laugh or cry and explain why. What advice would you give couples who are preparing for marriage this year? Share your advice with Terri McCormack at [tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org).

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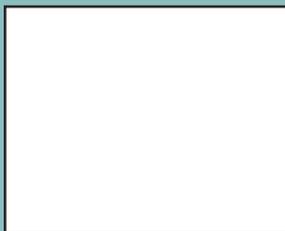
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