

The Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 February 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

Friday	3:30 pm	Christ the King
Saturday	3:00 pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary

You may also phone the office to make an appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary
	5:30 pm	Christ the King
Sunday	7:30 am	Christ the King
	9:00 am	St Patrick
	9:00 am	Christ the King
	10:30 am	Christ the King

For our complete Mass schedule, please see inside.

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 2002, 1998, 1990 CCC

*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 2/6	4:00 pm	IHM	Mary DiGangi Morgan by her family
	5:30 pm	CTK	Ernest Sule (birthday memorial) by Kathy & Ray Lopes
Sun 2/7	7:30 am	CTK	Betty Kaszuba by her friends
	9:00 am	SP	Peter Milnes by Bill & Gayla Dzialo
	9:00 am	CTK	Intentions of RWCC parishioners
	10:30 am	CTK	Gabriel Kissell by the family
Mon 2/8	6:45 am	CTK	Rachel Pivin Thibault & Juliette Pivin by Rita, John & Art
	4:45 pm	CTK	Jerry Ragosta by David Salerni
Tue 2/9	6:45 am	CTK	All priests & religious who have served at Christ the King by Kiernan & Jill
	6:00 pm	SP	Marybeth Bellone by Krista Bendig
Wed 2/10	6:45 am	CTK	Ann Marie Walker by Mr & Mrs James M Vignoe & family
	4:45 pm	CTK	John R Canney Jr by Dr & Mrs Victor Ratkus
Thu 2/11	6:45 am	CTK	Angela Murray by Father Bernie
	4:45 pm	CTK	Special intention
Fri 2/12	6:45 am	CTK	Donald J Reardon & family by estate
	8:30 am	CTK	Staff & students of CKS & MSJ
	4:45 pm	CTK	William Stanley by the family
Sat 2/13	4:00 pm	IHM	Louis Masse & family by estate
	5:30 pm	CTK	Tony Fusco by David Salerni
Sun 2/14	7:30 am	CTK	Intentions of RWCC parishioners
	9:00 am	SP	Peter Milnes by Robert & Sally Snarski
	9:00 am	CTK	Diana V Liscinsky by Mr & Mrs James M Vignoe & family
	10:30 am	CTK	Intentions of Sister Pauline Gratton in appreciation by the Valente family

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Masses with Ash Distribution
Wednesday 17 February
 6:45 AM at Christ the King
 12:15 PM at Christ the King
 6:00 PM at IHM
 6:00 PM at St Patrick

Observances

Sunday:	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday:	<i>St Jerome Emiliani</i> <i>St Josephine Bakhita, virgin</i>
Wednesday:	<i>St Scholastica, virgin</i>
Thursday:	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Saturday:	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Next Sunday:	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>World Marriage Day</i> <i>Valentine's Day</i>

Financial News

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

Gospel Meditation

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects

they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors, and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we do not make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises and soul-searching graces that we can surely miss. We are neither tethered to our past nor bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came so that we might have fullness of life. We



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 Information and bulletins are regularly uploaded.

need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain so he may heal our past. We must wrestle with our histories, agonize and search, and cry out for the divine healing that we need to restore our faith, hope and love. Job could not see how his story would end, and could not trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness, and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new possibilities. When doors close, others open, and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving and dynamic presence, it is no wonder that we wish to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be. ©LPi

Bulletin Notice Deadline

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

Catholic Inquiry and Christian Initiation of Adults

Monday 8 February 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 10 February 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.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Saturday 13 February at 9:30 am

Join Father Bernie for a live virtual coffee hour on the Rutland- Wallingford Catholic Community Facebook page. It is posted later on our parish website. Father Bernie prays, talks about moments in ministry this week, tells you what is bugging him, and answers questions, which you may send to revbwb@gmail.com.

Mount St Joseph Academy News

We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Parish Lenten Opportunities 2021

Wednesday 17 February is Ash Wednesday, and so we will begin the sacred season of Lent. In this season, we are called to pray, fast and give alms. There are no age limits to these three activities; each person needs to decide in conscience how to pray, fast and be generous. Remember that the Fridays of Lent are meant to be days of abstinence of meat. Here are some parish opportunities for prayer and reflection.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses, which will be at 6:45 am and 12:15 pm at Christ the King, and 6 pm at both IHM and St Patrick. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (one full meal with two smaller meals that together do not equal a second full meal) and abstinence from meat, and as much as possible, a day of prayer.

Daily Mass

Join us for daily Mass throughout Lent. The Mass schedule is found in this bulletin.

The Way of the Cross

This is a very traditional and beautiful Lenten prayer, in which we walk with Jesus in the last moments of his life. There will be three opportunities each week for you to pray the Way of the Cross:

- **Tuesdays** at 5:30 pm followed by 6 pm Mass at St Patrick
- **Fridays** at noon at Christ the King
- **Fridays** at 6 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary

A livestreamed Way of the Cross will take place later in Lent.

Weekly Holy Hour

On Wednesday evenings (starting 2/24 and concluding 3/31), at Christ the King Church at 6:30 pm there will be a holy hour that will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, a Lenten homily, silent prayer and Benediction. The holy hours will be livestreamed on the Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community Facebook page and posted on our website.

Sunday Vespers

On Sunday afternoons (starting 2/21 and concluding 3/28) at 4 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Evening Prayer (Vespers) is a beautiful prayer of music and psalms. The sacrament of reconciliation will be offered each week following Vespers.

Operation Rice Bowl

This year, our parishes will join more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from our ushers and greeters this Sunday or next. Fill them with your change and donations throughout the 40 days of Lent. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

And from our pastor ...

Dear friends and parishioners,

You might remember that last weekend's Gospel was Mark 1:21-28. While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus rebukes an "unclean spirit" in a man with the words "Get out of him!" Interesting to note, these are the first words of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark after his call of the apostles, and they are his first words of healing in Mark.

Get out of him. Get out of her. Interesting first words for Jesus to use. Words that came from his heart, the heart of God. Words that healed, soothed the soul and brought peace, forgiveness and wholeness. Jesus is the Word of the Father. The words he will use are the balm humanity needs to heal.

Jesus has come among us, God among men and women, to drive out unclean spirits. It was abundantly clear that the human person could not drive them out on his own. No, something or Someone Else needed to come to make that happen. The unclean spirits would not budge for the words of the prophets, kings and judges of old. It was now time for a new approach to messy humanity and its unclean spirits.

What are those "unclean spirits"? Sin, mostly. Unjustified anger. Arrogance. Pride. Hate. It is when we choose to do what is not of God or fail to do what God would have us do. In many of our lives, sin becomes a habit that we struggle to shake from our lives. While we may protest against sin, we seem to keep going back to it over and over. Life can easily become a merry-go-round of the unclean spirits mentioned above. Around and around we go. No end in sight.

In your prayer, place yourself on that merry-go-round. What sin are you holding onto? What are your temptations? As that merry-go-round moves faster and faster, how tightly are you gripping it? Do the handles feel cold like metal does in winter? Or hot in the August heat? Now see Jesus coming toward you, toward your life, your merry-go-round. You can't stop it. But he can. He reaches out and places his hand on the merry-go-round, and it comes to a halt. Not only does it stop, it disintegrates in his hand. Thus the power of Jesus. He looks at you, and says to your unclean spirit "Come out of him [her]!" Do you feel relieved at the sight of the merry-go-round fading away?

That's the power of forgiveness. That's the power of Jesus. Only he can stop the merry-go-round of sin. It's why God's Voice became human. To put his hand on the merry-go-round so that it crumbles in his hands. We hear his Voice in the Eucharist as bread and wine become "His" Body and Blood. His Voice is loud and clear in reconciliation as the priest prays "I absolve you..." And in the waters of baptism, his Voice cleanses the soul and body of the neophyte with the words "I baptize you ..."

Come out of him [her]! Those words are some of the most important words you'll ever hear.

Peace,
Father Bernie

NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 6–12, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Shown is a stained-glass window of St. Joseph at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg. —Alyna Nasker photo



to St. Joseph are particularly close to us here in the Diocese of Burlington as our cathedral is named for him and places us under his protection.

There is much to consider and ponder concerning St. Joseph and his importance to the Church. Much will be offered for our devotion to him during this patronal year. In this moment, I would offer some thoughts that draw upon a homily of St. Paul VI “On the Holy Family” that he preached on Jan. 5, 1964. In his homily St. Paul VI spoke of Nazareth as “a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ’s life was like and even to understand His Gospel.” In describing what we can learn from the hidden years of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Nazareth he raises up three simple aspects of the Holy Family which can also be applied to St. Joseph himself.

First, we can learn from St. Joseph’s silence. “Beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times, the silence of St. Joseph should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God’s inner wisdom.” St. Joseph can teach us the value “of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life and of silent prayer that is known only to God.”

Second, from St. Joseph we can learn about family life. He can serve “as a model of what the family should be” — a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children — and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in St. Joseph we have a craftsman who teaches us about “work and the discipline it entails.” He reminds us that while “work has its own dignity ... it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.”

In closing, this initial reflection on St. Joseph is, I hope, the first of many that I will share with you.

St. Joseph, patron of the Church, pray for us.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Christopher J. Coyne

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

Year of St. Joseph

On Dec. 8 of last year, Pope Francis declared a “Year of St. Joseph” to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named patron of the Universal Church. The year began that day and will end this year on Dec. 8.

In his Apostolic Letter entitled “Patris Corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph “as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.” Love and devotion



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Upcoming Events



02|09 TUESDAY
**Praise and Worship
St John Enosburg**

St. John, Enosburg • 7 - 8 pm

Come experience the light of Christ! Open to all!



02|09 – 04|20 TUESDAYS
The Sacraments

via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments. For Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at gcalldwell@saintmeinrad.edu.



02|10 & 16 WEDNESDAY & TUESDAY
**Diocesan Formation
Opportunities Info Sessions**

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

As the Diocesan Synod called for, the Diocese of Burlington is seeking to continue inspiring and equipping lay men and women for leadership positions in their parishes. Under the umbrella of the Diocesan Institute for Missionary Discipleship, four formation programs are being offered this year. Learn more and register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions/



02|15 MONDAY
**Lent: The Work of
Renewing Our Baptism**

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Join Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship, as he unpacks the season of Lent with his virtual presentation *Lent: The Work of Renewing Our Baptism*. Learn how Lent came to be a time of intense preparation for those being initiated into the church as well as a time of spiritual renewal for the faithful. We'll look at Lent as a way of reconnecting to our baptism and consider the relationship between Lent and Easter. We'll conclude by exploring how some of the familiar sights, smells, and sounds of Lent help us do the hard work of baptismal renewal. Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/len-the-work-of-renewing-our-baptism/



02|17, 18, 19 WED, THURS, FRI
Embracing Lent during a Pandemic

Essex Catholic Community

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, offered at St.

Lawrence Church, Essex Jct. at 8:30 am Mass and at St. Pius X Church, Essex Center at 7 pm Mass. Hosted by Fr. Michael Carter, S.S.E.



02|23, 03|02, 9, 16, 23 TUESDAYS
Encounter Jesus Bible Study

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Each week will focus on a different encounter with Jesus as described in the Gospels which in the words of Pope Francis, "changes our lives... and fills us with joy." Hosted by Deacon Phil Lawson



02|24 – 05|12 WEDNESDAYS
Awaken / Light of the World

via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm

It's Time to AWAKEN! Awaken is an innovative new program developed by Light of the World

Evangelization Ministries (the same people that sponsor the Light of the World retreats) designed to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus and His Church. The program is a completely on-line series of 12 sessions using Zoom and prepared videos followed by small group discussions building on the video themes. Essex Catholic Community is planning to begin Awaken during Lent on Wednesday nights at 7 pm starting on Feb 24th. There is no cost to participate. If you think you might be interested in participating or have questions, e-mail or phone Deacon Gerry Scilla at vtsquilla@comcast.net, 878-0639. Please include name(s), emails, and phone numbers in your email. This is a great opportunity to grow in our faith and relationship with God during these challenging times. All are welcome!



02|24 WEDNESDAY
**Emotional Virtue for a Drama
Free Life with Sarah Swafford**

Zoom • 7:30 pm

The Catholic Center at UVM is hosting well-known speaker and author, Sarah Swafford. To register for this online event visit: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b-4dabab2aa6f49-evening



02|25 THURSDAY
**Dispel the Darkness —
An Evening of Light and Hope**

St. Monica, Barre • 6:30 – 8 pm

Come rest in the light and the hope of Christ. Whatever the darkness you may find yourself in, come discover the hope of God. Evening will include reflections and prayers led by Deacon Phil Lawson, with music by Bill Gavin. There will be adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary and an opportunity for confession. This event will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.



03|03 WEDNESDAY
**Building a Culture
of Encounter Through Fasting,
Prayer, Almsgiving**

via Zoom • 6:30 – 8 pm

All are welcome to attend this virtual evening of reflection and conversation, offered by Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship, that will help us consider anew the traditional Lenten disciplines: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Between each reflection, there will be time for conversation and questions, silent prayer and guided meditation, and music. Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/an-evening-of-reflection-building-a-culture-of-encounter-through-fasting-prayer-almsgiving/



03|04 THURSDAY
**Dispel the Darkness —
An Evening of Light and Hope**

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 6:30 – 8 pm

Come rest in the light and the hope of Christ. Whatever the darkness you may find yourself in, come discover the hope of God. Evening will include reflections and prayers led by Deacon Phil Lawson, with music by Bill Gavin. There will be adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary and an opportunity for confession. This event will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.

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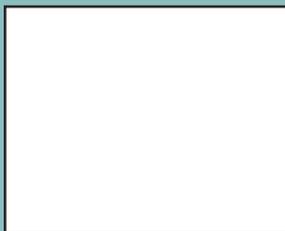
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