The Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community

Third Sunday of Lent — **7 March 2021**

Christ the King	Immaculate Heart of Mary	St Patrick
At 66 South Main Street, Rutland, Vt	At 18 Lincoln Avenue, Rutland, Vt	At 218 North Main Street, Wallingford, Vt

Confessions

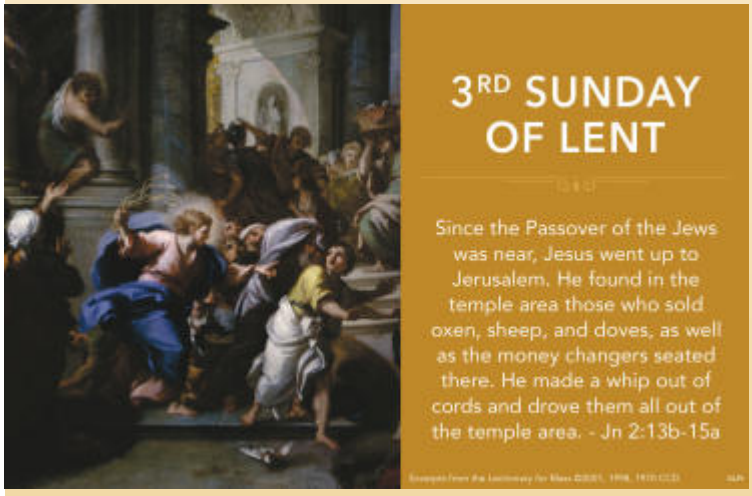
Friday	3:30 pm	Christ the King
Saturday	3:00 pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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*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 3/6	4:00 pm	IHM	**Jerome & Alice Gosselin** by estate
	5:30 pm	CTK	**Santoro family deceased** by Yolanda LaValley
Sun 3/7	7:30 am	CTK	**Intentions of RWCC parishioners**
	9:00 am	SP	**Peter Milnes** by Bill & Gayla Dzialo
	9:00 am	CTK	**John & Alice Kennedy O'Rourke** by the family
	10:30 am	CTK	**Theresa Dunne** by her sister, Marie Miller
Mon 3/8	6:45 am	CTK	**Rachel Pivin Thibault & Juliette Pivin** by Rita, John and Art
	4:45 pm	CTK	**Special intention**
Tue 3/9	6:45 am	CTK	**Elizabeth Salerni** (birthday memorial) by David
	4:45 pm	CTK	**Julie Margaret Herlihy** by Jeff & Judy Polzello Thompson
	6:00 pm	SP	**Helen Welsh** by Cort & Teri Corsones
Wed 3/10	6:45 am	CTK	**Audrey Mayo** by Michele LaRouche
	4:45 pm	CTK	**Intentions of Helene Havey** by Sister Mary Harvey
Thu 3/11	6:45 am	CTK	**Kathy Tighe** by Steve Poitras
	4:45 pm	CTK	**Ramiro & Ruth Lopes** by Michele LaRouche
Fri 3/12	6:45 am	CTK	**John J Valente** (anniversary) by the Valente family
	8:30 am	CTK	**Staff and students of CKS & MSJ**
	4:45 pm	CTK	**Charito Bargayo** by family
Sat 3/13	4:00 pm	IHM	**Bernard & Madeline McCormack** by estate
	5:30 pm	CTK	**Ann & Jack Bioty** by Yolanda LaValley
Sun 3/14	7:30 am	CTK	**Betty Kaszuba** by her friends
	9:00 am	SP	**Sally & Verne Hawkins** by the family
	9:00 am	CTK	**Roland St Laurence** by his daughter, Aline Casey
	10:30 am	CTK	**Gabriel Kissell** by the family

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

HOLY TRIDUUM 2021

Mark your calendars now, so you may join us for the most important Masses and services of the Church's calendar!

Holy Thursday *1 April*

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
6 pm at Christ the King

Good Friday *2 April*

The Way of the Cross
Noon at Christ the King
6 pm at St Patrick

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary
6 pm at Christ the King

Easter Weekend *3–4 April*

Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday
7:30 pm at Christ the King

Easter Sunday Mass
7:30, 9 & 10:30 am at Christ the King
8 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary
10 am at St Patrick

Observances

Sunday: *Third Sunday of Lent*

Monday: *St John of God*, religious

Tuesday: *St Frances of Rome*, religious

Next Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
Daylight Saving Time begins

Financial News

Christ the King		***This Year ($)***	***Last Year ($)***
Offertory:	week to 2/28	6,147	7,428
	year to date	228,044	238,043

Immaculate Heart of Mary		***This Year ($)***	***Last Year ($)***
Offertory:	week to 2/28	1,322	1,653
	year to date	52,383	64,018
Renovation:	February	470	541
	year to date	5,244	5,333
Fuel:	February	548	736
	year to date	5,334	6,291

St Patrick		***This Year ($)***	***Last Year ($)***
Offertory:	week to 2/28	654	1,443
	year to date	31,536	39,816

Gospel Meditation

Third Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a create-as-you-go approach to life, where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties, rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for ethical behavior with a "you can't tell

me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are also a challenge to deal with. Acceptable conduct amounts to safeguarding each other's space, rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes", and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island", where a suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard preached. While Jesus certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection between ourself, God, neighbor and creation. This love, who is God himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, and demands actions and attitudes that build up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Enhancing these love-centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and is the reason for Jesus' anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom he offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. We can be so arrogant at times! Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted, and we can find ourselves off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work that Lent demands, and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi

Mask Mandate and Mass Attendance

Bishop Coyne is requiring masks to be worn by everyone more than two years old for the entire celebration of the Mass, as we have ben doing. The obligation to attend Mass is suspended on Sundays and solemnities. Thank you for complying.

Urgent Need for Volunteer Drivers for the Blind

The drive pool of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) has become too low to fulfill their requests from clients to take them to vital medical appointments and to run essential errands. Drivers are reimbursed for the use of their cars. Clients will wear masks and social-distance as much as possible. Even one ride a week will help a person with vision loss remain independent. Please help if you can. Contact Vickie Vest at (800) 639-5861 Ext 243.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Spend Time with the Lord!
Adoration is offered at Christ the King every Friday, beginning at noon with the Way of the Cross (during Lent), until 2:30 PM.

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.

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. If you would like to participate, contact Delia Warneke at havefaith180103@yahoo.com We pray in peace on the sidewalk opposite Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Avenue, Rutland.

Catholic Inquiry and Christian Initiation of Adults

Monday 8 March 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 tp make inquiries. Everyone is welcome.

Father Bernie's Wednesday Evening Holy Hour

Wednesday 10 March at 6:30 pm

Please join us for our weekly holy hour at Christ the King church that includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, a Lenten homily, silent prayer and Benediction. The holy hours is livestreamed on the Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community Facebook page and posted on our website.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Saturday 13 March 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 ministry this week, tells you what is bugging him, and answers questions, which may be sent to revbwb@gmail.com.

IHM 200 Club

Winners of the February 2021 Drawing

$350	Louise Kenney
$100	Anne Perry
$100	Paula Lannon
$50	Eric Carrara
$50	John & Mary Rizk

Parish Lenten Opportunities 2021

During the sacred season of Lent, 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 from meat. Here are some parish opportunities for prayer and reflection.

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 are 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 at 6:30 pm at Christ the King church (until 31 March), there is a holy hour that includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, a Lenten homily, silent prayer and Benediction. The holy hours is livestreamed on the Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community Facebook page and posted on our website.

Sunday Vespers

On Sunday afternoons at 4 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary church (until March 28), we are praying 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 three parishes are joining 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 today or next Sunday. Fill them with your change and donations throughout the 40 days of Lent. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Sustainability in El Salvador

Drought has made it difficult for El Salvador farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new technology and a new generation of farmers are making a difference. Visit crsricebowl.org to find out how you can support young people in your community and around the world.

And from our pastor . . .

Dear friends and parishioners,

In the last two installments of this letter, I tackled first what we give up for Lent (fasting) and what we do for Lent (almsgiving and prayer). Having addressed fasting two weeks ago and almsgiving last week, this week I will take up prayer. Why do I address prayer last in the trifecta of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? One reason only. Fasting and almsgiving lead to prayer. If they don't, then what do they have to do with Lent or one's faith? Lent is about holiness, not dieting (fasting) or giving away old clothes (almsgiving). While we should diet and clean out our clothes bins, the point of Lenten fasting and almsgiving is to help us grow in holiness. And this leads to prayer.

You have heard me say before that prayer is much more than repeating formulas of words. Prayer is time with God. In fact, Henri Nouwen defines prayer as "wasting time with God". You don't need an agenda. You don't even need to know exactly what you are going to say. Prayer is more about what God says to you than about what you say to God. How do you get there? Through listening. It is the only way.

As humans, we need something to start us off. The greatest launching point of prayer is the Bible. For example, consider praying one psalm every day. The Book of Psalms, part of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, is a beautiful collection of prayers and poetry in which the psalmist pours out his emotions before God. The psalms contain every human emotion. In them you will find joy, happiness, thanksgiving, praise, sorrow, and even anger and despair. The psalmist is deeply in love with God, and it shows. He lets us in to pray with him. When you pray a psalm, reflect on its imagery, tone and language. Maybe keep a journal of how you feel as you pray them. How do they lead you to God?

That is only one suggestion. There are many others. Any prayer, from reading the Bible to the Rosary to the Way of the Cross and beyond, is worthwhile providing you take it slowly, meditate on the words, actions and imagery, and let it seep into your heart and soul. That is the kind of prayer that will transform you. And you will hear God's voice.

Fasting and almsgiving help us to peel back the layers we have created to get back to basics, fully exposing our souls before God. Through prayer, Christ enters at this point. We don't need the excess from which we fasted or gave away. But we do need Christ. Thus we are inspired to spend more time with him in prayer. Thus prayer, fasting and almsgiving all work together in furthering the holiness of the faithful Christian.

I hope you move toward your God during Lent, in whatever way works for you. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself to new forms of prayer. However you get there, all roads lead to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We will kneel at the foot of the cross to give our lives to the Lord who suffered and died for us, and rise with him on Easter Sunday, filled with light and joy.

Peace,
Father Bernie

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
March 6–12, 2021
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

New Christ Our Hope Legacy Society

With the launch of the historic Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign this year, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation (VCCF) has created the Christ Our Hope Legacy Society to honor all those in the Diocese who have chosen to leave a legacy of faith for the next generation. The present generosity of our Catholic community coupled with planned gifts ensures that our Church can weather any storm and that the doors of our churches, schools, and social service agencies remain open to meet the spiritual and material needs of the community.

A legacy gift offers future support of the mission of the Catholic Church in Vermont and can be designated to meet the needs of a specific ministry, parish or school with the help of the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. Legacy gifts comes in many different shapes and sizes from a simple bequest or Charitable Remainder Unitrust, to the designation of an IRA or life insurance policy, to the transfer of stock, real estate and much more. No matter the vehicle, each gift can have an enormous impact on a ministry of the donor's choosing and provide opportunities to spread the faith.

Here are a few examples.

- *Recently, Angelo Pizzagalli established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust with the Diocese of Burlington to benefit Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington. The full remainder of the trust will provide financial aid to students seeking a Catholic education who could not otherwise afford to attend Rice. Angelo's commitment to Catholic education, particularly Rice Memorial High School, inspired him to make this generous gift now. He stated, "Parochial schools consistently deliver excellent results. Even in the face of the pandemic, parochial schools in Vermont rolled up their sleeves and calmly went about their mission of producing the nation's most precious product: capable, caring, and engaged citizens of all stripes, well-prepared to achieve anything."*
- *Brigette White, VCCF board member, decided to honor her parents with a legacy gift: "At first I thought this might not be the right time in my life to make a legacy gift given that I still have a child in high school. However, after giving this more thought, I realized that I could honor my parents and their faith, and their compassion for the most vulnerable, by designating the IRA I inherited from them to establish a fund in the foundation to feed the hungry."*
- *The impact of a bequest on a small parish can lift many financial burdens and allow the community to flourish. Father William Giroux, former pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Fairfield, said, upon receiving the Dr. Thomas G. Howrigan bequest: "We were excited to establish the Dr. Thomas G. Howrigan Fund for St. Patrick Parish because this enables our parish to continue the good work it has always done without having to worry as much about fundraising. This fund has already benefited our parish and we expect it will continue to do so in the years to come."*

The mission of the VCCF is to support and serve apostolic activities of the Church and make grants to nonprofit organizations in the statewide Diocese of Burlington that reflect the compassion of Christ in service to the community. Planned gifts are one way the foundation can support the l arger Catholic community.

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne expressed his gratitude at the outpouring of support and commented, "Thanks to the generosity and faith of the Catholic community and the gifts of many, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation has grown exponentially over the last five years to serve the apostolic ministries of the Diocese. As in all acts of charity and goodness, we acknowledge that all is of God and all comes from God in praise of His name and in service to our brothers and sisters. We thank the Lord for all His love."

If you have already established a planned gift to support the work of the Church or if you would like to learn more about your giving options, for a confidential conversation please contact Brittany Czekaj, development and planned giving officer, Vermont Catholic Community Foundation, by email at bczekaj@vermontcatholic.org or by phone at 802-658-6110, ext. 1102. You can also visit the website of the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation at vtcatholicfoundation.org/legacy-society.

To learn more visit vtcatholicfoundation.org/legacy-society.

— Ellen Kane is the executive director of the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation

Upcoming Events

03|08, 15, 22, 29 MONDAYS
Lent with St. Joseph
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
7 - 8 pm
Holy Hour with the Litany of St. Joseph and spiritual reflections on St. Joseph by Brandon Schneider, seminarian. Confessions will be available during Adoration.

03|09, 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. **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/encounter-jesus-bible-study/all/**

03|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 gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu.

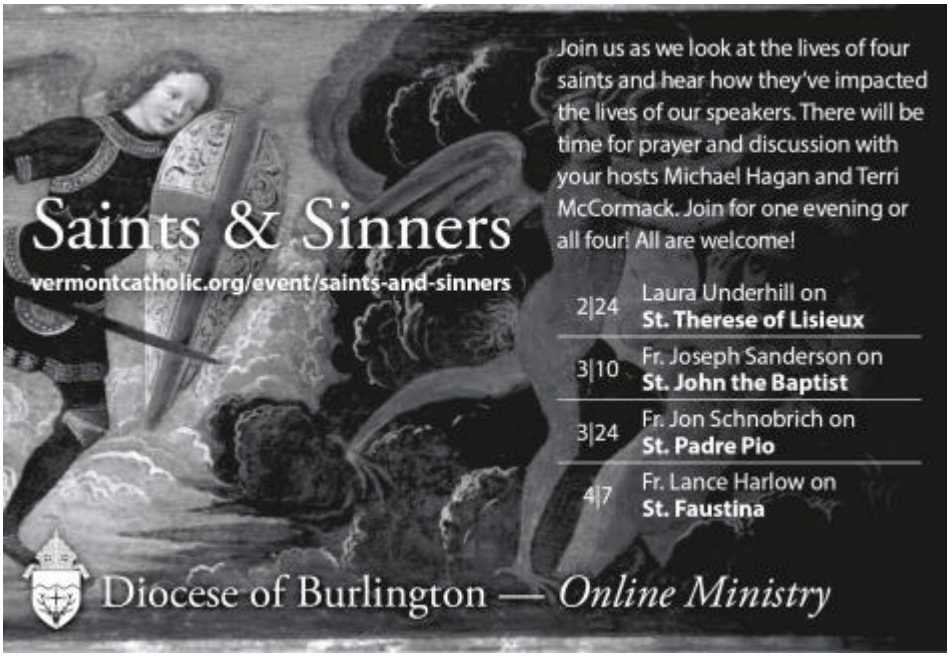
03|09, 11, 18
Dispel the Darkness — An Evening of Light and Hope
All events are 6:30 - 8 pm
03|09 • All Saints, Richford
03|11 • Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
03|09 • Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Newport
Come rest in the light and the hope of Christ. Whatever the darkness you may find 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. These events will be live streamed.

03|10, 24, 04|07 WEDNESDAYS
Saints and Sinners
via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Sinners as saints? Join us as we look at the lives of four saints and how his or her life can inspire us to live the plan God has for each one of us. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack. All are welcome! Register at: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners**

03|12, 19, 26, 04|02 FRIDAYS
Live Stations of the Cross
via Zoom • 11:30 am
Join Josh Perry and Valerie Parzyck as they pray Stations of the Cross online. The reflections read are composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori as we meditate upon the Stations of the Cross from the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This event will be streamed live at 11:30 am every Friday during Lent and at 7 pm on Good Friday. Register at: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/live-stations-of-the-cross**

03|12, 13, 14 FRI, SAT, SUN
2021 National Catholic Womens Conference
Online
This virtual retreat will have live speakers, prayer rooms, and you will have access to 40+ speakers with a free weekend pass by registering for free: **go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021**

03|25 THURSDAY
Lenten Reflection with Bishop Christopher Coyne
via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Join Bishop Coyne as he shares his Lenten reflection. All are welcome! Register at: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/lenten-reflection-with-bishop-christopher-coyne/**



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