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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- SUN 2/7** 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
- MON 2/8** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk
6:53-56
- TUE 2/9** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
- WED 2/10** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
- THR 2/11** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
- FRI 2/12** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
- SAT 2/13** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
- SUN 2/14** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk
1:40-45

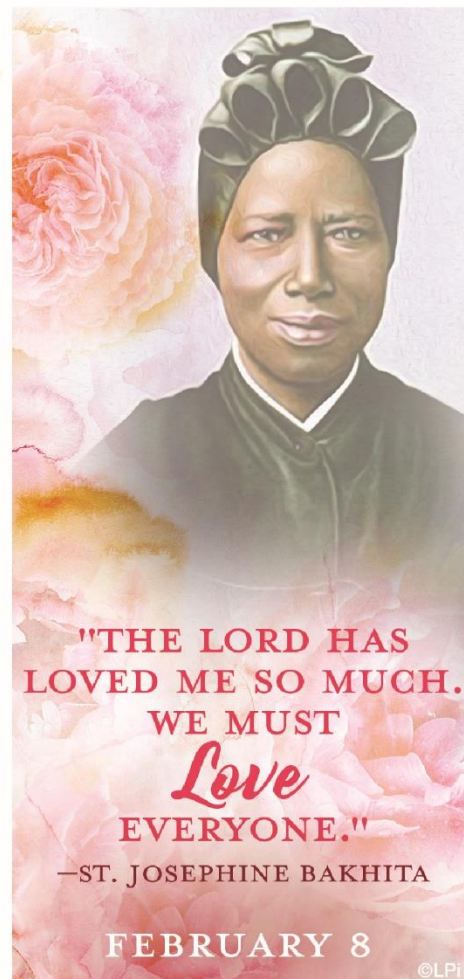
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

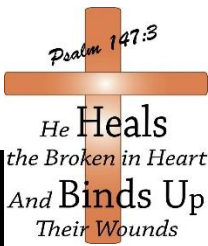
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.



All you
need is
Grace



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. Psalm 147

Sunday, February 7, 2021 Cycle B
The Year of Saint Joseph (Dec. 8, 2020-Dec. 8, 2021)



SATURDAY, February 6 Nativity 5pm	†Ernie Bastianelli by the Dodson family & Joyce Pretty (40 th Anniversary) by Geoff & family
SUNDAY, February 7 Nativity 8:30am +++++	†Intentions of the Parishioners +++++ †Denis Rainville by Bernard & Sue Rainville
MONDAY, February 8 St Louis 8:30am	†Claire St. Germain by the family
TUESDAY, February 9 Nativity 6:30pm	†Raymond & †Emilienne Rainville & †Denis Rainville by Jacques & Jean
WEDNESDAY, February 10 Nativity 8:30am	†John & †Elsie Giuffre by Martin Giuffre
THURSDAY, February 11 Nativity 8:30am	†Aurilla L'Esperance & †Bernard & †Warren Simard by the family
FRIDAY, February 12 St Louis 8:30am	†Rosaire & †Fernande Tougas by the family
SATURDAY, February 13 Nativity 5pm	†Mr. & †Mrs. Lucien Deslandes by Randy & Lucy & family
SUNDAY, February 14 Nativity 8:30am +++++	†Francis & †Toni Berthiaume by Leon & Anne Berthiaume +++++ †Beatrice Rocheleau by Keith & Louise Machia & †Intentions of the Parishioners
St Louis 10:30am	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
 Lent begins
 on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th.**
 St Louis: 12:15pm
 Nativity: 6pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please PRAY for ...Members of our parish who are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized, or experiencing difficult times, especially during this pandemic and have asked for our prayers:

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| Alan Barratt | Andrea Belrose | Lanny Brow |
| Aleta Bushey | Rebecca Dumont | Lena Gadouas |
| Jessica Gemmell | Richard King | Betty Pudvah |
| Mike Hutchinson | Brent Masse | Jean Rainville |
| Cheryl Spaulding | Wm. Thompson | |
| Tony and Linda Russo | | |



BAPTISM Welcome into our Christian community, **Louis Patrick Handy**, son of David and Roxanne (Douville) Handy who was baptized at Nativity Church on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

A Beautiful Soul is never Forgotten!



REST IN PEACE Our parish family extends our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the families and friends of *recently deceased Clifford Bouchard, Colby Cota, Juliette Daigle (Mother of Julia Tardif), and Dave Thompson.*

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Confession Schedule



SUNDAY, February 7 & 14:

St Louis after Mass

TUESDAY, February 9:

Nativity 7-7:45pm

SATURDAY, February 13:

Nativity 4:15-4:45pm

Eucharistic



Adoration

TUESDAY, February 9:

Nativity 7-7:45pm/Benediction 7:50pm

WEDNESDAY, February 10:

Nativity 9-12pm/Rosary 11:30am

Benediction 11:50am

FRIDAY, February 12:

St Louis Adoration 9am

Followed by Confession

Food Shelf



TUESDAY, February 9:

Nativity 9-12pm

Needs: Condiments, Bakery Items-Cake Mixes, Quick Breads, Flour, Sugar, Knorr Side Dishes



Sunday, January 31:

Offertory: \$1,647/Fuel: \$471

Sunday, February 7:

Second Collection: Fuel

Collection for the Food Shelf & Martha's Kitchen

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference.

On February 11, 2021, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for healing

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. We come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (all covid 19 patients). Through gratitude for your favors, we will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that we may one day share your glory. Amen.

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. — Aislyn Maske photo

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

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



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 gcaldwell@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/lent-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 vtscilla@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

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