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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

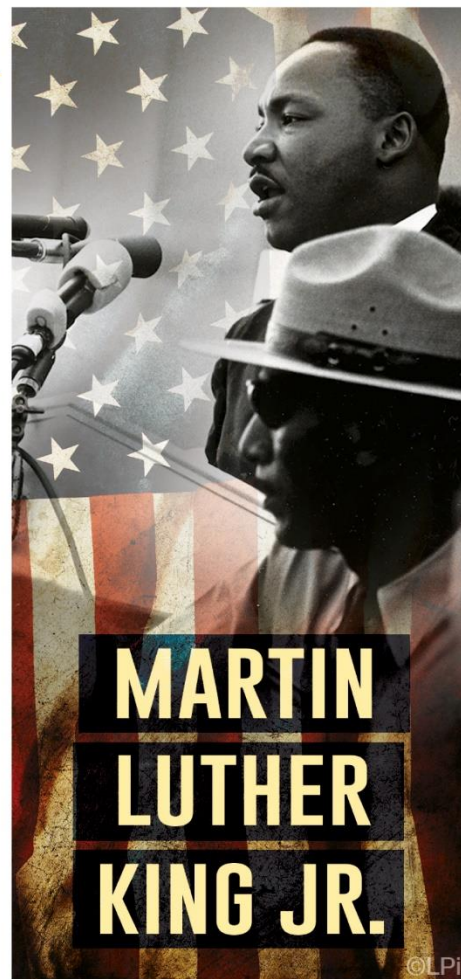
- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- MON 1/18** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- TUE 1/19** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- WED 1/20** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- THR 1/21** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- FRI 1/22** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
- SAT 1/23** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day
- Wednesday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Saturday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM
- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



*The time is
always right
to do what
is right.*

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Psalm 40

Sunday, January 17, 2021 Cycle B
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -Monday, January 18
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.



SATURDAY, January 16 Nativity 5pm	†Steve Cadieux by Ron & Fern Cota & †Intentions of Parishioners
SUNDAY, January 17 Nativity 8:30am +++++	†Phillip Sullivan by the family +++++
St Louis 10:30am	†Gloria Ferland by Eugene & Louise LaBombard
MONDAY, January 18 St Louis 8:30am	†Rosaire & †Fernande Tougas by the family
TUESDAY, January 19 Nativity 6:30pm	†John Domina by his sister, Mary Gagne
WEDNESDAY, January 20 Nativity 8:30am	†Rosaire & †Fernande Tougas by the family
THURSDAY, January 21 Nativity 8:30am	†A Special Intention
FRIDAY, January 22	NO Mass today!
SATURDAY, January 23 Nativity 5pm	†Deceased Family Members of Henri & Mae Rainville by Marcel & Theresa Begnoche
SUNDAY, January 24 Nativity 8:30am +++++	†Intentions of Parishioners +++++
St Louis 10:30am	†Ephriam, †Rosalie, & †Scott Machia by Keith & Louise Machia
MONDAY, January 25 St Louis 8:30am	†Andrew Choiniere by Claire Choiniere & family



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 | Lanny Brow | Aleta Bushey |
| Rebecca Dumont | Lena Gadouas | Richard King |
| Jessica Gemmell | Mike Hutchinson | Brant Masse |
| Jean Rainville | Carolyn Rondeau | |
| Betty Pudvah | Cheryl Spaulding | |
| Wm. Thompson | Tony and Linda Russo | |

Rest in Peace Our parish family extends our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the families and friends of *recently deceased Pauline Boulerice and Becky Read.*



On Thursday, January 21st I will be taking An Dinh, Loc Vo, and Khoa Nguyen to Boston to begin English studies. Thank you for welcoming them so warmly to Vermont, and providing delicious meals, snacks, and other goodies while they were here in the parish. Your kind thoughtfulness and sacrificial generosity are much appreciated!

Please keep An, Loc, and Khoa in your prayers as they begin this new stage of formation. If you would like to contact them in Boston, the mailing address is:

St. John Seminary
 127 Lake Street
 Brighton, MA 02135

Thank you for supporting vocations and our diocesan seminarians!
 God bless you.

Fr. James Dodson



We welcome into our Christian community, **Bennett Michael Walsh**, son of Brian Walsh and Krista Staples, who was baptized at Nativity Church on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

The Parish office is closed on Monday, January 18, 2021.

Confession Schedule



SUNDAY, January 17/24:

St Louis after Mass

TUESDAY, January 19:

Nativity 7-7:45pm

SATURDAY, January 16/23:

Nativity 4:15-4:45pm

Food Shelf



TUESDAY, January 19:

Nativity 9-12pm

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

Eucharistic



Adoration

TUESDAY, January 19:

Nativity 7-7:45pm

Benediction 11:50am

WEDNESDAY, January 20:

Nativity 9-12pm/Rosary 11:30am

Benediction 11:50am



Sunday, January 10:

Offertory: \$2,248/Fuel: \$488

Sunday, January 17:

Catholic Education (50% stays in our parish)

Bishop's Fund Update:

Our parish is at 75% (\$28,463.20) of our 2020 Goal of \$37,938.

Christ Our Hope Campaign Update:

At this time, our parish has raised \$41,374 which is 22% of our goal of \$192,044.

To donate, go to:

<https://www.christourhope.org/pledge>

VERMONT RIGHT TO LIFE

UPHOLDING THE SANCTITY



OF HUMAN LIFE

ANNUAL RALLY FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 23, 2021

The Vermont Right-to-Life is pleased to announce that there will be two church services at this year's rally in Montpelier. Saint Augustine's Church, Respect Life Mass will take place at 16 Barre St, Montpelier at 9:30 AM and at Lighthouse Christian Church at 3 St. Paul St. Immediately following the church services, we will gather together behind City Hall for the annual March to the Capitol. Signs will be provided by the Vermont Right-to-Life Committee. The Governor's COVID recommendations of six feet social distancing and wearing of masks will be followed.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 16–22, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



Vermont Catholic Professionals VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 • 8 – 9 AM

Speaker / Topic

Deacon Pete Gummere, Bioethicist
and Director of the Permanent Diaconate
for the Diocese of Burlington

“Discernment: Family, Career
and Service to the Church”

Registration (Zoom)

vermontcatholic.org/vcp



You are invited to a virtual professional development event with Vermont Catholic Professionals on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 8 to 9 a.m. This free event is open to individuals from all career backgrounds and physical locations.

The guest speaker for this event is Deacon Pete Gummere, a bioethicist and director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He will be presenting, “Discernment: Family, Career and Service to the Church.” Vermont Catholic Professionals was established in 2018 as a networking group to create fellowship of professionals that also share values of the Catholic faith. The purpose of Vermont Catholic Professionals is to join Catholic men and women and others with shared values from the business and professional communities to encourage intellectual discussions, to foster professional and faith-based relationships and to inspire service and charity to their community.

Speaker Bio: Deacon Pete Gummere

Deacon Pete Gummere is director of the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He is a bioethicist (M.S. in biological science and M.A. in theology; certified in Catholic Healthcare Ethics, National Catholic Bioethics Center). He also did graduate studies in management. He has served on the adjunct faculty at the Pontifical College Josephinum’s Diaconate Institute. He writes, consults and lectures on bioethics-related topics including at the International Colloquium of the International Association of Catholic Bioethicists and at the National Association of Diaconate Directors. He is a member of the National Catholic Bioethicists Center, International Association of Catholic Bioethicists and Catholic Medical Association Guild. Other faculty appointments have been with the New School in New York City, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Springfield College and Community College of Vermont. His primary career was in healthcare management; he served in various non-clinical capacities in Vermont and in the New York City area.



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Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

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As of Jan. 5: \$3,772,402

Goal: \$9,582,456

Upcoming Events



01|20, 27 WEDNESDAYS

Family & Faith in the Home

via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm

Parents are invited to attend interactive webinars sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project.

January 20, 8-9:30 p.m.— Messy Parenting 101

January 27, 8-9:30 p.m.— Evangelizing Your Children

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/



01|20 WEDNESDAY

Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Event

via Zoom • 8 - 9 am

Our January guest speaker is Deacon Pete Gummere — Bioethicist and Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He will be presenting, "Discernment: Family, Career and Service to the Church." Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event/



01|21 THURSDAY

"Just Mercy" Book Study Group

via Zoom • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Mercy Corps, a newly formed group of parishioners at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, is hosting an online book study for *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. The series will meet monthly, January through June. Saint John Vianney Church will have copies of the book available for \$10/copy. For more information, to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the book, or to register, please contact Connie McDonald at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.



01|23 SATURDAY

Mass for Life 2021

9:30 am - 10:30 am

The Mass for Life with Bishop Coyne will be at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. You can join us in-person or online via a livestream. Following the Mass is the Rally for Life. See www.vrlc.net/ for updates and information.



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.



JAN. 17–23, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

GO FOR A WALK TOGETHER AND HOLD HANDS.

Take time for silence and notice the sounds around you. Once you are inside, sip something warm and share what you noticed. Challenge each other to pray a Hail Mary together every day this week.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

CHRIST OUR

Hope

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online: vermontcatholic.org/donate

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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: \$2,651,157

79%

As of January 5, 2021: \$2,092,998



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