

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 12/13** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- MON 12/14** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- TUE 12/15** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- WED 12/16** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- THR 12/17** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- FRI 12/18** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- SAT 12/19** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- SUN 12/20** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.



*The desire
for God
is written
in the
human
heart.*

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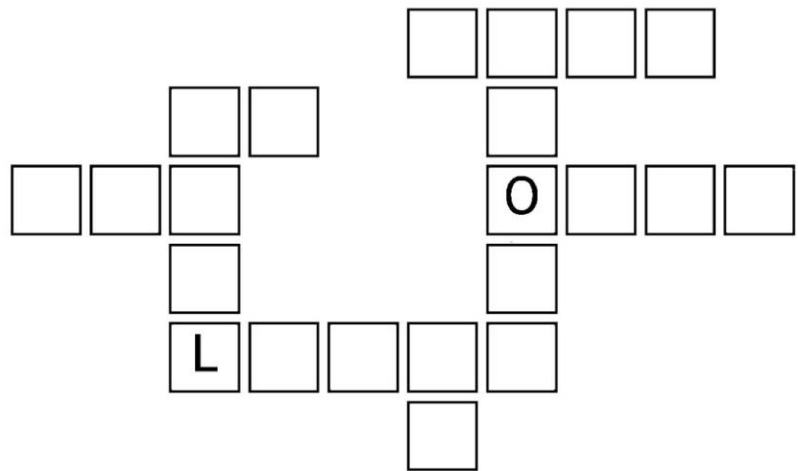
A man named John was
sent from God. He came for
testimony, to testify to the
light, so that all might
believe through him.

JOHN 1:6-7

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
He came only to tell about the light.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask a friend if he or she is ready to meet Jesus.



Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday ("Rejoice")



My soul rejoices in my God.

Luke 1

Sunday, December 13, 2020 Cycle B
The month of December
is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

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 | Henry Laroche |
| Lanny Brow | Brant Masse |
| Aleta Bushey | Betty Pudvah |
| Rebecca Dumont | Jean Rainville |
| Lena Gadouas | Carolyn Rondeau |
| Jessica Gemmell | Cheryl Spaulding |
| Mike Hutchinson | Wm. Thompson |

SATURDAY, December 12 <i>Nativity 5pm</i>	†Antoinette Gutenberg <i>by Marcel & Theresa Begnoche & Intention of Parishioners</i>
SUNDAY, December 13 <i>Nativity 8:30am</i>	†Mary Giuffre <i>by Martin Giuffre</i> & †Tammy Quebec Gemmell <i>by Jessica & Eva</i>
SUNDAY, December 13 <i>St Louis 10:30am</i>	†Eric Noel <i>by Marcel & Theresa Begnoche</i>
MONDAY, December 14 <i>St Louis 8:30am</i>	†Geraldine Dexter <i>(6th Anniversary) by the family</i>
TUESDAY, December 15 <i>Nativity 6:30pm</i>	†Antoinette Gutenberg <i>by Nativity Ladies of St. Anne</i>
WEDNESDAY, December 16 <i>Nativity 8:30am</i>	†Eleanor & †John & †Eva Ablamsky <i>by Don & Dot Bruyette</i>
THURSDAY, December 17 <i>Nativity 8:30am</i>	†Cleo Yandow <i>by the family</i>
FRIDAY, December 18 <i>St Louis 8:30am</i>	†Tom Lucier <i>by the family</i>
SATURDAY, December 19 <i>Nativity 5pm</i>	†Winnifred Favero <i>(7th Anniversary) by the family &</i> †Jeannine Poirier <i>(1st Anniversary)</i> <i>by her sisters & brothers</i>
SUNDAY, December 20 <i>Nativity 8:30am</i>	†Doris Hemingway <i>by her daughters, Debbie & Carol</i>
SUNDAY, December 20 <i>St Louis 10:30am</i>	†Beatrice Rocheleau <i>by Keith & Louise Machia &</i> Intention of Parishioners

Rest in Peace Our parish family extends our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the families and friends of *recently deceased Barbara Barrette and Irene Dobson.*

Sanctuary Lamp at Nativity is burning in *loving and prayerful* memory of **Wilfred & Jeannette Daudelin** by daughter, Claire.



Advent Confession Schedule

Sunday, December 20th: 2:30-4pm

Holy Angels, St. Albans: Fr. Furman/Fr. Giroux

Nativity, Swanton: Msgr. Routhier/Fr. Calapan

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg: Fr. Dodson/Fr. Roy

St. Luke's, Fairfax: Fr. Mercure

St. Patrick's, Fairfield: Fr. Jordan

Confession Schedule



SUNDAY, December 13/20:

St Louis after Mass

TUESDAY, December 15:

Nativity 7-7:45pm

SATURDAY, December 19:

Nativity 4:15-4:45pm

Food Shelf



TUESDAY, December 15:

Nativity 9-12pm

Needs: Condiments, *Bakery Items-Cake Mixes, Quick Breads, Cookie Mixes, Flour, Sugar*

Eucharistic



Adoration

TUESDAY, December 15:

Nativity 7-7:45pm

Benediction 7:50pm

WEDNESDAY, December 16:

Nativity 9-12pm/Rosary 11:30am

Benediction 11:50am

FRIDAY, December 18:

*St Louis Adoration 9am followed by Confession
Benediction 11:50am*



Sunday, December 6:

Offertory: \$2,348/Fuel: \$841

Sunday, December 13: Fuel

We are so grateful to all of our parishioners who continue to support our Parish.



CHRISTMAS

MEMORIALS FLOWERS and WREATHS

...in memory of a loved one are being accepted. Place in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" or "Wreaths" and place in the offertory or drop your donation off at the office.

Have you been thinking about a gift or pledge to the *Christ Our Hope* campaign?

There is still time to join thousands across the Diocese who already have made donations. With your help at Nativity, St. Louis Parish, the gifts and pledges received so far have moved us closer to funding our stain glass window project. The *Christ Our Hope* campaign is focused on building vibrant parishes, and we pray that our project will strengthen us for the future. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 12-18, 2020 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Caring during Coronavirus

Catholic communities continue outreach during pandemic

Each year the Office of Communications surveys our 69 parishes regarding their engagement in social ministries in the following categories: hunger, poverty, homelessness, illness and prison. Rooted in Matthew 25:35, our Catholic faith calls each one of us to put our faith into action by engaging in social ministries that serve the most vulnerable in our midst. The following survey results highlight our parishes' commitment to social ministries throughout the Diocese of Burlington. Learn more in the Winter issue of *Vermont Catholic Magazine*.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."

— Matthew 25:35

PARISH PARTICIPATION IN INDIVIDUAL MINISTRIES



95% Hunger



93% Poverty



80% Illness/Infirmity



55% Homelessness



20%

Prison

100%

of parishes pray for those experiencing illness/infirmity.

77%

of parishes bring Mass services to family homes and residential care or nursing homes.

69%

of parishes provide financial support for those experiencing homelessness.

66%

of parishes provide vouchers for household goods to those in need.

60%

of parishes hold food drives and collect food for the hungry.

30%

of parishes hold clothing drives for those struggling with poverty.

Where to watch

Christmas Eve and Day Mass

EWTN

www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule/united-states/2020-12-24

Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral Livestream

www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

CHRIST OUR

Hope

BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

A portion of the funds raised through the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

32%

As of Dec. 3: \$3,196,612

Goal: \$10,000,000

Upcoming Events



12|14, 21 MONDAYS
Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti Study with Msgr. McDermott

via Zoom • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Msgr. McDermott will host a three-part Zoom study which will focus on the major themes of the document. Participants are encouraged to read the document, or at least a summary of the document, prior to the meetings.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/



12|15, 22 TUESDAYS
Praying with the Scriptures in Advent

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8 pm

This Advent, prepare for the coming of Christ by praying with the Scriptures. Bring a prayerful end to your day as Michael Hagan guides you in reading, reflecting, responding, and resting with the previous Sunday's Gospel reading. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/



12|17 THURSDAY
Virtual Theology on Tap

Zoom • 7 pm

Grab a pint and join us over Zoom for Theology on Tap! Sr. Helena Burns, FSP will be speaking on "Theology of the Body." Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for young adults ages 18-39.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

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CHALLENGES
 TO GROW
 YOUR
 MARRIAGE

IT'S THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Our Savior draws near. Take time with your loved one(s) and share a memory of a cherished family time. Keep up with helping a person in need.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

CHRIST OUR

Hope

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



As we launch the Christ our Hope campaign, we ask that you first prayerfully consider your annual gift to the Bishop's Appeal which helps support statewide ministries today: bishopsappealvt.org. If you are able, we then ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our first-ever statewide campaign over a three-year period to ensure the vibrant future of our parishes, schools and ministries to the poor.

100%

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

76%

As of December 3: \$2,019,715

O Antiphons

Greetings on this Third (*Gaudete* — ‘Rejoice’) Sunday of Advent. The Lord is very close to us! All of our preparations, both personally and publicly, highlight our awareness of the nearness of the Lord. A longstanding tradition in the Church during the third and fourth weeks of Advent is praying the ‘*O Antiphons*’, which refer to the seven verses preceding the Magnificat — Mary’s song of praise to God at the time of her visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. These antiphons cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas (December 17th - 23rd). These verses form the basis of the Advent hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. They are referred to as the ‘*O Antiphons*’ because the title of each one begins with the letter ‘*O*’, and each antiphon is a title for Christ coming from Scripture:

December 17th — *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.)

December 18th — *O Adonai* (O Sacred Lord of Ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain, come stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.)

December 19th — *O Radix Jesse* (O Flower of Jesse’s stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.)

December 20th — *O Clavis David* (O Key of David, O Royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and lead your captive people into freedom.)

December 21st — *O Oriens* (O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice, come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.)

December 22nd — *O Rex Gentium* (O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of humanity, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.)

December 23rd — *O Emmanuel* (O God with us, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.)

The first letter of the Latin titles (underlined), when taken backwards, form the phrase ‘*Ero Cras*’, which translated means: ‘*Tomorrow, I will be there*’, thus echoing the theme of the antiphons. The Lord is indeed very close. May the joyful anticipation of the Savior’s coming penetrate the depths of your heart, so that the brilliant light, joy, and peace of the Christ-child may be your strength and salvation!

Veni, Veni Emmanuel!
Come Lord Jesus, that we may always rejoice in you!

God bless,
Fr. James Dodson



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