

**WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES**

**November 26**  
**SAT** 4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Doris Ormonde by the Ferreira Family

**November 27**  
**SUN** 8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Claire Hagen by Gayle & Mike Hagen-Peter

**MON** 8:00 AM - For our All Souls Day intentions

**TUE** 6:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Dolores McMahon by Sandra & Anthony Burke

**WED** 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's followed by Exposition

**THURS** 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's

**FRI** 8:00 AM - Special Intention by Donna Schaeffler

**December 3**  
**SAT** 4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Peter Dufresne by the Dufresne Family

**December 4**  
**SUN** 8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's  
 Gr. 3 participates at this Mass

**Message from Fr. Rick**

**"Watch!"**

Today we begin what our Shepherd Bishop Salvatore Matano rightly calls "a profound period of transformation" with the introduction of The New Roman Missal. How very providential that today is also, of course, the 1st Sunday of Advent, beginning a new Liturgical Year.

The Prophet Isaiah writes:

"Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down!"

Well, He has and He does!

"And He dwells among us most perfectly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

As we begin this solemn and joyous Season marked by expectant, eager, watchful waiting, let us keep this Advent together, watching, waiting, expecting, welcoming our God right here, right now among us at this and every Holy Mass by watchful, careful, prayerful and reverent celebration of these Holy Mysteries!

**ADULT ED. STUDY PROGRAM**

Class #4 of *Catholicism Adult Study Program* will be held on Monday, Nov. 28th beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall; this class will then be repeated on Sunday, Dec. 4th at 10:00 A.M., also in the Parish Hall. The theme for this session is "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast—Mary, the Mother of God".

Please note: It has been decided to postpone the Dec. 12th Class #5 and begin next year's session with this class. The theme will be "The Indispensable Men—Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure". Watch the bulletin; we will inform you of the 2012 schedule when it becomes available.

**INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC CDs:** We now have seven new titles in the CD rack in the back of the church. They are being offered to help augment our faith in and our love for God and His Catholic Church. This program is not a fundraiser, however, a voluntary donation of \$3 per CD will help us cover the cost and ensure that we can offer these and subsequent titles. Just in time for the new Roman Missal translation we would like to call your attention to, in particular, "A Walk Through The New Mass Translation" by Dr. Edward Sri, professor of Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute. This is truly a great opportunity for Catholics to enter more deeply into the biblical and theological richness found in the Liturgy, and to better worship God with our whole heart.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - December 3 & 4, 2011**

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	S May T Potvin	T May	Please help!
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter B MacDonough J Tardie	A Bernasconi M Frederick	H Herridge C Herridge

The new scheduled will be mailed soon.

**ADVENT WREATH FAMILIES**



4:30 Mass Fr. Rick *available* Robinson's Haupt's  
 8:30 Mass Gardner's *available* Gr. 2 Rel Ed *available*

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:**

IHM in Williston is having their annual bazaar on Sat., Dec. 3rd from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Crafts, lunch, baked goods, books, Kids Room, and more.

**JOB OPENING:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington has an upcoming opening for a Payroll Manager. A Bachelor's degree is required with two to four years of experience with direct payroll administration. Competitive pay and benefits package available. The job synopsis and requirements are posted on our website at [http://vermontcatholic.org/index.php?sid=5&pid=510&subnav\\_id=](http://vermontcatholic.org/index.php?sid=5&pid=510&subnav_id=). Those interested should send their resumes to Eileen O'Rourke at [eorouke@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:eorouke@vermontcatholic.org).

**Stewardship - November 12 & 13, 2011**  
 (Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)

89 Envelopes = \$2,616.00; Loose Currency = \$778.25  
**TOTAL = \$3,394.25**  
 YTD Actual = \$54,201.22

**Stewardship - November 19 & 20, 2011**

65 Envelopes = \$1,856.00; Loose Currency = \$558.00  
**TOTAL = \$2,414.00**  
 YTD Actual = \$56,615.22

Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.

**Parish Events**

Sunday	11/27	K of C High School Essays are due today
		<b>NO</b> Rel. Ed. Classes 1-8 <b>NO</b> Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2
Monday	11/28 7:00-8:30 PM	<u>Catholicism Adult Study Program</u> Class #4 - "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast—Mary, the Mother of God"
Tuesday	11/29 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	11/30 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions at St. Mary's Exposition at St. Mary's Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.
Saturday	12/3 8:30 AM	Christmas Choir Practice for 10:00 PM Vigil Mass
	3:45 PM 4:10 PM	Confessions Rosary before Mass
Sunday	12/4 8:30 AM 9:50-11:05 AM 10:00 AM	Gr. 3 participation at Mass Rel. Ed. Classes, Grs. 1-8—UCS <u>Catholicism Adult Study Program</u> Repeat of Class #4 - "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast—Mary, the Mother of God"
	11:15 AM-1:00 PM	"The Beatitudes" Service Project Open to Grs. K-8 & parents. See bulletin announcement on top of page two for more info.
	3:45-5:30 PM	Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2

## **“THE BEATITUDES CHRISTMAS PROJECT - WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Beatitudes group will be putting together 50 Christmas Stockings/Sacks for the people that stay at the COTS Waystation & Eagle's Nest shelters (for homeless adults) on Christmas Eve this year. We will be stuffing these sacks with useful items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, homemade fleece scarves and some fun items like Christmas candy. We'd also like to add an item to each bag to help keep them warm during the upcoming cold months. **We were hoping that you could help us by donating a new hat, pair of socks or set of gloves.** We will have collection boxes in the church from this weekend until 12/18. We would greatly appreciate any support you'd be able to give us for this project. Thank you!

### **All children in grades K-8 invited to help (parents, too)!**

We also have an opportunity for kids from K-8th grade (parents are welcome to join us) to help on this project. **On Sun., Dec. 4th from 11:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. in the parish hall after Religious Ed, we will be decorating the sacks and making fleece scarves.** We'd love to have you come help. If you or your parents are interested in attending, please RSVP by 12/3 to Amy by having your parents email [AmyBVT@gmail.com](mailto:AmyBVT@gmail.com) or calling 899-5080; you just need to have your parents complete a permission slip that day. We will have simple sandwich fixings for lunch and some snacks to share.

### **K OF C TO SPONSOR HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST:**

Essays must be submitted no later than 12 Noon, this Sunday, **Nov. 27th** to the St. Thomas parish office. If no one is in the office—place in Laura Lynch Well's mail box on the rectory porch. Awards will be announced on Dec. 3rd. All submissions become the property of the K of C. Contact: Laura Lynch Wells, 899-4770.

**COATS FOR KIDS:** The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a *Coats for Kids* program. This program will provide winter coats for needy children. The Knights have purchased 12 boys coats ranging in size from 8 - 18 from the Supreme Council and are now attempting to identify needy children. If you know of someone who could benefit from a coat, please contact the Parish Office at 899-4632. If you have questions about this project, please contact Tom Rivers at 899-4182.

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL CHOIR PRACTICE:** This choir sings at the 10:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Mass on Sat., Dec. 24th with a concert beginning at 9:30 P.M. and is open to all parishioners. There is *always* a need for more voices. The practice dates are Sat., Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th. If an additional practice is needed, it will be scheduled. Please plan to join and attend the practices. Call Pat Rogers at 399-6226 for more information.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR & PAGEANT SIGN-UPS**—Dec. 4th at the beginning of Rel. Ed. An informational e-mail has been sent by Laura Lynch Wells.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** will be offered for sale after all Masses. The cost is \$30. Books for various other states are available by calling Ed Mathews at 899-4793. Great gift idea and a wonderful way to support St. Thomas' Knights of Columbus.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** The Knights of Columbus will again be selling religious-themed Christmas Cards after all Masses beginning this weekend, Nov. 19th and 20th. Don't wait to purchase—these cards typically sell out.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The next Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast will be held on Sun., Dec. 11th, serving from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall. Cost is by donation. Proceeds will support various organizations.



## **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Week of November 27th:

*In memory of  
Martha G. Dombroski*  
requested by Ed Dombroski

**FRUIT AND FOOD BASKETS:** Through Sunday, Dec. 11th, all items collected in the decorated boxes during Mass will go to St. Thomas' Christmas Fruit and Food Baskets. These boxes will assist families in need in our parish and local communities. Please consider the kinds of items you would like to see on your table at Christmas. Please consider also we would appreciate small hams or turkeys, and monetary donations. Small religious articles are also welcome. The good of the human person includes the spiritual as well as the material. Share the coming of the Savior with joy. God bless.

Contact Chair, Laura Lynch Wells, for more information.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** We will be sending the bulletin covers to the printers very soon. If anyone would like to advertise their business on the back of the bulletin cover, we have spaces available. The cost will be \$8.33 per month for one space and would continue through the end of June, 2012. Please call the Parish Office as soon as possible if interested; an application form will be sent to you.

**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR:** Marion Brooks will be stepping down from hosting the Sunday morning Coffee Hour after the 8:30 A.M. Mass. We are looking for someone who would like to take over this task. The last Coffee Hour this year will be the Sunday before Christmas, Dec. 18th. Marion has offered to assist anyone by showing the new host the routine and what is involved. There will be no Coffee Hour on Christmas morning or New Years morning. Then Coffee Hour will start up again on Sun., Jan. 8th. Please call Marion at 899-3674 for details.

**ADVENT APPEAL 2011:** Vermont Catholic charities and Vermont Catholic Magazine will kick off the 17th annual Advent Appeal on Nov. 26th, and your help is essential to its success. This year's goal is \$25,000. Please plan now to help Vermonters in need with essentials like medication, food, warm clothing, eye glasses and fuel, as well as with Christmas gifts for their children. The generosity of Vermont Catholics has for years made Christmas "more merry" for many individuals. All donation go directly to help our brothers and sisters in need. To contribute, make checks payable to: Vermont Catholic Charities, Attention Advent Appeal, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403.

## **WE PRAY FOR**

**SICK:** For all our sick: Jay Tisbert, Viola Esterino, Maria & Tom Sweeney, Roland Boisjoli, Gasper Tavormina, Elizabeth Grant, Lorraine Bruns, Stan Koniuto, Jill Akerley, Anthony Minadeo, Nancy Guaman, Fran Morrisseau, Hilde Rivadeneira, Carmela Cardenas, Conlan Shaw, Shirley Dorcy, Darlene Klatke, Arvind Benkataraman, Don Beaulieu, Patricia Meagher, Frank Livingstone, Kathy Blair, Roger Nadeau, Paul Keeler, Harriette Carson, Ann Kelly, Yvonne Cross, Arthur Frazer, Bret Johnson, Riley McLaughlin, Agnes Ghioni, Dina Remillard, Michael Chandler, Marlene Fitzgibbons, Emerson Royer, Cathryn Rotando, Yuriy Bihum, Silvio Desjardins, Madeline Lamb, Mary Sevcik, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Donald Potvin, Gary Strait, Richard Masse, Kathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, Janis Peyser, Ray Mathieu, Jim McGonagle, Janine Mullaly, Frank McCarthy, Sr., Theresa MacDonald, Mary Kelczewski, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially for Eric Beckwith, Connie Dumas, Harriette Carson, and all deceased members of St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishes.

**Other Intentions:** Matt C., Jen G., Mike A., and Matt A.

Readings  
For the Week



**Mon., Nov. 28**

Is 2:1-5  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tues., Nov. 29**

Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**Wed., Nov. 30**

Feast of Saint Andrew,  
apostle  
Rom 10:9-18  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
Mt 4:18-22

**Thurs., Dec. 1**

Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Fri., Dec. 2**

Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

**Sat., Dec. 3**

Memorial of Saint  
Francis Xavier,  
priest  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

Second Sunday of  
Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps 85:9-10-11-12,  
13-14  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8



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# NOVEMBER 2011

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Please consult the weekly  
bulletin for revisions to this  
calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Oct. 30 8:30 AM Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. 1-3, 5-8—UCS Gr. 4 will meet in the church 10:00 AM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (repeat of Class 2) 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's 3:45-5:00 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>Oct. 31 Please note: <u>NO 8:00 AM Mass</u>  <i>For Holy Day:</i> 7:00 PM <i>Vigil Mass</i> <u>at St. Mary's</u></p>	<p>Nov. 1 All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 AM-Holy Day Mass at St. Thomas  At St. Thomas: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Holy Day Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>Nov. 2 All Souls Day 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas  St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>3 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass  7:15 PM: Sacred Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>5  3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's  Turn clocks back one hour</p>
<p>6 Serving 8:00-11:00 AM: K of C Country Breakfast 8:30 AM Mass Gr. 4 Participate at Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Classes at UCS for Grs. 1-5, 7/8 Gr. 6 - At Middle School Rally 3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>8  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45 PM-Exposition 7:30 PM: K of C Meeting</p>	<p>9  St. Mary's: <u>NO Confessions</u> <u>NO Mass</u> <u>NO Exposition</u> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>10 St. Mary's: <u>NO Mass</u></p>	<p>11 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM-6:00 PM: VT Catholic Conference at St. Monica's, Barre  2nd Collection this w/e: <i>Renovation and Repair</i> 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>
<p>13 8:30 AM Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. K-8—UCS  3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM - Mass  7:00-8:30 PM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (Class 3) All are invited!</p>	<p>15  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>16  St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>17 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass  7:00 PM: Maintenance Meeting</p>	<p>18 <u>NO Mass</u></p>	<p>19  2nd Collection this w/e: <i>Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal for Human Advancement</i> 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>
<p>20 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of the Giving Boxes 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. K-8—UCS 10:00 AM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (repeat of Class 3) 3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>21 <u>NO 8:00 AM Mass</u>  7:00 PM: Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM-Music Ministry Practice</p>	<p>22  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>23  At St. Mary's: 6:30 PM Confessions 7:00 PM: Thanksgiving Mass (<u>NO Exposition tonight</u>)  NO Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>24 <u>NO Mass at St. Mary's</u>  Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas  NO Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>25 <u>NO Mass</u></p>	<p>26  We begin using the New Translation of The Roman Missal this weekend 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>
<p>27 First Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Mass <u>NO Rel. Ed. Classes, Gr. 1-8</u> <u>NO Confirmation Years 1 &amp; 2</u> <i>Thanksgiving Vacation</i>  (Essay for K of C contest due today)</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM - Mass  7:00-8:30 PM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (Class 4)</p>	<p>29  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>30  St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>Dec. 1 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass  7:15 PM: Sacred Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Dec. 2 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>Dec. 3 K of C High School Essay Contest Awards (Watch the bulletin) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>

## **ADULT ED OPPORTUNITY CONTINUES:**

**Father Robert Barron created the groundbreaking CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. Classes are held be on Monday evenings beginning at 7:00 P.M. with a video of about an hour's duration followed by a discussion/conversation period of about a half hour. For folks who prefer not to come out in the evenings, there will be a second session of the same material on the following Sunday beginning at 10:00 A.M. This will also allow parents to view the video while their children attend religious education classes. All sessions are held in the Parish Hall. Dates for the remaining Fall sessions are listed below; the final five sessions will be held after the new year.**

**CLASS #3: Mon., Nov. 14 and again on Sun., Nov. 20: The Ineffable Mystery of God - That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought**

**CLASS #4: Mon., Nov. 28 and again on Sun., Dec. 4: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast - Mary, the Mother of God**

**CLASS #5: Mon., Dec. 12 postponed until after the New Year: The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure**