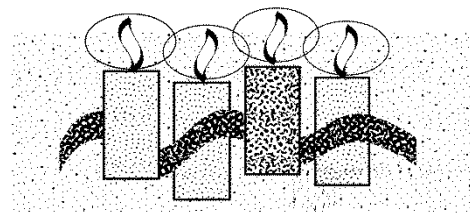


# Fourth Sunday Of Advent December 24, 2017



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## MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sun. Dec. 24	4:30	Christmas Eve	Marston and Billups Families	Keith and Lucy Marston Family
(In Parish Center)	4:30		Deceased Gagnon Families	
	7:00		Ruth Malone and Jim Wooster	
	10:00		Donald McKenzie	
Mon. Dec. 25	9:00	Christmas	Sara D. M. Wood	Her Granddaughter
	10:30		Parishioners and Benefactors	
Tues. Dec. 26		St. Stephen	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wed. Dec. 27	5:00	St. John	Rosemary Hagermann	The Kasprisin's
Thurs. Dec. 28	8:30	Holy Innocents	Richard Billups	Keith and Lucy Marston
(Country Park)	10:00		Fr. Gerald Ragis	
Fri. Dec. 29	8:30	St. Thomas Becket	Brian Benedict	Family
<b>SUNDAY MASSES</b>				
Sat. Dec. 30	4:30		Don Pierce	The Kasprisin's
Sun. Dec. 31	8:00		Helen Italiano	Dianna, Eric and Family
	9:30		James Ploof, Sr.	
	11:30		Parishioners and Benefactors	

## RELIGIOUS ED. AND YOUTH MINISTRY

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, January 7 - Family Faith Formation  
(Grades 1-6) 9:30 am
- Sunday, January 28- Class Grades 7 and 8  
6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, February 3 - Super Bowl Pre-Game Party  
5:30 - 7:30 pm (Confirmation/YM)
- Sunday, February 4 - Family Faith Formation  
(Grades 1 - 6) 9:30 am
- Sunday, February 11 - Class Grades 7 and 8  
6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Sunday, February 18 - Morning Gathering 10:30 am
- Sunday, February 18 - Confirmation Event - XLT  
at St. Jude in Hinesburg

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation toward Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up one of the special envelopes at the entrances of the church and either drop it in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the parish office.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve

- 4:30 pm in Church
- 4:30 pm in Parish Center –  
*Children's Liturgy – This Mass will be especially for families with young children. The homily will be geared for the children.*

7:00 pm and 10:00 pm

### Christmas Day

9:00 am and 10:30 am

## THE HOLY FAMILY – DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph will be celebrated on the weekend of December 30/31. We will have a Blessing of Families and will also have a blessing of the 2018 calendars which will be distributed after.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY - JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We will have Mass at 10:00 am. This is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation **this year**.

**SALVATION ARMY – THANK YOU**

A note from Kate:

Our special roast beef dinner was a big hit last night! We served over 80 meals and the folks at the Salvation Army were so grateful for such a special meal. The manager of the kitchen down there tells me that she loves it when St. John Vianney Church brings dinner because she knows it will be a wonderful meal served by wonderful people who know how things work there, so she has an easy night when we show up!

**FOOD SHELF SUNDAY - THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who donated food to our Food Shelf Sunday this past weekend. Harry and Joan brought down 363 pounds of food!

**SHUT IN'S GIFT BASKET - THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who brought the gift baskets to our shut-in's this past week. Our parishioners who cannot get to church appreciate receiving this gift and your visit. Thank you also to Mary Jane Knapp for coordinating and filling the baskets and our children was made cards and gifts.

**CALCUTTA - SAVE THE DATE**

On Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> our parish will be holding our first Calcutta event! Please save the date! Only 100 numbers will be sold. There will be more information to follow.

**VERMONT CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**

The next issue of the magazine is here! If you did not get the magazine in the mail please pick one up at the entrances of church.

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE  
FROM FATHER PAT**

My Dear Parishioners,

As I write this, it is the shortest day of the year, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the Winter Solstice. There is something about the knowledge that the amount of daylight will get longer each day here in the Northern hemisphere that lifts our spirits.

It's not surprising that one of Jesus' titles is the Light of the World. Light helps us move around without bumping into things and shows us the beauty of God's creation.

I pray that the Light of Jesus will fill your heart with joy and peace this Christmas Season. The world can sometimes be a dark place, but our Faith tells us Jesus' Light will never be diminished. Let us rejoice!

Just a reminder that Christmas Day is the beginning of a whole, wonderful, season. There are beautiful feasts for us in the days ahead: Mary, Mother of God; Holy Family; Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. Each feast celebrating the Christmas miracle from a different perspective. The Mass schedule can be found on the other page.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK  
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Dorothy Anderson, Lacey, Michael and Nathan Baer, Andrew Bolognani, Jeanne Bright, Ruth Custeau, Calista Dutcher, Steve Gannon, Brian Gloyd, Yvonne Gravelin, Janet Hale, Susan Kuhn, Carla Miller, Ed Olszewski, Corienne Pasqual, and Damien Williams.

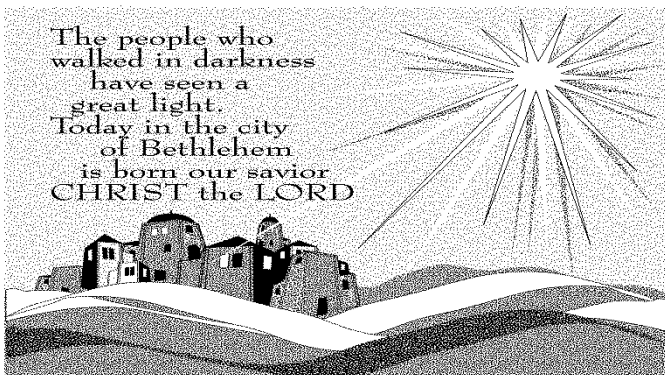
**FINANCE FOR LAST WEEK**

Collection - \$4,521.00  
Snow Removal - \$1,385.00

Attendance – 607

The second collection next week is for the Development Fund.

The second collection (Special Needs) for Christmas will be for the Development Fund to use for future large projects.



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