

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th to December 17th, 2017

Saturday, December 9th – Weekday

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN
 8:30-9:00 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints
 4:30 p.m. – Confessions at St. Isidore
 5:30 p.m. – St. Isidore – Grace Oakes by Betsy & Matthew

Sunday, December 10th – Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. – 7:59 a.m. – Confessions at Our Lady of Lourdes
 8:00 a.m. – Our Lady of Lourdes – John Chalifoux by Paulette Peters
 10:00 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints
 10:30 a.m. – AS–Dsed Members of the DiPerna Fam by Kathy & the Late David DiPerna

Monday, December 11th – Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – NO MASS

Tuesday, December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 p.m. – All Saints – NO Confessions
 6:00 p.m. – All Saints – NO MASS

Wednesday, December 13th – St. Lucy, Virgin

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration & Confessions
 6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Marty Smith by Amy Marcinko

Thursday, December 14th – St. John of the Cross, Priest&Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Conversion of Loved Ones by JAN

Friday, December 15th – Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Ken Lavalla by Theresa Poirier

Saturday, December 16th – Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN
 8:30-9:00 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints
 4:30 p.m. – Confessions at St. Isidore
 5:30 p.m. – St. Isidore – Ernest Snider by Betsy & Matthew

Sunday, December 17th – Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. – 7:59 a.m. – Confessions at Our Lady of Lourdes
 8:00 a.m. – Our Lady of Lourdes – For the People
 10:00 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints
 10:30 a.m. – AS–Joe Larose by Rosaire and Sharon Larose

Please Pray For: Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Amy Cochran, Joel Rasco, Mary Gebo, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Rose Mary Donna, Danielle Desnoyers, Charles Paquette, Lucille Brooks, Henry Ryea, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, Daniel Corey, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, Jo Dunn, Gail St. Cyr, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Nicole D. Deschênes, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Arthur Mayhew III, Jean-Guy Viens, Alice Kinney, Richard Roy, Terry Kneen, Kelly Ryan, Leonard & Sandy Embury, Leonard Stetson, Christine Snider, and all Soldiers.

To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

Collection and Receipts: December 2, 2017

All Saints	<i>Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$1,275.00</i>
Offertory	1368.00
Food Shelf	258.00
Christmas Flowers	75.00
Campaign for Human Development	5.00
Votive Candles	72.50
Christmas Bazaar	1,401.79
Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$665.00</i>
Offertory	589.00
Food Shelf	92.00
Donation	100.00
Christmas Flowers	40.00
St. Isidore	<i>Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$670.00</i>
Offertory	596.23
Food Shelf	119.65
Christmas Flowers	75.00
Donation	700.00

Second Collection:

December 10: Retirement Fund for Religious ***** **December 17:** Energy

Lector Schedule:

St. Isidore
Saturday, December 9th 5:30 p.m.
 Armand Auclair
Saturday, December 16th 5:30 p.m.
 Debbie Chauvin

Our Lady of Lourdes
Sunday, December 10th 8:00 a.m.
 Janice Godin
Sunday December 17th
8:00 a.m.
 Lisa Choquette

All Saints
Sunday, December 10th 10:30 a.m.
 Renée Patterson
Sunday, December 17th 10:30 a.m.
 Ann Lavery

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 10th: CCD for all grades at Dorion Hall @11:45 to 1pm
Sunday, December 10th: Festival of Lessons & Carols at All Saints @3pm
Sunday, December 10th: K of C Regular Meeting at Dorion Hall @7pm
Wednesday, Dec.13th: Adult Ed with Fr. Hahr at Dorion Hall @6:45pm
Friday, Dec. 15th: Rosary Cenacle at Our Lady of the Meadows @ 6:00pm
Sunday, December 17th: Nativity Play & Pizza Party at Dorion Hall following the 10:30am Mass
Sunday, December 17th: Confessions with Frs. Raj & Hahr at All Saints 12:30-2pm

Continuing Catholic Education at Home!

Our Parishes are implementing the FORMED program. Please take the time this week to visit the FORMED website.

To start enjoying your gift:

- Go to Formed.org
- Click on REGISTER and enter our parish code [Q4ZWFF] to create a personal account with your user name/email and password
- Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

If you have any problems, please call the All Saints parish office at: 848-7741

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message *(found under: WATCH)*

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds. *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message* traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world. Narrated by Jim Caviezel.

Operation Happiness: Operation Happiness' mission is to provide a holiday meal and toys to families in need. This year, NOTCH is operating Operation Happiness in Richford. Any assistance they are able to receive is greatly appreciated as this is a challenging task. Boxes for food are placed at each entrance of All Saints Church for this project. For any monetary or turkey donations, please call the rectory at 848-7741.

!THANK YOU!

All Saints Bazaar Committee would like to thank everyone who helped this year to make our bazaar a success. From vendors, crafters, bakers, donations and volunteers, we joined together as a community to realize a profit of \$1401.79 for our church. The spirit of giving for Christmas has begun. God Bless Everyone!

A Christmas present to you! Please help yourself to a free book:

Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything
(and still does)

In this book Dr. Scott Hahn brings the first Noel to new light through his thought-provoking combination of exciting story-telling and penetrating biblical insight. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child . . . their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their life in common. To see the lives of this "earthly trinity" is to catch a first glimpse of heaven. The books will be available at all the churches.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Program this year begins with Advent on Sunday, December 3rd and continues through Sunday, December 17th. Your generous gifts convey the message that "Jesus Is The Reason For This Season" to the many needy families and senior citizens in our area who appreciate the blessings sent to them during the Christmas Season. Please choose a gift tag and place your information on the tag list next to your tag number. Then return your wrapped gift and tag to the church by NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th at the latest.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

All Saints Catholic Church

Sunday, December 10th at 3:00pm

All Saints invites the whole community – you, your friends and family – to join us as we get into the Christmas Spirit with an Advent celebration of Lessons and Carols. Hear the whole blessed story of Christmas proclaimed in the word and song. Leaders from area congregations will participate in this presentation. The festival dates back to the late 19th century. Following the celebration in the church, there will be a reception in the Dorion Hall. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Refreshments will be provided.

The whole community is welcome – please share the invite!

In Preparation for the Diocesan Synod

Bishop Coyne has asked Pastors to conduct listening sessions in preparation for the Diocesan Synod. This is an important opportunity for parishioners to voice their ideas as regards to the future direction of the Catholic Church in Vermont. Fr. Hahr will present additional information before the Masses at St. Isidore, All Saints & Our Lady of Lourdes on the weekend of Dec. 2nd & 3rd; and at St. John the Baptist & St. Anthony on the weekend of Dec. 9th & 10th.

Each session will be moderated by Fr. Hahr, and parishioners will be asked to share their thoughts, in two minutes or less, on one of three questions that the Bishop has proposed. The questions are purposefully worded to focus the discussion, while at the same time allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through each individual. Please pray about the questions, and participate in the meeting. These are the three questions:

- 1. As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well?**
- 2. What are we doing that we should be doing better?**
- 3. What are we not doing that we should be doing?**

Following the listening session, a summary of each person's answer will be sent to the Bishop, for the Synod's consideration. While anyone can attend any of the meetings, Fr. Hahr wants to give each person a chance to speak at his or her own parish, therefore there will be multiple Sessions. The Listening Sessions will be:

Dec. 5th, at Our Lady of Lourdes 6-7pm

Dec. 6th, at All Saints Dorion Hall 6-7pm

Dec. 7th, at St. Isidore Hall 5:30-7pm

Dec. 12th, at St. Anthony (for St. Anthony & St Mary) 6-7pm

Dec. 14th, at St. John the Baptist Hall 6-7pm

The Jesse Tree at St. Isidore:

Jesse's Tree continues this weekend. Please consider taking a 'Star' from our Jesse's Tree to help brighten a child's Christmas. Just sign the sheet, buy the gift, wrap it and return it with the star tag on it no later than Saturday December 16th. Thank you for your generosity.

ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS – all volunteers in our parishes should have already completed the Safe and Sacred Training required by the Diocese. If you do not work with children, you can opt to decline this by filling out a declination form. There are still volunteers not on file. If you have not done so, please see Linda Olio or Kelly Lagasse asap.

Nativity Play and Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17th following the 10:30am Youth Mass, the Nativity story will be read and reenacted by our CCD students at the Dorion Hall. Christmas activities and fellowship for all! Pizza will be served. Bring a dessert to share if you are able. Everyone welcome!

December 12th: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady. Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.



December 13th: Feast of Saint Lucy

Rich, young Christian of Greek ancestry. Raised in a pious family, she vowed her life to Christ. Her Roman father died when she was young. Her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her. For three years she managed to keep the marriage on hold. To change the mother's mind about the girl's new faith, Lucy prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha, and her mother's long haemorrhagic illness was cured. Her mother agreed with Lucy's desire to live for God, and Lucy became known as a patron of those with maladies like her mother's. Her rejected pagan bridegroom, Paschasius, denounced Lucy as a Christian to the governor of Sicily. The governor sentenced her to forced prostitution, but when guards went to fetch her, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. The governor ordered her killed instead. After torture that included having her eyes torn out, she was surrounded by bundles of wood which were set afire; they went out. She prophesied against her persecutors, and was executed by being stabbed to death with a dagger. Her name is listed in the prayer "*Nobis quoque peccatoribus*" in the Canon of the Mass. Legend says her eyesight was restored before her death. This and the meaning of her name led to her connection with eyes, the blind, eye trouble, etc.