World Marriage Day, part of National Marriage Week, is one opportunity to support and promote marriage and the family (the domestic Church). The focus on building a culture of life and love begins with supporting marriage and the family. The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate World Marriage Day 2020 with Bishop Christopher Coyne on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington.

In Vermont, those celebrating milestone anniversaries each year (for example: 5, 10, 15...55 or more years) are invited to this special Mass with their families. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Catholic married couples are invited to register through the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, Marriage and Family Life at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or: vermontcatholic.org/event/world-marriage-day-anniversary-mass/ by Jan. 28.

In addition, parishes are encouraged to honor and celebrate marriage anniversaries on the following Sunday, Feb. 9, with their parish priest.

These marriages are inspirational examples for our Vermont communities and reflect the commitment of God’s divine love, demonstrating the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

“It’s not love that keeps your marriage alive. It’s marriage that keeps your love alive.”
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writing to a young bride and groom from his prison cell in Nazi Germany 1943

The marriages honored are a response to God’s call to grow together, where couples bring love to maturity and celebrate this earthly grace. We can be encouraged by witnessing the common joys of their love, their patience, kindness and forgiveness they ask and share with each other in their daily lives.

Congratulations to these couples celebrating milestone anniversaries; let their love bear witness to God’s faithful love and a little bit of heaven on Earth through their marriage covenant.

— Terri McCormack, diocesan coordinator of marriage and family life tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org

Prayer for Married Couples
Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church: Look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

01|27 MONDAY
Series on the Saints: St. Teresa, The Little Flower
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm
In the second of our Series on the Saints, Monsignor Richard Lavalley will give a presentation on St. Teresa of Lisieux, the “Little Flower.”

01|29 WEDNESDAY
St. Francis Xavier Open House
St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski
8:30 am - 1:30 pm
St. Francis Xavier offers strong academics, a vibrant community and a supportive, faith-filled environment for students. Walk-ins are welcome, but RSVPs are encouraged by calling (802) 655-2600 or emailing info@sfxvt.org. For more information: sfxvt.org.

01|30 THURSDAY
Christ the King Open House
Christ the King School, Burlington • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Teachers will be present and classrooms will be open with student work displayed. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the school, ask questions and get a feel for some of the great activities and learning opportunities that make CKS such a special place. RSVP by contacting admissions@cksvt.org or calling (802) 862-6696.

01|31 FRIDAY
Rice Prospective Parent Coffee
Rice Memorial High School, Burlington
8 am - 9:30 am
It’s never too soon to start thinking about high school. Find out more about Rice by having breakfast and chatting with the Rice Admissions team. Then drop in to live classrooms and watch our teachers in action! Space is limited. To reserve your spot, please RSVP at https://rmhsvt.schooladminonline.com/portal/public_calendars/parent_coffee

02|01 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am
First Saturday of every month, come to Our Lady of Fatima Devotions.

02|01 SATURDAY
French Canadian Dinner
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond • 5 - 7 pm
Delicious homemade cuisine: pea soup, tourtière (meat) pie, mashed potatoes, rolls, desserts, beverages.

02|02 SUNDAY
World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington • 10 - 11 am
Join us as we celebrate World Marriage Day by honoring in a special way those celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary. Mass with Bishop Christopher Coyne.

02|02 SUNDAY
Eucharistic Healing Service
Cathedral of St Joseph, Burlington • 3 - 4 pm
Eucharistic Holy Hour Healing Service with individual prayers, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everybody is invited for the Holy Hour or to be prayed over if sick.

02|03 MONDAY
Series on the Saints: Brother Dutton of Stowe
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm
In the third of our Series on the Saints, Msgr Peter Routhier will give a presentation on Brother Dutton of Stowe, Vermont, whose cause for canonization is now being considered.

02|08 SATURDAY
K of C Fundraising Dinner
Holy Cross, Colchester • 6:30 pm
Roast beef and ham dinner, door prizes and 50/50 raffle. For tickets call: (802) 862-7383.

02|11 TUESDAY
World Marriage Day
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am
Anniversary. Mass with Bishop Christopher Coyne.

02|11 TUESDAY
Holy Rosary
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am
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