Mother’s Day Prayer

Today, on the occasion of Mother’s Day, we offer these prayers for all mothers and grandmothers.

Lord God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us — the gift of life, the gift of those who love us.

We thank you today for the gift of our mothers and grandmothers.

We give thanks for our mothers and grandmothers who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love.

We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

We ask your blessing upon the mothers and grandmothers who are unable to be with us today.

May they know how much we love and care for them.

We ask your blessing this day upon all mothers and grandmothers and all women who are raising children.

Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect them, guide them and keep them in your care.

We ask all of this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Respect Life Ministry — What if Article 22 is Defeated?

If Vermont voters defeat Article 22 in November, and abortion is not “enshrined” in the Vermont Constitution, will abortion then be illegal in Vermont? NO! Vermont already has in place a law, Act 47, guaranteeing a woman’s right to abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, up to and including the day of birth. Act 47, passed in 2019 by Vermont legislators and signed into law by Gov. Phil Scott on June 10, 2019, preserves a woman’s right to abortion. Also, if Roe vs. Wade is overturned, Vermont women — and women who come to Vermont from out-of-state — will continue to have the right to seek an abortion up to and including during labor without having Article 22 in the Vermont Constitution.
**Upcoming Events**

05|10 
**TUESDAY**
Grief & Loss Support Group for Widows/Widowers  
St. Mark, Burlington - 9:45 - 11:15 am  
Please join us every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the rectory parlor, to explore supportive ways grief and loss can be the entry point of God’s healing in your life.

05|10 
**TUESDAYS**
Seminar: The Creed Professed  
via Zoom - 7 - 8:00 pm  
Seminar based on Part I of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, as part of the diocesan’s “Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life.” Sessions are bi-weekly by zoom from May 10 through November 8. Offered and coordinated by Deacon Gesualdo Schneider and Paul Turnley. REGISTER: studythecreed@gmail.com

05|14, 21, 28 
**SATURDAYS**
SoulCore  
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe - 3 - 4 pm  
SoulCore is an invitation to nourish body, mind and soul through prayer and functional movement. Workout can be modified to suit ability and comfort level; the prayers are the main focus. Freewill donation. Suggested items: mat, water, weights (optional), 1-3 lbs popular.

05|14 
**SATURDAY**
St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee BINGO  
St. Peter, Vergennes - 5 - 8 pm  
Bingo Night to benefit St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee. A family friendly event! All Cash prizes, 50/50 and refreshments sold! Doors open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. Funds benefit the ongoing efforts to improve St. Peter’s Cemetery.

05|15 
**SUNDAY**
Meat Lasagna Takeout Dinner  
St. Thomas, Underhill - 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
All meals are $15 and will consist of Meat Lasagna (with Lucy & Gloria’s famous pasta sauce!), salad, bread, and dessert. Call/email ahead to reserve tickets: 802-899-4632, office@stthomasvt.com or purchase after week-end Masses. Tickets also available at Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center or Snowflake Jerseys in Jericho.

05|18, 06|1, 15, 29 
**WEDNESDAYS**
Practicing the Presence of God  
via Zoom - 7 - 8 pm  
Practicing the Presence of God... a 6 week Diocesan wide zoom exploration of this spiritual classic by Brother Lawrence. More info: mercygrace@protonmail.com

05|21 
**SATURDAY**
Walk to Mary  
Isle La Motte - 9 am - 2 pm  
Please come celebrate our Blessed Mother on a journey of faith and fellowship! Beginning at 9 am we will walk 2.3 miles from St. Joseph, Isle La Motte, to St. Anne’s Shrine, praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet while we walk. Mass will be offered at 11 am, followed by lunch. Please bring a light lunch of your own as the dining hall will not be open yet. At 1 pm we will walk/pray the Stations of the Cross for Life. FOR MORE INFO: Janice (802) 848-3834, janicegodin@myfairpoint.net or Renee (802) 370-2231, rjpatterson1962@gmail.com.

05|21 
**SATURDAY**
Ordination Mass  
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington - 10 am  
The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to Holy Orders as Deacons Brandon Schneider and Gregory Caldwell are ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Christopher Coyne. All are invited to join us in the Cathedral for this solemn liturgy of Ordination. Both men will offer their first blessings in the church following Mass. A reception follows in the parish hall.

05|22, 23 
**SUNDAY & SUNDAY**
Spring Concert by Les Chanteurs de Lorraine  
05|22 - 6 pm • Blessed Sacrament, Stowe  
05|23 - 4 pm • Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington  
Les Chanteurs de Lorraine present “Et si on chantait,” a spring choral concert at in Stowe and in Burlington. Sandra Penner, Choir Director / Ariane Benoit Bastien, Pianist.

05|22 
**SUNDAY**
DeGoesbriand Council #279  
Vocation Pancake Breakfast  
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington - 9 - 11:30 am  
Join us for an old-fashioned all you care to eat pancake breakfast. Benefits seminarians or religious aspirants. The breakfast feast will feature all of your favorites: bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, French toast, and more. Coffee, juice, butter, and real Vermont maple syrup are included. Admission is by donation with a suggested gift of $8. Take-out containers are available. Hope to see you there!

06|19 - 24 
**SUNDAY & FRIDAY**
5 Day Directed Retreat  
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte  
The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Trained Spiritual Directors will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. The cost is $550 per person and includes private room and all meals. FOR MORE INFO: Nancy Dulude, (802) 928-3362 or ndulude@ssj.org or online at saintnesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats

07|25, 26, 27 
**MON, TUES, WED**
Quebec Pilgrimage  
Join the K of C Council #297 in St. Albans for a pilgrimage to Quebec. Stops include Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupéâu Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivières, St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal and St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle La Motte, Vermont. The cost includes all lodging, transportation and meals. FOR MORE INFO: Bill Greenwood at (802) 527-0496.

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**Family CHAMPIONS**

**MAY 8–14, 2022**

**ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.**  
Remember the adage, “Do as I say, not as I do?” If we want our children to have a relationship with God and learn the faith, we must too. Sit together during a meal and pray together before you eat. Recite a prayer together at bedtime or before you leave for the day. Share how God was present in your daily adventures. Be grateful for this time together.

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**CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE**

**MAY 8–14, 2022**

**WANTED: SPOUSES WHO PRIORITIZE THEIR MARITAL RELATIONSHIP.**

Reflect on the priorities in your marital relationship as you each consider how work, play, and talking together brings you closer in your relationship. Make a list together of your priorities as a couple. Which priority lets’ each of you know, “I enjoy being with you.”

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