

# The Inland See

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## Grace upon grace!

**G**race upon grace! I was born into a Catholic family with seven children. My family had a big rice farm with hundreds of chickens. My hometown was a small Catholic village with the population about 200 people (about 1,000 people today). Every day, after school, my friends and I spent hours playing on the rice field: soccer, flying kites, and hide and seek. Then we all jumped into the river surrounding the village to swim until we heard our mothers' voices, "Time for dinner!"

Family dinner was always my favorite time. It always began with the Lord's prayer. My mother usually made a lot of good and healthy food. Most of the food was from our garden and farm. My father loved to tell funny stories. We laughed and enjoyed the dinner.

Grace upon grace! When I grew up, there were not too many priests in my home diocese, the Diocese of Hanoi. So, one priest often had to take care of three to six parishes. My home pastor had six parishes with about 20 churches. As a result, we did not often have daily Mass. The only Sunday Mass we had was on Saturday afternoon. Thus, my faith was nurtured and practiced mostly in communal and family prayer. In my hometown, there were often three times a day the people came to church to pray together, 5 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. After dinner, my family usually went to church together, praying the rosary with others. My parents really tried their best to make our family as a "domestic church." They always showed my siblings and me a good example of being faithful Catholics. We were not allowed to go to bed without saying a prayer, giving thanks to God, and asking for His grace.



Grace upon grace! Then came the time that I needed to say goodbye to my family and friends to go to college. I went to Hanoi Law University in the biggest city in Vietnam, Hanoi. Life in college and the city was totally different from life in my hometown. Everyone was busy. There was no farm, no river, no family dinner. However, Sunday Mass, choir, catechism classes, Catholic student group, and parish summer projects at the parish near my university really helped me continue to practice and grow in faith.

Grace upon grace! After four years of practicing law, with the help of the Holy Spirit through the direction of my spiritual director, I came to recognize the call of God to the priesthood. However, at the age of 29, it was almost impossible for me to be accepted by any seminary or religious order in Vietnam because 25 was the oldest age for new seminarians.

Grace upon grace! Christmas 2016, I was asked if I wanted to go to Vermont to serve the Diocese of Burlington. I was hesitant because I did not know English or anything about Vermont. However, trusting in God, after several months of praying and preparing, in May 2017, I came to Vermont, the land of the Green Mountains, the land of snow, and the land of kind people.

Grace upon grace! After two years studying English and five years in formation at St. Meinrad Seminary, this summer I will be ordained to serve the Diocese of Burlington, my new home, as a transitional deacon.

Grace upon grace!

— *Luan Tran is a seminarian for the Diocese of Burlington and will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 1.*

### Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, May 31

Cathedral of St. Joseph

6:30 PM



### Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

Mr. Luan Tran

Saturday, June 1, 2024 • 10 AM • Cathedral of St. Joseph

# Upcoming Events



## 05|27 MONDAY Memorial Day Mass

*Holy Family Cemetery, Essex Junction • 8:30 am - 10:30 am*

Mass will be celebrated by Father Charles Ranges, S.S.E. The Post Communion Reflection will be offered by Thomas Middleton, a former Burlington Volunteer Firefighter and Medic, who served as a National Guard Combat Medic in Iraq. Scout Troop # 332 will provide the Color Guard before and after Mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide refreshments after Mass in the cemetery. All are welcome who wish to remember those who have served and are no longer with us.



## 05|31 FRIDAY Saints Shuffle 2024

*Millstone Trails in Websterville • 4 - 7:30 pm*  
Seventh annual community fun run/walk

aimed at benefiting St. Monica-St. Michael School. Participants can choose between a virtual option or join in person on a scenic trail that passes historic granite quarries at the Barre Town Forest. Race day registration will also be available. Registration is \$25 for participants aged 14 and younger and \$35 for those aged 15 and above. For more info or to register, visit the event's website at [runsignup.com/Race/VT/Websterville/SaintsShuffle](https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Websterville/SaintsShuffle) or contact [cmeyer@stmonica-stmichael.org](mailto:cmeyer@stmonica-stmichael.org).



## 05|31 FRIDAY Holy Hour for Vocations

*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 6:30 pm*  
You are invited to join seminarians and clergy

as we pray for vocations in our diocese.



## 06|01 SATURDAY First Saturday Devotions

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am*

Every first Saturday starting with Confessions and the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



## 06|01 SATURDAY Corpus Christi Parish Golf Tournament

*Save the Date*

Join Corpus Christi Parish for a day of FUNdraising for the parish. There will be a four person scramble golf tournament as well as 30+ silent auction items, food, yard games, and more! Contact Chase or Paige Lindholm at (920) 323-5551 or [clindholm@gmail.com](mailto:clindholm@gmail.com) for more information.



## 06|01 SATURDAY Transitional Diaconate Ordination

*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am*

Luan Tran is scheduled to be ordained this year to the transitional diaconate. All are welcome. The Mass will also be live-streamed to the diocesan website: [vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass](https://vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass).



## 06|04 TUESDAY Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon

*St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am*

Free meal! Come one, come all!



## 06|06 THURSDAY Spanish Mass

*St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm*

Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P. will be offering Mass

in Spanish. A meal will follow the Mass.



## 06|08 SATURDAY Blessing of the Bikes

*Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Fair Haven • 8 - 11 am*  
Mass at 8 am in memory of Father Tinney.

Blessing of the Bikes at 9 am, refreshments to follow.



## 06|09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 SUN - FRI 5-day Directed Retreat

*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte*

This 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition begins at 7 pm on Sunday, June 9 and concludes with lunch on Friday, June 14. The cost is \$550 per person which includes private room and all meals. To register: contact Joe Gallagher at (802) 928-3362 or [info@saintannesshrine.org](mailto:info@saintannesshrine.org).



## 06|13 THURSDAY Our Lady's Kitchen: A Meal with a Movie

*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph • 6 - 8 pm*

A free, hot meal for anyone in the community – followed by movie night. Dinner (pot luck!) at 6, movie at 6:30. This month we will be watching *The Chosen*, season 2, episodes 3 and 4.



## 06|14, 07|12 FRIDAYS Essex Community Dinner

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm*

These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available.



## 06|15 SATURDAY Men's "Cor" Formation

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 11:30 am*

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. Cor is Latin for Heart. Though fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's pursuit of souls, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on the third Saturday of each month. All men are welcome. Coffee and donuts provided.



## 06|20 THURSDAY BINGO

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm*

Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



## 06|21 FRIDAY Witness to Love Training

*Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 8:30 am - 2 pm*

The day will begin with welcome and refreshments at 8:30 am and should conclude at around 2 pm.

Lunch will be provided. The Co-Founders of Witness to Love, Ryan and Mary-Rose Verret, will be the presenters. Contact Deacon Armand Auclair if you do not have the Witness to Love Materials. Registration: [vermontcatholic.org/event/witness-to-love-training/](https://vermontcatholic.org/event/witness-to-love-training/)



## 07|07 SUNDAY Annual Diocesan Family Day Mass

*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12:15 - 3 pm*

The annual Diocesan Family Day Mass will be celebrated July 7 at 12:15 p.m. at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte with Burlington Bishop-elect John McDermott as celebrant. A barbecue will follow. The shrine will be providing a free-will-donation barbecue after the Family Day Mass as in the past. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic as well as lawn chairs and lawn games. RSVP by July 3 (not required, but helpful): [info@saintannesshrine.org](mailto:info@saintannesshrine.org) or (802) 928-3362.



## 07|18, 19, 20 THURS, FRI, SAT Eucharistic Convocation & Pilgrimage

Geared toward those unable to make the journey to Indianapolis, the Vermont Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Convocation will allow participants to connect "remotely" to portions of the National Congress while also enjoying local fellowship and hearing presentations from our own diocesan community. Schedule and location:

July 18: Our Lady of Fatima, Wilmington (5 to 8 pm)

July 19: Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph (5 to 8 pm)

July 20: St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte (4 to 8 pm)

Come for one or two nights or make it a local pilgrimage through the Green Mountain State and make it all three nights. Opportunities for catechetical workshops, witness talks, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, music, fellowship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Eucharistic Procession — all culminating in a festive diocesan Mass on the Shrine grounds the final night.

**FOR MORE INFO: visit the Convocation & Pilgrimage site: [vermontcatholic.org/convocation](https://vermontcatholic.org/convocation)**



## Pilgrimage to Rome

April 25 – May 5, 2025

Consider joining Fr. Matthew Rensch on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Orvieto, Cascia, and Norcia, among other sites. The pilgrimage will visit the Eucharistic Miracles and three incorrupt saints. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group. Private bus transportation, four-star hotels, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast are all included in the price.

Details here:

[www.prometours.com/fr-matthew-reusch/](https://www.prometours.com/fr-matthew-reusch/)