

NEWS FROM The Inland See

April 19–25, 2025

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Bishop's Easter Message



My dear family in Christ,

“Why do you seek the living one among the dead?” (Lk 24:5). This question posed by the angels to the women who had come to mourn at the tomb of Jesus has always struck me as something I need to ask myself on regular basis. It seems that there are times in my life of faith when I forget that the Lord is risen. I think of him as a historical figure from the past who is but a distant memory. Saint Luke offers us another reminder of this in the story on the disciples on the road to Emmaus, “How foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!” (Lk 24:25).

I sometimes forget that what we celebrate on Easter and every day since the resurrection is the fact that Jesus is alive and continues to be part of our lives. He is not just a memory, but the victorious Lord of Life who intercedes for His people redeemed by his suffering and death. The wonder of the resurrection of the Lord is meant to provide us with hope and strength throughout our lives because Jesus lives no more to die.

It is my hope that all of us experience the joy of Easter today and throughout the coming 50 days. The truth of Christ's resurrection is too important to relegate to only one day and so we should celebrate this victory with gusto for the entire season, all the way through Pentecost. Let's not be too quick to set aside Easter joy for things which are much less important.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families, as I ask your kind prayers for me and my ministry as your bishop. May the Risen Christ, our Savior and Lord, strengthen us all to remember that he is among the living, now and always.

God alone suffices!

Bishop John McDermott
Bishop of Burlington



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Upcoming Events



04|25, 05|02, 09 FRIDAYS

Alpha Film Series

St. John Vlanney, S. Burlington • 6:15 - 8:30 pm

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Guests are encouraged to participate in a small group discussion and share their views on the topic.



04|26 SATURDAY

2025 VT Spring Women's Retreat

Christ the King, Rutland • 8:30 am - 3 pm

This year's theme is: The Blessed Mother, Our Guide and Companion. The Keynote speakers will be the Marian Sisters from Lincoln, Nebraska. Pricing (lunch is included): Adults \$30, college students \$15, 18 and under are free with a paying adult. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/2025-vt-spring-womens-retreat



04|27 SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

St. Pius X, Essex Junction • 8:30 - 11 am

\$12 for 12 years old and over or \$25 per family of 4. Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council 2946 charity fund. All are invited.



04|27 SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Family, Essex Junction 2 - 4 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 2 pm, and the Chaplet (sung) and Benediction will take place at 3 pm.



05|03 SATURDAY

Pre-Cana Retreat

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph • 9 am - 4 pm

\$20 per couple. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/pre-cana-retreat-3.



05|03 SATURDAY

Knights of Columbus Bingo

All Saints, Richford • 11:30 am - 3 pm

Doors open at 11:30 am and the games begin at 1 pm. Homemade lunch, desserts & beverages will be offered. Pull tickets will be available! Proudly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #2610.



05|10 SATURDAY

Cemetery Committee Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



05|04 SUNDAY

Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 - 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Healing Service with the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and with praying over by Fr. Lance Harlow.



05|04 SUNDAY

Newly Married Couples Event

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 3 - 6 pm

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship for newly married couples. The afternoon will begin with an address from Bishop McDermott. Couples will have the opportunity to interact, sharing their experiences of married life so far. Finally, the event will conclude with an optional potluck. We are hoping to have folks bring a few dishes that are both gluten and dairy free to accommodate the needs of the community. This event is specifically for couples who have been married in the last 5 years. To register and sign up to bring a dish to the potluck, please visit this link: forms.gle/HNUtv6MCt4bAz6Bs5.



05|04 SUNDAY

St. John Henry Newman Series of Sermon Seminars

via Zoom • 7 pm

The seminars on the sermons of John Henry Newman will take place on Zoom at the indicated times and dates. The sermon will be read at the meeting; no need to prepare beforehand. Depending on the moderator, the sermon will be either interspersed with comments or read straight through with discussion to follow. The sessions will be between an hour and a half to two hours. Hope to see you there!

Fr. Henry Furman

Parochial and Plain Sermons, Volume V, Sermon 8

"The State of Innocence"

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94528155091?pwd=yYfSFkSQ1HkrQhxmChFzGBaorasxR.1>



05|09 FRIDAY

Essex Community Dinner

Holy Family, Essex Junction 8:30 - 7 pm

Intended to feed the lonely and needy among us, these meals are free to all but donations are appreciated to cover parish expenses. Take-out dinners are also available, starting at 6 pm.



05|09 FRIDAY

Joy of Marriage Date Night

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 - 8 pm

These events are for married and engaged couples, featuring fellowship and presentations. Register by emailing: aaudair@vermontcatholic.org.

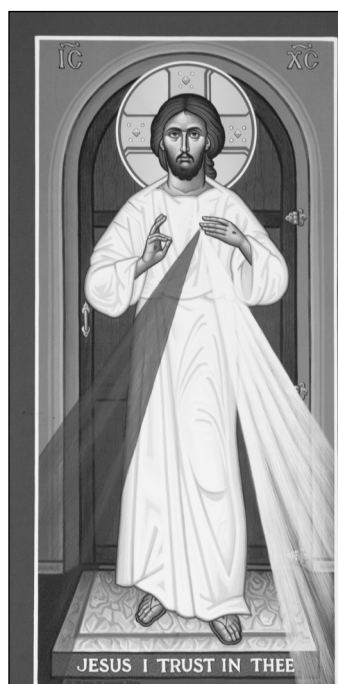


05|11 SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

\$12 adults, \$7 children 8 to 12.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 27 • 1 p.m.

St. Anthony, Burlington

Listen, He is calling you to return to Him, repent, and hear His voice, "Jesus I trust in You."

Join us for Adoration with Exposition and Benediction, Reconciliation (Confessions), silent prayer, Rosary lead by World Apostolate of Fatima VT, concluding with praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We invite Catholics and individuals who have been absent from the church and want to return to receive the Graces of His Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus is there waiting for you in the confessional.



Vermont Catholic Professionals NETWORKING EVENT



Wednesday, April 30, 2025

5:30 PM (presentation at 6 PM)

Diocese of Burlington Offices

55 Joy Drive, South Burlington

Speaker

James Watson

Solutions Architect, Honeywell

Registration

vermontcatholic.org/vcp