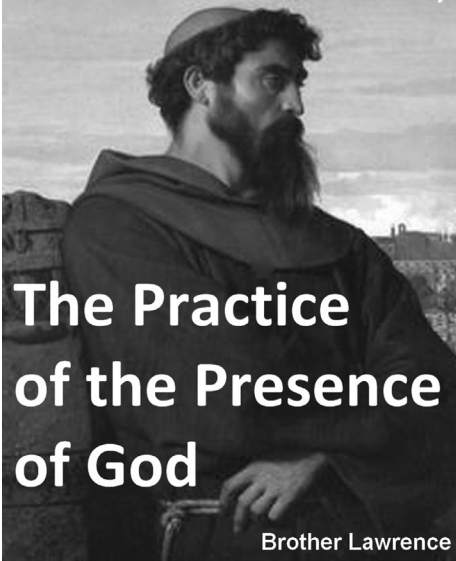




## Online Lenten Book Study

### *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence, with Deacon Phil Lawson and Father Luke Austin

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**Sessions held online via Zoom on the Tuesdays of Lent  
Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 • 7 - 8 p.m.**

Pope Leo XIV referred to this book in a December press conference, seeking to explain a bit about himself: “If you want to know something about me, read ‘The Practice of the Presence of God.’ It describes a way of prayer where one simply gives his life to the Lord and allows the Lord to lead. That has been my spirituality for many years.”

Brother Lawrence was a 17<sup>th</sup> century Discalced Carmelite. He was a lay brother, deemed not lettered enough to be a priest, assigned to work in the kitchen. Here he sought and learned to always place himself in the Presence of God. His holiness and spiritual wisdom became known and his conversations, letters, and spiritual practices (maxims) were preserved.

Countless Christians have found in this short spiritual masterpiece encouragement and practical wisdom for growing in holiness, growing in the Practice of the Presence of God in all circumstances.

To register, visit: [tinyurl.com/drwhk42](https://tinyurl.com/drwhk42) or email Deacon Phil Lawson at [plawson@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:plawson@vermontcatholic.org)

A free PDF of “The Practice of the Presence of God” is available online at: [ccel.org/ccel/l/lawrence/practice/cache/practice.pdf](https://ccel.org/ccel/l/lawrence/practice/cache/practice.pdf)



### APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *DILEXI TE* OF POPE LEO XIV ON LOVE FOR THE POOR

This Lent, Deacon Phil Lawson offers daily reflections on Dilexi Te, the Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father Leo XIV on love for the poor. Each day explores a different passage. To participate please visit <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/dilexi-te-on-love-for-the-poor/>



## This Lent, pray the Rosary with us

### for Holy Vocations and the Diocese of Burlington

Join us for a live Rosary at 7 p.m. on Sundays and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent. These Rosaries will be offered for two special intentions close to all our hearts: an increase in holy vocations and prayers for healing, wisdom, and trust in the Lord amid the bankruptcy facing the Diocese of Burlington. Priests, deacons, and others will be leading the Rosaries.

The Zoom link is: [us06web.zoom.us/j/87111038763](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87111038763)



02|19 - 04|02 SUN, TUES, THURS  
**Rosary for Vocations and the Diocese of Burlington**

via Zoom

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02|23, 24, 25 MON, TUES, WED  
**Lenten Retreat with Msgr. Lavalley**

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8:30 am

Start this important season by attending the 8:30 am Mass on these three days. Monsignor will be here to give the homilies and for personal counseling and Confession after Mass.



02|26, 03|05, 12, 19, 26 THURSDAYS  
**How to Lent with the Vermont Catholic Women's Group**

Online • 7:30 pm

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent — we just don't know how to do it. How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Join the Vermont Catholic Women's Group online as we delve into this series. Contact Carolina Chenette at (802) 393-3365 text/call.



03|03 TUESDAY  
**Newman Series on the Parochial and Plain Sermons**

via Zoom • 7 pm

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux will discuss St. John Henry Newman's sermon, "The Duty of Self Denial." The sermon can be found at: [newmanreader.org/works/parochial/volume7/sermon7](http://newmanreader.org/works/parochial/volume7/sermon7).

html. The Zoom link for this event can be found at: [vermontcatholic.org/series/newman-series-on-the-parochial-and-plain-sermons](http://vermontcatholic.org/series/newman-series-on-the-parochial-and-plain-sermons).



03|07 SATURDAY  
**Free Community Dinner**

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 pm  
Come enjoy a hot meal and fellowship!



03|07 SATURDAY  
**St. Peter's Cemetery Association 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. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



03|08 SUNDAY  
**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am

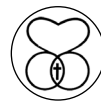
The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners, families, and neighbors to gather for a delicious morning of pancakes, community spirit, and outreach. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$6, family of four \$25. Take-out available.



3|13 FRIDAY  
**Essex Community Dinner**

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

Provided in order to grow and promote our community! They are also intended to feed the lonely and needy among us. These meals are free to all but donations are appreciated. Take-out dinners are also available, at 6 pm.



03|13, 14, 15 FRI, SAT, SUN  
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience**

While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on married life. For more information, email: [wwmevt.camp@gmail.com](mailto:wwmevt.camp@gmail.com).



03|21 SATURDAY  
**VT Men's Conference**

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph, 9 am - 2:15 pm

This year's theme is Band of Brothers and Mark Kutolowski, Founder of Metanoia of Vermont, will be the keynote speaker. Prices: \$40 for adults, \$15 for college students, and under 18 is free with a paying adult. Register at: [vermontcatholic.org/event/vt-mens-conference](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/vt-mens-conference).



03|25 WEDNESDAY  
**Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast**

Chancery Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am

Christine Werneke, President & CEO of Home Health & Hospice will present on the topic of long term care. The event begins with networking and the speaker begins at 9 am. Light breakfast foods and beverages will be provided.



03|31 TUESDAY  
**Chrism Mass**

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11 am

At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop McDermott, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Free parking is available along Elmwood Avenue and pay lots/garages are near the Cathedral. Carpooling is highly encouraged. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. Parish representatives may pick up holy oils for their parish after the Mass in the lower-level chapel.



04|11 SATURDAY  
**Youth Day Retreat 2026 — Bennington**

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington  
10 am - 4 pm

This retreat is meant for students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be opportunities for community building, fun, and spiritual growth. We invite you to register the young person in your life for the most convenient retreat near you. Registration is free. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/nNLYw31dv5tCT7GM7>.



ANNUAL VERMONT

**Catholic Men's Conference**  
**BAND OF BROTHERS**

Saturday, March 21, 2026

9 AM – 2:15 PM

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph

Register at:

**[vermontcatholic.org/men](http://vermontcatholic.org/men)**