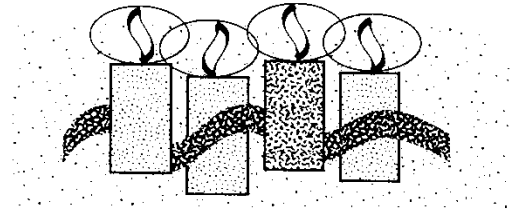


# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009



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Let the clouds rain down on the Just One!

## MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Dec. 21	8:30	Peter Canisius	Maureen Bardier	Her Husband
Tues. Dec. 22	5:00		Eleanor Penders	Don and Jeannette Pierce
Wed. Dec. 23	8:30	John of Kanty	Darcy Early	Family
Thur. Dec. 24	4:30	(Church)	Caroline Ann Picciano	Her Daughter Diana
	4:30	(Parish Ctr. Hall)	Ryan Frazier	His Wife and Family
	7:00		Amber Soutiere	Chuck & Cindy Rainville
	10:00		Parishioners and Benefactors	
Fri. Dec. 25	9:00	Nativity of the Lord	The Bourdeau, Gaulin and Lussier Families	
	10:30		Deceased Members of Doheny and Tremblay Families	

## SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Dec. 26	4:30	Stephen	Parishioners and Benefactors	
Sun. Dec. 27	8:00		Simonne Brousseau	Family
	9:30		Lucille West	Eldora Ozanne
	11:30		Oscar Sheppard	Corona Sheppard

### YOUTH MINISTRY

The **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class** meets this Sunday **December 20<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30** in the **Church Hall**. We will be attending the Parish Reconciliation Service as a class. The actual service begins at 7pm. This is a mandatory session.

The Confirmation students will be hosting a Christmas party following the Parish Nativity on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in the Parish Center Hall for food, crafts, caroling and celebration. All are welcome.

**High School Christmas Eve Mass:** Phil Soltau will be leading a **Youth Singing Group** at the Christmas Eve Mass. He is looking for students who would sing - Christmas carols before Mass and during Mass as well as the responses at Mass. The commitment would be for the Mass **12/24** at 7:00pm and two rehearsals, one on **12/20** at 4:00pm and one on **12/23** at 6:30pm. This is a great way for our students to share their gifts and talents with all of us; we just love to hear them! Call or email. We're hoping for a big group of singers.

### FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you wish to make a donation toward Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up one of the special envelopes provided for that purpose at the entrances of the church and either drop it in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the parish office.

### **STOCK DONORS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

If you plan to donate stock to the parish, please call the parish office for specific instructions **BEFORE** you take any action. If these instructions are not followed, your donation may not be accessible to the parish. Even if you have done this in the past, please call because the instructions may have changed.

### **2010 CALENDARS!**

The Catholic calendars for 2010 are available at the entrances of the church this weekend through the beginning of the New Year. Please take one and refer to it for the major feasts and observances of the year. We thank Ready Funeral Home for sponsoring our yearly calendar.

### **LOOKING TO NEW YEAR'S DAY!**

Please know that the Masses for New Year's Day will be on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm and on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 and 10:30am. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Also, it is observed as "World Day of Prayer for Peace."

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holiday.

### **FATHER HAMILTON'S ADDRESS**

For anyone wishing to send Father Hamilton a Christmas card the address is:

Fr. John Hamilton  
Kervick Residence, 131 Convent St.  
Rutland, VT 05401

### **PARISH COOKBOOKS**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a cookbook. Sales have been great! If you would like to purchase one call Cindy in the parish office at 864-4166 x201.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

#### ***"Funeral Meals Coordinator"***

We are in great need of someone to coordinate the meals after funerals from January to June. Doris Gaulin who usually does this is away in the winter. The coordinator is the contact person, does the shopping and oversees the food preparation. We have a wonderful crew to assist with cooking, set ups and cleaning. We cannot continue offering this service to bereaved families without a coordinator. Call Fr. Bernie at 864-4166 for more information.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

We strongly encourage everyone to complete their preparations for Christmas by making a good confession. Please join us for the penance service or take advantage of the extra times for confessions this week.

#### **Advent Penance Service**

**Sunday, December 20, at 7:00 pm**

**Monday, December 21: 9:00 - 10:00 am**

**Tuesday, December 22: 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, December 23: 4:30 to 5:30 pm**

### **WHAT HAPPENS AT A PENANCE SERVICE?**

Have you been reluctant to attend one of our Penance Service because you were unsure about what happens? It's not complicated; here is a general outline of the service:

#### **THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE**

##### **1. Introduction:**

Song, greeting and opening prayer

##### **2. Liturgy of the Word:**

Readings from Scripture (Bible)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Reading and Homily

##### **3. Rite of Reconciliation:**

Prayers for Forgiveness

Our Father

Closing Song

##### **4. Time for Individual Confession:**

Several priests are available for individual confession. They are located at various places in or near the church worship space; there always is privacy and confidentiality. In three places there is a screen for anonymity.

You may ask what is the benefit of such a service? A communal service expresses that reconciliation with God happens within the supportive and prayerful community of the Church. We find support in each other's presence and prayers. A service with song expresses the joy of reconciliation. It is an act of worship. Having many priests gives people an opportunity to confess to a priest other than their pastor; this makes some more comfortable. It takes about an hour.

#### **DAILY READINGS**

Dec. 21	Sg 2: 8-14	Lk 1: 39-45
Dec. 22	1 Sm 1: 24-28	Lk 1: 46-56
Dec. 23	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24	Lk 1: 57-66
Dec. 24	Is 9: 1-6	
	Ti 2: 11-14	Lk 2: 1-14
Dec. 25	Is 52: 7-10	
	Heb 1: 1-6	Jn 1: 1-18
Dec. 26	Acts 6: 8-10	Mt 10: 17-22
Dec. 27	Sir 3: 2-14	
	Col 3: 12-21	Lk 2: 41-52

#### **LAST WEEK**

Collection - \$5,151.00

Retired Religious - \$2,927.00

Attendance Last Week - 717

The second collection next week is for  
Snow Removal.

