



**Mass Intentions
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 9th ~ May 15th, 2020**

5/9 SATURDAY VIGIL:

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
Frank Gingras*

5/10 Fifth Sunday of Easter

*The People of the Parish
Mary Marguite Schnieders*

5/11 MONDAY

Edmond & Yvonne Duperre

5/12 TUESDAY

Daniel Collins

5/13 WEDNESDAY

Robert Fedus

5/14 THURSDAY

Robert McEleney

5/15 FRIDAY

Diane Bordeau

A Mother's Day Prayer

**Thinking of you on Mother's Day
and saying**

a special prayer -

That GOD,

Who knows how dear you are,

Will keep you in HIS care,

That he will bless your daily life

with Joys of every kind

With perfect health and happiness

and peace of HEART AND MIND!

Dear Parishioners,

To all mothers, happy mother's day. Beginning last week by introducing the 4 Marian Dogmas of the Church and presenting the first, Mary's Divine Motherhood, this week we move to the 2nd Marian Dogma – her Perpetual Virginity.

Far from the mere physical reality, this Dogma states that Mary was ever virgin – before, during, and after the birth of Christ, and this is a mystery of faith. While according to nature, we know this a biological impossibility (although, so is being raised from the dead), this Dogma points us towards the supernatural reality at play. Mary's perpetual virginity was not just one of her aspects among many, but rather central to her identity. All her life, Mary was free from sin – both original sin that we all inherit from Adam and Eve, and personal sin. Mary's biological and spiritual integrity were in perfect harmony with each other, unlike us who struggle with the tension between body and soul, with the reality of a darkened intellect and weakened will. Only Adam and Eve before the fall knew this personal experience of original innocence and integrity that Mary lived because like our first parents in the original state, her body perfectly expressed her spirit. From the beginning of her existence, Mary's soul was entirely dedicated to God, and so too was her body. Thus, her perpetual virginity is the physical or bodily sign of her consecration.

What about the supposed "brothers and sisters" of Jesus mentioned in scripture? Keep in mind that the Middle Eastern culture surrounding family is very different than our western culture. These terms that in the west we understand as a blood or biological relation are used much more loosely in the east, and often described relatives, cousins, and close relations. Mary only had one child, a son, Jesus of Nazareth – and his Father was not a human father, but rather God. Mary and Joseph, although married, lived their marriage steeped in the mystery of Salvation and the essential role that God willed them to play. It was not a marriage of physical intimacy, but rather one of deep spiritual intimacy that revered not only each other, but most especially the gift of God in the flesh who dwelled in their home.

As all of the Marian Dogmas refer us back to Jesus, Mary's Perpetual Virginity assures and preserves the truth of Christ's two natures – Divine and Human. In the one person of Jesus Christ, He is fully God, in that His true Father is God; and He is fully Man in that His true Mother is a woman.

Remember to pray the Rosary throughout May as a way to honor the Blessed Mother and welcome her intercession and her presence both into your homes and into your hearts. God bless you and may you have a grace-filled week.

With Mary
In Jesus,

Fr. Jon

If you wish to continue to keep up with your weekly offertory during the church closure, you can mail it to Blessed Sacrament Church, P.O. Box 27, Stowe, VT 05672

Also, you can make a one time donation or monthly offertory on E-Giving, just contact Phyllis via email (blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org) to sign up or call the parish office (messages are checked frequently). On our website (bscvt.com) you can also donate through paypal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Please check our Facebook page for updated information and resources.

Sunday Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish Center will be available at 9:30 Sunday morning. The Mass will be broadcast on youtube.com (we will send the link on Saturday morning via email) Our Pastor, Fr. Jon will be the celebrant.

Bishop Marshall School is proud to present their Annual Spring Fundraiser-

The Art of B.A.S.H. (Building a Scholastic Heritage) Due to the current pandemic we have made some adjustments to our annual spring fundraiser. This year, our auction will be held virtually!

Visit :<https://www.bjams.org/bash2020>

and Start Bidding on "An Amazing Night of Artists."

The silent online auction runs from May 8th-May 22nd. Thank you for all your support and generosity!!Here's the direct link to the art

auction<https://www.biddingforgood.com/BJAMS>

In response to Governor Scott's recent order for a phased restart of Vermont's economy that balances the need to improve overall social and economic wellbeing with the need to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 outbreaks, our church will be open for individual devotion and personal prayer only, unfortunately no sacraments are allowed at this time. Vulnerable populations should stay safe and stay home.

For the safety of everyone, the following protocols must be followed:

Do not come in if you feel sick or rundown.

Everyone must wear a mask to enter. Gloves are encouraged.

Please use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.

Only 10 people are allowed in the church at one time, appropriately spaced unless it is one family unit that may sit together (each family member in the unit is counted towards the 10 person limit).

Pews will be clearly marked for appropriate social distancing. A green dot on the index card means it has been cleaned and red means it has not yet been cleaned. Please sit in the clearly marked pew.

Upon leaving, please wipe down your area with the sanitizer and wipe located on the end of the pew and dispose of the wipe in the garbage can by the exit. Place the index card with green dot facing up at the end of the pew when finished.

If you are not comfortable cleaning your area or there are no cleaning supplies, please make sure the red dot on the index card is facing up.

Be conscious of the number of people in the Church and do not enter if there are 10.

Please be respectful of your time in prayer if there are people waiting to enter.