

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21st to March 28th, 2021

Saturday, March 20th – Lenten Weekday

- 3:00 p.m. – All Saints – Stations of the Cross for Life
- 4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

Sunday, March 21st – Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions
- 8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Maria Waibel by Johannes Waibel Family
- 10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – D'sed Members of the C.O.O.F. Court 1607 by Court 1607

Mon., March 22nd – Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. – All Saints – For The People

Tues, March 23rd – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- 5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration with Confession
- 6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Jim LaClair by The LaClair Family

Wed., March 24th – Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Anne Marie Vient by Larry Pudvah

Thurs., March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

- 5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration with Confession
- 6:00 p.m. – All Saints – David Lloyd

Friday, March 26th – Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN
- 6:30 p.m. – All Saints – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27th – Lenten Weekday

- 4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

Sunday, March 28th – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions
- 8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Michael Lavoie by Bruce & Marlene Mercy
- 10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – D'sed Members of the St. Anne's Society by Its Members

Please Pray For: Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Terry Kneen, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Joseph Adams III, Liza Farrar, Mary Parent, Jerry Tatro, Denise Brier, Scott Patterson, Jackey Garrow, Kelly Nuovo, Annie Button, Amber Kneen, Richard Ploof, Jessica Pomerleau-Honlon, Kaida, Father Jordan, a Parishioner, Betsy Snider, Peter Fournier, Tara Stubbs, Gloria Weld, Steven Tracy, Gerry Seewaldt, Alexander Walter, Geoff Jackson, Sandy Paquette, the recently deceased, and all Soldiers.

To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

Receipts: March 14, 2021

All Saints Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$1,440.00

Offertory	1,733.00
Catholic Relief Services	102.00
Food Shelf	65.00
Donations	185.00
Easter Flower Donations	20.00
Votive Candles	76.00

St. Isidore Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$705.00

Offertory	440.00
Catholic Relief Services	103.00

Thank you to all who are supporting our parishes with your monetary gifts and offerings. God bless you ever more!

Second Collection:

March 21: Energy

March 28: No Second Collection

Calendar of Events:

- ~Sunday, March 20th: Stations of the Cross for Life
- ~Wednesday, March 24th: Bible Study on St. Mark from 6-7:30pm with Armand Auclair
- ~Friday, March 26th: Stations of the Cross at St. Isidore @4pm
- ~Friday, March 26th: Rosary Cenacle at All Saints at 5:45pm Please come. Our world needs our prayers
- ~Fri., March 26th: Stations of the Cross at All Saints @6:30pm
- ~Sunday Mornings @All Saints: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Christ Our Hope Campaign

Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 02/09/2021)

All Saints – \$14,392 raised toward goal of \$77,643 ~ 19%
St. Isidore – \$11,360 raised toward goal of 40,539 ~ 28%

Thank you for supporting our bulletin:

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Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent:

St. Isidore – 4:00 pm and All Saints – 6:30 pm
St. Anthony – 7:00 pm and St. John the Baptist – 7:00 pm

Looking for someone to clean the Dorion Hall for a couple of hours a week or as needed.

Please call the office for more details or if you are interested – 848-7741

All-powerful and eternal God, for proclaiming the truth your Son, Jesus Christ, is condemned to death by crucifixion. Stir up your love in our hearts so that we might be ever faithful to all that You have told us and fear nothing more than the loss of your friendship through sin. Amen.

Annual Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 27th via Zoom. The keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW in Vietnam and a lifelong Catholic. Other speakers include Bishop Coyne and Monsignor John McDermott. Registration and more information at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men

“If men would but acknowledge My love, that which I have done for them would appear trifling to Me.” ~ Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

The Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday, March 30, at 11:00 am at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington. At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, 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. If you would like to attend this Mass with our priests, reservations are required this year because of limited capacity. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis. Reserve your seat online @ vermontcatholic.org/events. The Mass will also be live-streamed on the diocesan website and Facebook page.

Points to Consider on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines: “The National Catholic Bioethics Center recognizes an ethical hierarchy among COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccines that do not use abortion-derived cell lines in any phase of design, manufacture or testing are the best ethical choice if they are reasonably available, safe, and effective. Vaccines that do not use abortion-derived cell lines in the manufacturing process but did use them at one point in development, such as for confirmatory testing, are preferable to those that utilize abortion-derived cell lines in more than one phase of development and, in particular, in the manufacturing process. Nonetheless, for grave reasons, people could decide in good conscience to accept vaccines that use abortion-derived cell lines in their development and production to protect their own lives and health and that of others in the absence of any satisfactory alternative. The use of an ethically problematic vaccine, however, may be done only ‘under protest.’ A person who discerns in conscience that he or she can take such a vaccine has an obligation to make known his or her opposition to abortion and the use of abortion-derived cell lines. People may legitimately discern in conscience that they cannot use a vaccine with some connection to abortion and such a refusal can be a courageous witness to help build a culture of life. The Catholic Church neither requires nor forbids the use of ethically problematic vaccines, but instead urges people to discern what decision to make after having carefully formed their consciences about the moral and prudential issues surrounding the vaccines that become available.”

Currently the Moderna and Pfizer companies have the least objectionable vaccines available, as they were not grown using the abortion-derived cell lines, but they did use them for confirmatory testing. The Vatican urges everyone concerned for the sanctity of life, whether they receive a vaccine or not, to protest the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion. To make it easier to take this action, sample letters to pharmaceutical companies that are using abortion-derived cell lines to produce/test vaccines are available at: <https://www.ncbcenter.org/> or: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companie>. Such protests have recently been having a good effect; for example, one pharmaceutical company has stopped using abortion-derived cell lines to produce their shingles vaccine, while another has done the same in regards to their polio vaccine. Instead they have opted to use ethically obtained cells that have no connection to abortion. Pharmaceutical companies need to know that they will have more support when they choose ethical practices. Please take the time to contact them today!

March 25th: Feast of the Annunciation

“25th March in the year 2000, the Solemnity of the Annunciation in the Year of the Great Jubilee: on this day the eyes of the whole Church turn to Nazareth. I have longed to come back to the town of Jesus, to feel once again, in contact with this place, the presence of the woman of whom Saint Augustine wrote: ‘He chose the mother He had created; He created the mother He had chosen.’ Here it is especially easy to understand why all generations call Mary blessed ... In Nazareth, where Jesus ‘grew in wisdom and age and grace before God and men,’ I ask the Holy Family to inspire all Christians to defend the family against so many present-day threats to its nature, its stability and its mission. To the Holy Family I entrust the efforts of Christians and of all people of good will to defend life and to promote respect for the dignity of every human being. To Mary, the Theotókos, the great Mother of God, I consecrate the families of the Holy Land, the families of the world.”

~ Saint John Paul II

The Mass: It’s Not a Spectator Sport

The Liturgy of the Word follows the collect. During the first reading, the Psalm and the second reading we sit listening to those who prepared for the preaching of the Gospel, viz. the Prophets of the Old Testament and the Apostles of the New. The Gospel is the preaching of Jesus Christ Himself. Because of the great dignity of the message it deserves to be proclaimed by one who has solemnly dedicated his life to it. At his ordination he was told: *“Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.”*

Before our Lord entered into His public ministry He retreated to the desert and prepared Himself with fasting and prayer. At the Mass the one who proclaims the Gospel, whether the priest or the deacon, makes a similar journey across the sanctuary. The deacon asks a blessing of the priest, the priest of God Himself; either one humbles himself in admission of his unworthiness: *“Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim Your Holy Gospel.”* Such is the blessing for the one who proclaims the Gospel, and similarly each hearer should ask that God would cleanse his/her heart to receive that which is about to be proclaimed. At the same time they stand, praising the Lord Jesus, and after attending carefully to the Gospel, they repeat that same praise at the end of the reading: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* This is said whether the word received is easy or hard. Meanwhile the priest or deacon kisses the book at the beginning of the passage where he had signed it with the cross, he prays in a low voice: *May the words of the Gospel wipe away our sins.* He had signed the book with the cross as a reminder that Christ confirmed the truth of all He said by His death on the Cross. The people rising to hear the proclamation can also be a reminder: we remember that at the word of Christ the sick rose, picked up their beds and walked; the dead rose and were brought to life again; the Prodigal son rose and returned to his father. We also rise; receiving the word of Christ into our hearts we intend to live that word, to the glory of God.

Next comes the homily. It shouldn’t be the main focus of the Mass – what’s coming next with the Liturgy of the Eucharist should take that place, but the homily should help to point us to our Lord’s Sacrifice. St. John records in his Gospel that one day there came some Greeks, who approached the Apostle Phillip. They said to him: *“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”* This phrase has been traditionally inscribed on many pulpits throughout the world as a reminder to the one preaching that it’s Jesus that we want to see. The people who listen can help make this happen too, by reviewing the readings before Mass, and praying for the one who will preach. Each one who has come to the Mass has been summoned there by Christ. Our Lord has something to say to each individual: the preacher preaches, but it’s the Holy Spirit Who speaks His message in your ear, so, be sure to open them with prayer and preparation!

GIVE Your priest, O Lord, a mild and judicious eloquence which shall keep him from being puffed up and exalted above his brethren by reason of Thy gifts. Put into his mouth, I beseech Thee, words of consolation and edification and exhortation through Thy Holy Spirit, that he may be enabled to exhort the good to better things, and, by word and example, to recall to the straight way of Thy righteousness those who walk perversely. Let the words which Thou shalt give Thy servant, be like to sharp javelins and burning arrows that shall pierce and enkindle unto Thy fear and holy love the minds of all them that hear him. Amen.

~St. Anselm