



As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began

to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him.

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mass Intentions

Private Masses in the Church

Saturday RIP Michael Shaughnessy
March 21 By: James & Ryan Jones, Sean Doyle

Sunday RIP Esther Barry
March 22 By: Julie & Steve

Daily Masses

Monday RIP Lottie Green (death rem)
 March 23 By: Green Family

Tuesday RIP John E. Lynch Jr.
 March 24 By: Brenda Lynch

Wednesday RIP August Gaspardino
 March 25 By: his family

Thursday RIP Don Weston
 March 26 By: Paul Sackevich

Next Weekend

Saturday RIP Michael Nauceder
March 28 By: Theresa Nauceder

Sunday RIP Loretta Kelly
March 29 By: her family

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Parish Support

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of March 14, 2020 & March 15, 2020

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 988.00
Envelopes	\$ 681.00
Loose Donations	\$ 307.00
Fuel & Heat	\$ 585.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00
Votive Candles	\$ 31.25
	\$ 1664.25

Last Year's Offertory Collection
March 16, 2019 \$ 2165.50

A Directive from Bishop Christopher J. Coyne

Effective Friday, March 20, all regularly scheduled public celebrations of the Catholic Mass, sacraments and devotions are suspended until further notice. Priests of the Diocese of Burlington will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the intentions of their community and the Church. Baptisms, funerals and weddings may take place but will be strictly limited in attendance to immediate family members.

I have taken this course of action following the advice of local public officials and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to limit gatherings to 10 people. While this is a difficult time for the faithful, we must all do our part to ensure the health and well-being of the larger community by helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as necessary.

Plans are moving forward to "live-stream" a local celebration of the Mass daily beginning with this Sunday, March 22 at 10 AM. Please check the Diocesan website at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/> for all TV Mass options, resources to keep Sunday Holy and the latest updates.



All Mass Intentions will be prayed in private in the Church at this time

Pray for Healing and Comfort

Especially for: Constance Burns, Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mcarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Sharing Thoughts with Deacon John Blicharz.

Join Deacon John as he discusses Foster Parenting with Alex Stradling, Throughout the month of March. Airs Sundays at 10:00 am / Tuesdays at 8:00 pm / Saturdays at 3:00 pm on Fact 8 TV. If

you would like to do a show with Deacon John please contact him at 802-463-4206

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To keep you engaged during this difficult time please join online for any of the following free offerings from the Diocese as we continue to grow our faith from a distance. www.vermontcatholic.org/

Monday: Family Rosary – 6:00 pm

Tuesday: Parish Leaders:

How to use Zoom for online ministry 11:00 am

Catholic Book Club: Death Comes for the Archbishop, Chapter 3 at 8:00 pm

Wednesday: Unlocking and praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayer 10:00 AM

Thursday: Bible Study, The Gospel of Mark 2-4 – 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Friday: Praying the Scriptures, Following Jesus' Passion – 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Sunday: Sunday Mass, live from Burlington – 10:00 AM

Catholic Quiz Bowl (for kids) – 9:30 AM

Adoration in a Time of Coronavirus (for adults) – 9:30 AM

PLEASE follow us on facebook: Charles Church

<https://www.facebook.com/stcharleschurchbfvt>

Or our website:

stcharles.vermontcatholic.org

If you would like to get the bulletin via email, please email the parish Office at stcharlesrectory@comcast.net, and we will add you to the email list.

If anyone is in need of last sacraments, please call the parish office, anytime night or day 802-463-3128.

Until further notice **ALL CCD classes are cancelled**, please check the Diocese website for remote learning.

Online Giving is being set up on our Church website. Please continue to support our Church during this difficult time. Please go to stcharles.vermontcatholic.org

If you would like to reschedule your mass for a different time, please email the parish office at stcharlesrectory@comcast.net.

Please remember if you do wish to move your mass, that there are NO available weekend masses and that only weekday masses are available for the remainder of the 2020 year.