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Readings for the Week of April 27, 2020

- Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24 13-35
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Gn1:26-2:3; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1Pt2:20b-25; Jn10:1-10

Parish Support

Offering by Mail \$ 799.00
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Last Year's Offertory Collection

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.

Wednesday, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Church Doctor, April 29:

Prayer for Priests by St. Catherine of Siena: I beseech You, direct the hearts and wills of the servants of Your Bride, the Holy Church, unto Yourself so that they may follow the poor, bleeding, humble, and gentle Lamb of God on the way of the Cross. Make them angels in the shape of men; for after all, they have to administer and distribute the Body and Blood of Your Only Begotten Son! Amen.

Friday, St. Joseph the Worker—May 1:

“Faith, humility, purity, and love” these were the keynotes of his [St. Joseph’s] adoration. No saint ever vibrated with a more ardent faith or bowed down in deeper humility; no angel ever glistened with brighter purity; and as for his love, neither saint nor angel ever has or ever will come within range of his burning charity which expressed itself so fully in devotedness. (St. Peter Julian Eymard). *St. Joseph, pray for us!*

downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but did not find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday RIP John Westfall
April 25 By: Jane Westfall

Sunday RIP Moe Kelly
April 26 By: Brian Kelly

Daily Masses

Monday RIP Michael Shaughnessy
April 27 By: James & Ryan Jones, Sean Doyle

Tuesday St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
April 28

Wednesday St. Catherine of Siena
April 29

Thursday St. Pius V, Pope
April 30

Friday St. Joseph the Worker
May 1

Weekend

Saturday RIP Anthony Jurkoic (death rem.)
May 2 By: his family & friends

Sunday RIP Hans Weltz
May 3 By: Phyllis

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F ke, Lois
V Bashaw,
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N 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 Elysse 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.**

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Or our website:
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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. All offerings can be mailed to St Charles Church, 31 Cherry Hill Street, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

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.

Guidelines and Safety measures from the CDC, about the COVID-19 Virus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Please note:

Regular online and phone office hours are open from Monday - Thursday from 11:00-4:00 PM to answer the phones and receive emails. Please dial 802-463-3128 for emergencies.

Third Sunday of Easter

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word - what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

USCCB Prayer for healing and protection from COVID-19

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.