

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

*Mark 1:40-45*

**Mass Intentions**

**This Weekend**

<b>Saturday</b>	INT	All Affected by Pandemic
<b>February 13</b>	4.00 PM	By: a parishioner
<b>Sunday</b>	RIP	John E. Lynch Sr.
<b>February 14</b>	10.00 AM	By: Brenda Lynch

**Daily Masses**

Monday	INT	Fred Waryas
February 15	9:00 AM	By: Friends of St. Charles
Tuesday	RIP	Francis Coyne
February 16	9:00 AM	By: Friends of St. Charles
Ash Wednesday	INT	Dan Green
February 17	9:00 AM	By: his friends
Thursday	RIP	Paul Brodeur
February 18	9:00 AM	By: Karen Brodeur
Friday	Stations of the Cross	
February 19	5:00 PM	

**Next Weekend**

<b>Saturday</b>	RIP	Fr. Al Dagnoli
<b>February 20</b>	4.00 PM	By: Friends of St Charles
<b>Sunday</b>	RIP	Ted Drazuk
<b>February 21</b>	10.00 AM	By: Peggy Dougall

**Blessed Holy Ashes** will be distributed on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> at Mass. Fr. Maria will be placing ashes on the foreheads of parishioners who would like this done. Otherwise, we have bagged up individual Blessed Holy Ashes for you to take home, these can be picked up after Mass.

**Readings for the Week of February 15, 2021.**

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:12, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/  
 Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2/  
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32  
**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**Parish Support**

**Weekend of February 6, 2021 & February 7, 2021**

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1792.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 711.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 1081.00
<i>Online Donations</i>	\$ 60.00
<i>Easter Flowers</i>	\$ 140.00
<i>Fuel &amp; Heat</i>	\$ 402.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 25.50
	<b>\$ 2419.50</b>

**Last Year's Offertory Collection  
 February 9, 2020 \$ 1376.00**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- **Wear a mask in Mass, must cover your nose and mouth.**
- **Sanitize your hands upon entry.**
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of **6 feet or more** unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.
- Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.

For more details about church protocols visit: [vermontcatholic.org/covid-19](http://vermontcatholic.org/covid-19). ***Bishop Coyne***

**St. Charles is open for daily and weekend mass.**  
**Mass schedule is as follows during this time:**  
**Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM**  
**Saturdays 4:00 PM / Sundays 10:00 AM**  
**Confessions are at 3:00 on Saturday**



**Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection**

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. Donations can be made through our website <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/> or by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

*Pray for Healing and Comfort* Especially for: Dan Green, Deb Etheridge, Ron Etheridge, Jeff Michaud, Frances Vaine, Richard Whitcomb, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Theresa Naudeder, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr., Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, 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 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.**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community. In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing. (Copyright © 2021 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))



**Christ our Hope Campaign**

Have you been thinking about a gift or pledge to the *Christ Our Hope* campaign? There is still time to join thousands across the Diocese who already have made donations. The *Christ Our Hope* campaign is focused on building vibrant parishes, and we pray that our projects will strengthen us for the future. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to [christourhopevt.org/donate](http://christourhopevt.org/donate) to make a gift. As of 2/9/21 we are at \$8389.00 which is 8% of our goal.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Our Goal for this year's appeal is \$21,263.00 as of 2/9/21 we are at **\$9815** which is **46%** of our goal. If you would like to make a pledge please go to <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal/give-online/annual-appeal-pledge-2/>



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**Knights of Columbus #753**

With the colder weather upon us, the Knights of Columbus have become aware of children in need of coats, gloves, and hats. If you are interested in making a donation to help this worthy cause, donations are being accepted. Please help us "Leave No Neighbor Behind" by sending a donation to: The Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 335, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101. Thank you

**Notice:** St Charles cares about our Parishioners safety, we continue our stringent cleaning after every Mass. We would like to re-assure our parishioners that we are taking every measure possible in continuing to keep our Church clean and disinfected. Please remember that properly wearing masks, hand washing/sanitizing, and social distancing are our best defense against the virus.

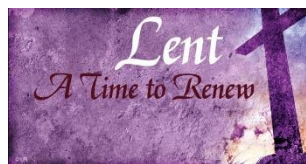


**Please take note:**

The Office will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Holiday.

Betsy will be on vacation that week as well (2/16 – 2/18), so the office will be closed. The office will re-open on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Lent: The Work of Renewing Our Baptism.**



**February 15, 2021 7PM-8PM**

Join Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship, as he unpacks the season of Lent with his virtual (ZOOM) presentation. Learn how

Lent came to be a time of intense preparation for those being initiated into the church as well as a time of spiritual renewal for the faithful. We'll look at Lent as a way of reconnecting to our baptism and consider the relationship between Lent and Easter. We'll conclude by exploring how some of the familiar sights, smells, and sounds of Lent help us do the hard work of baptismal renewal. Register online at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/len-the-work-of-renewing-our-baptism/>