

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have

eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

John 3:14-21

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday RIP Thomas F. O’Connor
March 13 4.00 PM By: Bill & Marlene O’Connor

Sunday RIP Michael Shaughnessy
March 14 10.00 AM By: Sean Doyle, James & Ryan Jones

Daily Masses

Monday RIP Jean Ashcroft
 March 15 9:00 AM By: friends of St. Charles

Tuesday RIP Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hadley
 March 16 9:00 AM By: friends of St. Charles

Wednesday RIP Jane Purdy
 March 17 9:00 AM By: friends of St. Charles

Thursday RIP Charlotte Scanlon
 March 18 9:00 AM By: her 6 sisters

Friday
 March 19 5:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Next Weekend

Saturday RIP Zach Clouser
March 20 4.00 PM By: Paul & Betsy Mercier

Sunday RIP Constance Brodeur
March 21 10.00 AM By: Karen Brodeur



Don’t Forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour at midnight on Saturday, March 13th!
Daylight Savings starts on Sunday March 14th

.Readings for the Week of March 15, 2021.

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
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 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Parish Support

Weekend of March 6, 2021 & March 7, 2021

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 2159.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 1096.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 1063.00
<i>Online Donation</i>	\$ 60.00
<i>Easter Flowers</i>	\$ 20.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 47.00
	\$ 2286.00

**Last Year’s Offertory Collection
 March 8, 2020 \$ 1781.25**

GUIDELINES FOR LENT

- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, “sufficient to maintain strength”, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.
- Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The substantial observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.
- Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.
- Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

Please be aware that due to the Covid-19 pandemic there may be changes to the manner in which Holy Week and the Triduum are celebrated.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, in St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington. The Mass will begin at 11:00 A.M.



Pray for Healing and Comfort Especially for: Dan Green, Deb Etheridge, Ron Etheridge, Margaret Nowers, Frances Vaine, Richard Whitcomb, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blucharz, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Theresa Nauceader, 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.**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection. The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. (Copyright 2021 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. 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 to make a gift. As of 1/22/21 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 1/22/21 we are at **\$9295.00** which is **44%** 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/>

Please select St. Charles Parish



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.

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:

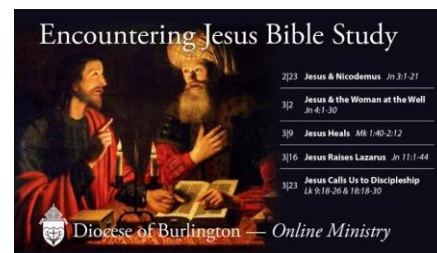
- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- **Wear a mask in Mass, must cover your nose and mouth.**
- **Sanitize your hands upon entry.**
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of **6 feet or more** unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight 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. **Bishop Coyne**

St. Charles is open for daily and weekend mass.

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM

Saturdays 4:00 PM / Sundays 10:00 AM

Confessions Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM



Encountering Jesus Bible Study Every Tuesday starting on February 23rd.

Each week will focus on a different encounter with Jesus

as described in the Gospels which in the words of Pope Francis, “changes our lives...and fills us with joy.”

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82819809537>

Hosted by Deacon Phil Lawson



Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time *1 Peter 5:6*