



Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up^{al} from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. *John 12:20-33*

Mass Intentions

This 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

Daily Masses

Monday	RIP	Madeleine Salmon
March 22	9:00 AM	By: Leo & Barbara Howell
Tuesday	RIP	Lottie Green
March 23	9:00 AM	By: Green family
Wednesday	INT	Margaret Nowers (healing)
March 24	9:00 AM	By: friends of St. Charles
Thursday	RIP	Carole Zinter (death rem)
March 25	9:00 AM	By: Friends of St. Charles
Friday		
March 26	5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Next Weekend

Saturday	RIP	Loretta Kelly
March 27	4:00 PM	By: her family
Palm Sunday	RIP	Carole Zinter
March 28	10:00 AM	By: Paul & Betsy Mercier

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2021.

- Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:49/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/(Ps)Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/(Ps)Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 2:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1 – 15:47 or 15:1-39

Parish Support

Weekend of March 13, 2021 & March 14, 2021

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1556.00
Envelopes	\$ 526.00
Loose Donations	\$ 1030.00
Fuel & Heat	\$ 300.00
Online Donation	\$ 280.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 120.00
Votive Candles	\$ 35.25
	\$ 2291.25

Last Year's Offertory Collection
March 15, 2020 \$ 1664.25

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 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.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another. The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him. In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world. (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

We Believe in Keeping You Safe

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

Catholic Relief Services



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies

to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

