



Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. “Are you

the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “You have said so,” Jesus replied. The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.” But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed. Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them. “Crucify him!” they shouted. “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Mark 15:1-15

Mass Intentions

This 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

Daily Masses

Monday	RIP	Julia Proscia
March 29	9:00 AM	By: Stephen Varone
Tuesday	RIP	Beatrice Reed Short
March 30	9:00 AM	By: BFHS c/o 1950
Wednesday	RIP	Joan Johnson
March 31	9:00 AM	By: her family
Holy Thursday	RIP	Donat Perrault
April 1	6:00 PM	By: Marie Perrault
Good Friday	3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
April 2	6:00 PM	Veneration of the Cross

Next Weekend

Holy Saturday	RIP	Dermot Daley
April 3	7:30 PM	By: his family
Easter Sunday	RIP	Virginia Howell
April 4	10:00 AM	By: Leo & Barbara Howell

Readings for the Week of March 29, 2021.

- Palm 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
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
- Friday:** Is 52:13 – 53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1 – 19:42
- Saturday:** Gn 1:1 – 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22/Ex 14:15 – 15:1/(Ps)Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 55:1-11/(Ps)Is 12:2-6/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
- Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Parish Support

Weekend of March 20, 2021 & March 21, 2021

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 918.00
Envelopes	\$ 622.00
Loose Donations	\$ 296.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00
Votive Candles	\$ 31.00
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Catholic Relief Services \$ 233.00

Last Year's Offertory Collection
March 22, 2020 \$ 5.00

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.

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.**

Palm Sunday

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death. When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. The messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood. In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark’s account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus’ death. In Mark’s telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God’s will. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross. During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus’ passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God’s Son. (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/>

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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



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.