



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know

where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) *John 20:1-9*

**Mass Intentions**

**This Weekend**

<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>April 3</b>	RIP 7:30 PM	Dermot Daley By: his family
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>April 4</b>	RIP 10.00 AM	Virginia Howell By: Leo & Barbara Howell

**Daily Masses**

Monday  
April 5

Tuesday  
April 6

Wednesday  
April 7      **No Masses this week**

Thursday  
April 8

Friday  
April 9

**Next Weekend**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 10</b>	RIP 4:00 PM	Larry Weidler By: Edith & family
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 11</b>	RIP 10.00 AM	Moe Kelly By: his family

**Readings for the Week of April 5, 2021.**

**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

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-23/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31

***Parish Support***

**Weekend of March 27, 2021 & March 28, 2021**

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1105.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 801.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 304.00
<i>Online Donations</i>	\$ 100.00
<i>Easter Flowers</i>	\$ 190.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 26.50
	\$ 1421.50

<b>Last Year's Offertory Collection</b> <b>March 29, 2020 \$ 539.00</b>
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***Easter Message from Fr. Maria***

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15:57).  
He is Risen Alleluia!

Many centuries ago, St. Augustine of Hippo proclaimed: "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" That is a song worth discovering and singing, even on these challenging days. We read in John's Gospel that Mary encounters Jesus outside the tomb after Peter and John had hurried off, and she, in turn, runs to tell the disciples: "*I have seen the Lord!*" Mary was not only the first disciple to see the risen Lord, but she was a missionary disciple who goes forth with a message of hope and joy!

When the new Paschal Candle is lighted and brought into the darkened church; we see hope and meaning for our faith journey. The simple light is held high and shines brightly in the darkness as a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world. The congregation lights their small candles from the Easter Candle. The church becomes radiant, and there is a sign of hope coming from each of us holding our lighted candles. This is a sign of what we are called to do as we move forward through this pandemic. This Easter, there are signs of hope and resurrection around us. Our Easter faith gives us a lifelong mission- to proclaim to all people that death does not have the last word. Because Jesus lives, we can confidently face every tomorrow with the promise of eternity is our true hope.

May this Easter bring you blessings of love, joy, peace, and hope. May it linger in your heart forever.  
Happy Easter!      *Fr. Maria Lazar*



*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.**

**Easter Sunday**

Today we begin the Easter Season Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. (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 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](http://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**

*It's a Girl*

**Congratulations** to Trevor, Ashley, and Big Sister Caitlyn McCants, who have welcomed into their family a new baby girl! **Claire Elise McCants** was born on Saturday 3/27/21! Best

Wishes and many blessings from all of us here at St. Charles

