

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and

I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” *John 10:11-18*

**Mass Intentions**

**This Weekend**

<b>Saturday</b>	RIP	Robert Fowler
<b>April 24</b>	4:00 PM	By: His family
<b>Sunday</b>	RIP	John Westfall
<b>April 25</b>	10:00 AM	By: Jane Westfall

**Daily Masses**

Monday	INT	Those on Prayer list
April 26	9:00 AM	By: friends of St. Charles
Tuesday	RIP	Rita Bruce
April 27	9:00 AM	By: Friends of St. Charles
Wednesday	No Mass	
April 28		
Thursday	No Mass	
April 29		
Friday	No Mass	
April 30		

**Next Weekend**

<b>Saturday</b>	RIP	Rita & Joseph Nowotny
<b>May 1</b>	4:00 PM	By: Sharon & Jim Williams
<b>Sunday</b>	RIP	Anthony Jurkoic (death rem)
<b>May 2</b>	10:00 AM	By: Green family

**Readings for the Week of April 26, 2021.**

- Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/  
Jn 10:11-18
- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26 /Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 – 13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2—3,, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11b/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/  
Jn 15:1-8

***Parish Support***

**Weekend of April 17, 2021 & April 18, 2021**

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1184.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 917.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 267.00
<b>Votive Candles</b>	\$ 29.50
	<b>\$ 1213.50</b>

**Last Year's Offertory Collection  
April 19, 2020 \$ 799.00**

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.**

**Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM**

**Saturdays 4:00 PM / Sundays 10:00 AM**

**Confessions Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM**

**THANK YOU**

A Special Thank you to everyone for celebrating my 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, thank you for the award, and for the the prayers, love, and support, over the years!

*Fr. Maria*

Please pray for our Confirmandi, who will be confirmed on May 2, 2021 at St. Michael Church in Brattleboro, VT, at 1:00 pm

Gwendalyn Guild, Anthony Marquise, and Addison Terry.

Congratulations and Blessing to each of you!



*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 Nauceider, 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 Easter**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This chapter of John’s Gospel follows Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus’ authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd’s job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires. (Copyright 2021 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))



**Christ our Hope Campaign**

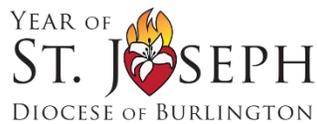
Have you been thinking about a gift or pledge to the *Christ Our Hope* campaign? There is still time to join thousands across the Diocese who already have made donations. The *Christ Our Hope* campaign is focused on building vibrant parishes, and we pray that our projects will strengthen us for the future. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to [christourhopevt.org/donate](http://christourhopevt.org/donate) to make a gift. As of 3/31/21 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 3/31/21 we are at **\$9955.00** which is **47%** 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**



**St. Joseph the Provider, Feed the Hungry**

“On Dec. 8, 2020 Pope Francis declared a “Year of St. Joseph” to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named patron of the Universal Church. The year began that day and will end this year on Dec. 8, 2021. Love and devotion to St. Joseph are particularly close to us here in the Diocese of Burlington as our cathedral is named for him and places us under his protection. There is much to consider and ponder concerning St. Joseph and his importance to the Church. Much will be offered for our devotion to him during this patronal year St. Joseph, patron of the Church, pray for us.” – Bishop Christopher Coyne For more information please go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/year-of-st-joseph/feed-the-hungry/>

**Walk to Mary, May 22, 2021 / 9:00 am**

Celebrate our Blessed Mother on a journey of faith and fellowship! On May 22, 2021, we will be make a 2.3 mile walk from St Joseph’s Church, 23 St Joseph Lane, Isle La Motte, to St Anne’s Shrine starting at 9 a.m. We will be praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet while we walk for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Mass will be at 11 a.m. at St Anne’s Shrine After mass, we will have lunch. Please bring a light lunch of your own. Stations of the Cross for Life. Closing prayers will be at 3 p.m. in the Lady of Lourdes area at the Shrine. Please follow any Vermont COVID guidelines with masks and social distancing. Please contact Janice at 802-848-3834 or [janicegodin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janicegodin@myfairpoint.net) or Renee at 802-370-2231 or [rjpatterson1962@gmail.com](mailto:rjpatterson1962@gmail.com) with any questions.



Please pray for the soul of Alberta Rogenski who has passed, she was laid to rest on April 12, 2021. May she rest in the peace of Christ’s love

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

