

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 28, 2021

Saturday, March 27th

8:30 am - St. John – *in pectore*
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm - St. John – For the soul of Esmeralda Vasquez by Isabel

Sunday, March 28th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:00 am - St. John – Richard Wilkins by James & Lisa Warren
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – *in pectore*
 11:30am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the People
 12:30pm - Queen of Peace – Fr. H will hear Confessions following Mass
 3:00pm - 4:00pm – Confessions at St. John's (Fr. Hahr +visiting Priest)
 3:00pm - 4:00pm – Confessions at St. Elizabeth's (Fr. Miller +visiting Priest)

Monday, March 29th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Frenchie Guyer by Dan Bell

Tuesday, March 30th

8:30 am - St. John – **NO MASS**
 Chrism Mass at 11am, St. Joseph in Burlington. Register online at vermontcatholic.org

Wednesday, March 31st Spy Wednesday

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15 pm - St. John – August Krieg
 5:45pm - 7:00pm – St. John -- Confessions

Thursday, April 1st Holy Thursday

8:30 am - St. John – **NO MASS**
 7:00pm - St. John – Mass for those devoted to our Lord in the Holy Eucharist
 8:00pm - St. John – Adoration in St. John's Church Hall till Midnight;
 (Fr. Hahr will be available to hear Confessions in the Hall Kitchen)

Friday, April 2nd Good Friday

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – **NO MASS**
 12pm - 3pm - St. John – Three Hours' Agony Devotion
 3:30pm - St. John – Good Friday Service / Confessions following the Service

Saturday, April 3rd Holy Saturday

8:30 am - St. John – **NO MASS**
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – **NO** Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm - St. John – **NO MASS**
 8:00 pm - St. John – Easter Vigil – For those entering the Church at Easter

Sunday, April 4th Easter Sunday

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:00 am - St. John – Harvey Sluben by Lydia Harvey
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Deacons: Alfred Toborg, Bernier Mayo
 & Raymond Desilets by Linda Toborg
 11:30am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the People
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed
 Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of your prayers, especially:
 Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis,
 Randy Thomas, Dick & Anita Bedor, Sue Maurice, Karson St. Marie

4/4/21	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm 8am	9:35am	11:30am

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PARISH EVENTS

March 28th: 6-7:30pm Confirmation Class at the FLC

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$90,807.68 + On-Line: \$57,921.59
 Collections & Receipts: March 14, 2021 Reg .Offeratory:\$4598.56

Second Collections

March 28th: NO Second Collection
 April 2nd: Good Friday Holy Land Collection
 April 4th: No Second Collection

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly donations.
 Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

Each of our churches are involved in local efforts to feed the hungry in our area. We're always looking for "boots on the ground" who are willing to help with these projects. Right now at St. Elizabeth's we're in need of two more volunteers. If you're able to help, please call either Lawrie Easterbrooks at 751-5255 or Sandy Amadon at 274-5285, or if you would like more information about help needed at one of the other churches, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Similar to the traditional football pool, where you buy a square for a chance to win cash, Good Shepherd is having an *Easter Pool*. You choose your square and have a chance to win up to \$1,000 if your square is one of the lucky ones. The squares are \$20 each, and the drawing will be held on Easter Monday, April 5th. The squares are identified by a grade and a Saint. For example: St. Paul's column, 3rd grade row. You can view the live grid on the school website (goodshepherdschoolvt.org). On April 5th we'll draw four winning squares; the prizes are: 1st place - \$1,000, 2nd place - \$250, 3rd place - \$100, and 4th place - \$20. Should we not sell all of the squares, the prize money will be given out based on the percentage of squares sold. You can call the school to reserve your squares. Payment may be in the form of cash, check or Paypal. Thank you for your help in supporting our school!

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 28th:

Confessions: Following the 11:30am Mass at Queen of Peace
 3-4pm St. John's (2 Priests)
 3-4pm St. Elizabeth's (2 Priests)

Wednesday March 31st:

Confessions at St. John's: 4-5pm AND 5:45-7pm

Thursday April 1st:

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. John's
 8pm Adoration with Confessions in Church Hall till Midnight

Friday April 2nd:

12-3pm Three Hours' Devotion at St. John's
 3:30pm Good Friday service at St. John's
 Confessions available following Good Friday service

Saturday April 3rd: (Please Note: There's no 4pm Mass Today)

8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday April 4th: Easter Sunday (regular Sunday schedule)

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The Creed: I Believe in God

After the Homily we stand to recite the Creed. The Creed “is our Profession of Faith in the doctrine preached by Jesus Christ, and is a fitting conclusion of the first part of the Mass. The Gospel of Jesus has transformed the world ... but the spirit of Christ and the spirit of the world are always diametrically opposed to each other.” Satan is always attacking the spirit and doctrine of Christ; where Christ has built up, the devil seeks to tear down, or at least sully with his filth. “Nevertheless, as Christ has foretold, the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church. Heresies and heretics are always vanquished, and upon their tombs the Catholic Church chants her joyous and triumphant *Credo*.”

St. Patrick, in his fight against paganism, put on his Catholic Faith like so much armor, as he describes in his famous prayer: *I arise today / Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, / Through belief in the Threeness, / Through confession of the Oneness / of the Creator of creation.* Do not underestimate the power of the Creed, or even in its first few words, viz. *I believe in God ...* These are words of power, and mark us as servants of the good God.

At the center of the Creed we remember the great mystery of the Incarnation, when God became man. He humbled Himself, and so we humbly bow with gratitude for the gift of His friendship and help. Again, from *The Breastplate of St. Patrick: I arise today / Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism, / Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, / Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension, / Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.* “At times it’s difficult to be a Christian. Our Faith may cause us suffering, even persecution. But, we must never be ashamed of it; we must be ready, if need be, to defend it, even with our lives.” And if we’re suffering for the Lord, He’ll also give us the help we need.

We ask for His help in the prayers of intercession that follow the Creed. These are meant to be general prayers of intercession for the Church, for the peoples of the world, for the local community, those who have died, and the hidden intentions of individual hearts. Don’t be afraid to ask big – God is generous and all-powerful; He will give us the help we need, if it will lead to our ultimate happiness in Heaven.



WHAT IS THE THREE HOURS' AGONY?

The Three Hours' Agony is a devotion intended to commemorate the three hours our Blessed Lord suffered on the Cross, by meditating on the Seven Last Words of our Lord. It is a traditional devotion practiced on Good Friday beginning at Noon and continuing till 3pm. It's proper for one to keep the grand silence during this time,

and remain recollected on Christ's Passion, and the Three Hours' devotion helps to do this. Three hours may seem like a long time to be in the church praying, but those who try it find that the time passes quickly. If you can't come for the whole three hours, don't be afraid to come for some of it, as the devotion strictly follows the time stamps found in the book – if you know what time it is you will easily be able to find your place in the book. Fr. Hahr will be leading the devotion beginning at Noon at St. John's. Those not able to join us at the church may pray along with the recording from last year which can be found on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJmYpoLnsQ> or by doing a YouTube search for “three hours' agony kahr”.

Holy Thursday and God's Gifts of Love

Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them unto the end. (Jn xiii. 1). How good is the Lord Jesus! How loving! Not satisfied with having become our Brother by His Incarnation and our Savior by His Passion, not satisfied with having delivered Himself up for us, He wants to strain His love to the point of making Himself our Sacrament of life! With what joy He prepared this great and supreme gift of His love! With what happiness He instituted the Eucharist and bequeathed it to us as His last will! Let us observe this Divine wisdom at work preparing the Eucharist. Let us adore His power, exhausting itself in this act of love.

Jesus revealed the Eucharist long beforehand. He was born at Bethlehem, the house of bread, *domus panis*. He lay on the straw which then seemed to bear an ear of the true wheat. At Cana and in the desert, when He multiplied the loaves, He revealed the Eucharist and also promised it. It was a public and formal promise. He promised with an oath that He would give us His flesh to eat and His blood to drink. That was the remote preparation.

The time had come for the more immediate preparation of the Eucharist. Jesus wanted to see to these preparations Himself. Love does not unburden itself of its obligations on others. Love does everything itself. That is its boast. Jesus selected the city: Jerusalem, the city of the sacrifices of the Old Law. He selected the house: the Cenacle. He chose His attendants in this undertaking: Peter and John, Peter, the disciple of faith, and John, the disciple of love. He appointed the time: the last hour of His life He could freely dispose of. Finally, He came from Bethany to the Cenacle; He was full of joy; He quickened His step; He could not get there soon enough. Love welcomes sacrifice.

The time for the institution of the august Sacrament had come. What a moment! The hour of love had struck. The Mosaic Pasch was about to be consummated, the true Lamb to take the place of its figure in the Old Law, and the Bread of life, the Bread from heaven, to be substituted to the manna of the wilderness. Jesus sat down at table with a grave simplicity. They had to eat the new Pasch sitting down, in the repose of God. A deep silence came over them all; the Apostles looked on very attentively. Jesus became meditative. He took some bread in His holy and venerable hands, raised His eyes to Heaven, gave thanks to His Father for this hour He had so desired, stretched out His hand, blessed the bread ... And while the Apostles, filled with respect, dared not ask the meaning of symbols so mysterious, Jesus pronounced these beautiful words, as powerful as the creative word of God: *Take ye and eat. This is My Body ... Drink ye all of This. This is My Blood.* The mystery of love was consummated. Jesus had fulfilled His promise. He had nothing more to give but His mortal life upon the Cross. He would give it and would rise again to be our perpetual Host of propitiation, the Host of our Communion, the Host of our adoration. Heaven was enraptured at the sight of this mystery. The Most Holy Trinity contemplated it with: love. The Angels, struck with awe, adored it. And with what a frantic rage were not the demons seized in Hell!

Yes, Lord Jesus, all is consummated! You have now nothing more to give man to prove him Your love. You may die now; You will not leave us, even by dying. Your love is perpetuated on earth. Go back to the Heaven of Your glory; the Eucharist will be the Heaven of Your love. ... Heavenly Father, You will always love men; they possess Jesus Christ forever! You will not lay waste the earth anymore with storms and floods, the Eucharist is our rainbow. You will love men since Your Son Jesus Christ loves them so much!