MARCH 16, 2024 - MARCH 24, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

<u>Saturday: March</u> 16, 2024

Jeremiah 31:31-44; Hebrews 5:7-9;
John 12:20-33

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Arthur, Sr. & † Mary Leontine Belisle and for the Intentions of the Vocationist Fathers

<u>Sunday: March 17, 2024</u> Jeremiah 31:31-44; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

8:30 am St. Edward † Bernadette Nadeau

9:30 am St. Mary: † Ben Leblond, † Leo & † Claudette Chaput and In Thanksgiving

10:30 am St. James: Deceased Members of the † O'Gorman Family, † Philippe & † Jeannine Stebenne and † Gary O'Keefe

11:00 am St. Mary: † Evelyn Cole, † Larry DeSario and † Richard Krisak

11:30 am St. Edward: CFF Students & Families, Teachers and Volunteers

Monday: March 18, 2024 Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11

St. Cyril of Jerusalem: Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 am St. Mary: † Anna Sanville 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Joanne Nolin 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Arline Belisle

<u>Tuesday: March 19, 2024</u> 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saint Joseph: Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am St. Mary: † Florence Monfette

4:00 pm St. Mary: Fr. Rijo

Wednesday: March 20, 2024 Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95;

John 8:31-42

9:00 am St. Mary: † Danny Meunier (13th Ann.) & † Anthony Lague

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Yvonne Wood

Thursday: March 21, 2024 Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

9:00 am St. Mary: † Dorothy Begin

2:00 pm Northern State Correctional Facility: Intentions of Inmates

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Margaret Grimard

Friday: March 22, 2024 Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

9:00 am St. Mary: † Ben Leblond 10:30 am St. James: Stations of the Cross

11:00 am St. James: Selection of a New Bishop for Vermont

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Anthony Lague 4:30 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm St. Edward: Comfort for Donald & Susan Vanasse Saturday: March 23, 2024 Ezekiel: 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo: Bishop

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday: March 23, 2024 Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7;

Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Domina Nolin, † Paul Major (8th Ann.) and for the Intentions of the Vocationist Fathers

Sunday: March 24, 2024 Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7;

Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47

8:30 am St. Edward: † Jacques Lacroix and † Mickey Telega 9:30 am St. Mary: † Leonard Lizotte, † Ben Leblond and

Peter Curtice

10:30 am St. James: + Alyre & + Oriette Dupuis and

† Lorraine Caouette

11:00 am St. Mary: Blessed and Fruitful Holy Week

Saturday: March 16, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/ Fr. Tom & Fr. Rijo 7:00 pm via Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Sunday: March 17, 2024

Saint Patrick's Day

9:30 am - 12:00 Noon St. Edward: CFF for St. Mary's & St. Edward's students

Monday: March 18, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 10:00 am St. Edward: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament w/Fr. Jim

10:00 am - 12:30 pm St. Edward: Adoration 12:30 pm St. Edward: Benediction w/Fr. Jim 7:00 pm via Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Tuesday: March 19, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 10:30 am Bel-Aire: Holy Mass w/Fr. Tom 3:00 – 4:15 pm St. James: Catholic Faith Formation for St. James Students

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm St. Mary: Eucharistic Revival Session 6: "The Story of the Eucharist" w/Mater Dei's Eucharistic Revival Team

7:00 pm via Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Wednesday: March 20, 2024

9:30 am St. Mary: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament w/Fr. Jim

9:30 am - 3:30 pm St. Mary: Adoration

3:30 pm St. Mary: Benediction w/Fr. Jim

6:00 pm St. Mary: Bible Class w/Fr. Rijo 7:00 pm via Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Thursday: March 21, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 9:30 am NCH: Hospital Visits w/Fr. Jim 2:00 pm NSCF: Prison Ministry w/Fr. Tom 6:00 – 7:00 pm St. Mary Rectory Chapel: SDV Adoration w/all Priests

7:00 via Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Friday: March 22, 2024

Day of Abstinence from Eating Meat

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 10:30 am St. James: Stations of the Cross w/Fr. Jim 2:00 pm St. Mary: VAUS Prayer Group w/Fr. Rijo 4:30 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm via Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Saturday: March 23, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction 3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/ Fr. Tom & Fr. Rijo 7:00 pm via Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Sunday: March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

2024 Prayer List



Tracy Ashman Christain Austin Alexandra Bannach Fred Barker Chris & Betty Barrett **Betty Blair** Raymond Bowen, Sr. Kevin Charboneau Verginia Cohen Ann Collins Steve Comeau Bernard Crownson Mark Daigneault Gisele Damon Tony & Margo Daniels **Dennis Deatte Gerard Desbiens** Marcel Deslandes Rita Deslandes Jean Diette Katre Dirth **Brian Fournier** Cindy Fournier Leonard Fournier Macie Fournier **Shirley Fournier** Nunzio Phil Giove Nancy Goad Linda Greenwald Shirley Hand Matthew Hilliker & Family Kathy Howes Danielle Huntington Gary Labron

Darlene Lafaille Elaine Langevin Mary Lou Lantagne Rose Lebeau Kristi Leblanc Roger Lessard Alicia Letourneau Brent Monahan family Rita Moulton Margaret Muraca Veronica Opitz Andrea Peden Michael Pinard Sean Pinard Atreus Poquette Joe Punk Andy Ricard Roger Roberge, Jr. **Timothy Roberge** Fr. Shawn Roberson Corrine Ross Nicholas Scarpelli Lily Scott & Family David Shmidt Madelyn Sinon Ann Snay Kathleen Sweenay Joe Tepe Family Valery Clarence Vandeymark Chris Varney Peter Wenk Fred Wilson Wendy Wooden

Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father, we place our sick in Your loving care, and humbly ask that You bring healing to Your servants and restore them to health. May they experience Your loving care during this difficult time. Above all, grant us all the grace to accept and acknowledge Your will. Amen.



If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

Today's readings are filled with anticipation for the days to come. As we prepare for Easter, we must also prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ's Death, Resurrection and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

Jesus did not pray to be saved, but to offer himself to the Father on the Cross as a living prayer and supplication (to pray humbly). God recognized Jesus' love for Him, and He gave Jesus dominion over heaven and earth (Philippians 2:9). Just as a grain of wheat dies to create life and produce fruit, Jesus' death brings salvation and fruitfulness – *eternal life* – to us.

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote, "the Lord says, I will place my law within them and write it upon their hears...I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." God's promise to Jeremiah was made in the "Hour" of Jesus, as He asked the Father to save Him from this hour. But Jesus knew that it was for this purpose that He came to this hour. He realized that He would die for all of us, and that He could not fear death. Although many of us fear death because we consider it the unknown, we must look at death as a New Salvation. It is time for us to embrace death as a sacrifice for what we really seek: to experience resurrection and new life with Jesus Christ, our Savior. To follow Jesus, we must strive every day to hate the sin and selfishness in our lives. We must trust in God's will, just as Jesus did during His final days. Whatever form our sacrifices take, we can be sure that they will bear fruit. They will bring glory to God and help to build His Kingdom on earth.

Jesus' "Hour" continues in the Eucharist where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience, trusting that God will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

So let us be willing to follow Jesus, even if it requires a sacrifice from us to let go of our own human desires and follow the will of God.

"Jesus made Himself like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to give life. Our hope springs from that love-filled life." \sim Pope Francis

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal Shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who

will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask You this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.