



# Saint Anthony Parish

15 Church Street  
White River Junction  
Vermont 05001

Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection of the Lord  
April 9, 2023

Reverend Cyrain G. Cabueñas  
Deacon John P. Guarino

Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM

**Weekday:** Monday & Friday 9:00 AM

**Holy Days:** Consult the parish bulletin

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents must contact the parish for the necessary forms at least one month in advance.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

## PARISH CONTACT

You may contact the parish by email or phone. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a message. Father is available for appointments at Saint Anthony Parish on Monday and Friday and at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Windsor on Tuesday and Thursday. The phone number at St. Francis is 802-674-2157.

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## **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday, April 9</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>In honor of those in whose name Easter flower offerings were made.</b>
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by J. L. D</b>
<b>Friday, April 14</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Carol Rivard by her husband &amp; family</b>
<b>Saturday, April 15</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Joseph Albanese by Pauline Albanese</b>



### **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

will burn this week for  
Rita Curran



A Sanctuary Lamp burning in front of the tabernacle may be sponsored for your intentions.  
A donation to help defray the cost of the candle is appreciated, but not necessary.  
Please contact the office for availability.

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Charlotte King	Diane Reilly
Frank Klymn	A. J. Wegner
Elizabeth McArthur	Heidi Whidden

Please also remember any others who need our prayers.

### **PARISH SUPPORT**

Our weekly need to meet expenses:	<b>\$4,325.00</b>
Collection March 4 & 5:	<b>\$4,310.00</b>

**At Saint Anthony Parish, we do not pass a collection basket during Mass. There are collection boxes by the tables at the entrance of the church. We appreciate your contributions for the support of our parish. Thank you!**

**LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD:** Low gluten hosts for Communion are available to those who require them. When you come up to receive, let the minister know and they will get one for you.

## **A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CYRAIN:**

Of all of the Christian feasts, the feast celebrated today is the greatest! Today is a day for great rejoicing and it is a day for joyful hope. Today we rejoice with Jesus who has been raised from the dead and today we are assured of the life that we all hope for, the life that will never end.

Yes, we ask for the grace to rejoice with Jesus. As St. Ignatius puts it in his Spiritual Exercises, we ask for the grace “to rejoice and be glad intensely at so great glory and joy of Christ our Lord,” or to put it in other words, we beg for the gift of being able to enter into the joy and consolation of Jesus in the victory of his risen life. For the days of Holy Week, we have accompanied Jesus in his suffering and finally at his death on the cross. The mood of those days has been a somber mood. True, the events of Holy Week are events that took place in the past, but just as we can recall many past events with the emotions those past events continue to stir up in us, we can recall the events of Holy Week in the same way. But today is different! The rejoicing of today at the raising of Jesus from the dead is not just rejoicing of something past. Christ who has been raised from the dead is alive today! The tomb of Jesus is empty not because a body has been stolen but because Jesus is alive, fully alive!

We rejoice therefore with Jesus, but not only that. We joyfully celebrate our own hope that just as Jesus rose from the dead and now lives forever, we too will one day rise, and we too will live forever. That is a promise the Lord gives us, and the resurrection of Jesus is God’s pledge that the promise will be fulfilled. That is why we can pray as we do in our Eucharistic celebrations that we can “wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.”

Today, Easter Sunday, we renew the promises of our baptism, and we renew the faith we have received. With rejoicing and hope we profess that we believe in Jesus Christ who rose from the dead and we believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting! Easter Sunday! What a great day for rejoicing and what a great day for strengthening our hope! Alleluia!

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or drop a note in the collection box. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day or if you would prefer the first available Mass, weekday, or weekend. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please include your contact information if we are unable to reserve the date you have requested. The customary offering is \$10.00. Thank you.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** Classes for grades 1-6 are Sunday, April 23, 2023 in the Religious Education Center from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

**COFFEE HOUR:** On Sunday, April 16, after the 8:30 AM Mass the Knights of Columbus of St. Anthony’s Council 2025 will be hosting a Coffee Hour in the parish hall. All are invited to attend and have a chance to say hello to fellow parishioners.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APRIL MEETING:** The K of C will have a brief meeting Sunday, April 16 following the Coffee Hour (about 10:15 we plan to be done by 11). Plans for State Convention, Spring Food Drive and Tootsie Roll Campaign will be discussed.



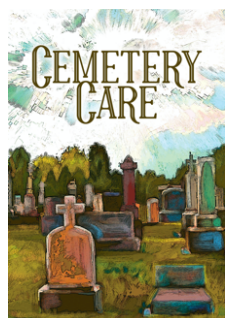
**THE HAVEN FOOD SHELF:** The Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:30pm & Friday 9:00 - 3:00. Visit [uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/](http://uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/) for more information.

Saint Anthony Parish has long supported the Haven by collecting non-perishable food in the basket at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your contributions.

**Food Items:** Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Soups or Broths, Canned Tomatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Rice, Canned beans (black & kidney), Shelf-stable Milk, Instant oatmeal, and Pasta Sauce.

**Personal Items:** Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shaving items (razors and shaving cream), Body wash, Deodorant (men's/women's), Toothbrush, Body Lotion, Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Pull-ups (sizes 3T-4T).

**ASSISTANCE TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED:** As a parish, we have opportunities to support those in our community who are in need, both through our prayers and our financial help. Saint Anthony Parish publishes the Haven's weekly list of needs in the bulletin and has collected food weekly for them. This parish project helps people year-round. We also have a fund that allows us to provide individuals and families financial assistance for emergency needs such as fuel, shelter, and other essentials. Donations to replenish our Assistance Fund allow us to continue to provide for these needs. A check made out to Saint Anthony Church marked "Assistance" will ensure your donation is used for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.



**REMINDER REGARDING OUR CEMETERIES:** Families are responsible for adhering to the following rules and regulations.

- All monuments, grave markers, planters and flower containers are the responsibility of the family.
- One monument is allowed per lot. All monuments shall be placed on foundations. Any corner markers are to be flush with the ground.
- Other structures including benches, fencing, curbs or cornerstones are not permitted on grave sites or along the boundaries of the cemetery.
- **Flowers or bushes may not be planted directly in the ground; they must be in planters placed directly to the right and/or to the left of the monument.** A hanging planter may be on a hook with the hook in the ground directly adjacent to the monument with the plant directly over the monument.
- **Gravesites are to be kept free of dead or faded decorations.** These are not to be disposed of on cemetery property. Cemetery personnel may remove items that are deemed outdated, broken, unsafe for maintenance operations, or otherwise not in keeping with the serenity of the grounds.
- **All flowers and decorations are to be removed by October 31st for fall cleanup. New items may be placed after November 15th. All items are to be removed by April 15th for spring cleanup and new items may be placed after May 15th.**
- Visiting times are during daylight hours, dawn to dusk. Loitering is not permitted.
- Water will be turned on by May 15th and shut off by October 31st, temperatures permitting.





## THOSE IN WHOSE HONOR EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS WERE MADE



Carlton & Jean Henderson  
Roger & Rosanna Gillies  
Cleon & Joyce Chapman  
"T.A.G." Toni-Ann Gour  
Ernie Gour  
"Aunt" Maggie Scelza  
Stanley Liang  
The Scelza Family  
Michael LaBelle  
Ralph E. Funari  
Deceased members of the  
Claude George, Sr. family  
Deceased members of the  
George J. Viens, Sr. Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Albanese  
Edward Patriquin  
Linda S. Bement  
William R. & Vivian Bement  
Gerard & Isabelle Cormier  
& Deceased Family  
Deceased family members of  
Diane Stevens-Follensbee  
Clarence & Elnora Smith  
Elizabeth Belgarde  
Deceased members of the  
James & Uliva Families  
The Elder Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Montuori Family  
Edwin & Catherine  
McKenney  
Bud & Shirley Muzzey  
Jerry Bachelder  
Pete & Barbara Trottier  
Arthur & Leda Trottier  
Reginald & Ruth Ploof  
Charles & Ada Ross  
Irving & Julia Fountain  
Martin Trottier  
The Ferney & Bedell Families  
Billy Klymn  
Ruth & Bill Voorhis  
Saul Solomon  
Philip G. Turgeon  
Members of the  
Teffner & Vanasse Families

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Klotz  
Polly Poor  
Gail Peck  
Jack Pippin  
Mae Roberts  
Winston & Marie DeCoste  
Susan & Heith Lashway  
Deceased Members of the  
Jaros & Emery Families  
Paul & Jean Sherman  
Cooney & Morin Families  
Richard Murphy  
Ara Murphy  
Phyllis Shambo  
The Holm & Powell Families  
Harold & Jackie Gour  
Toni Ann Gour  
Ernie & Sandy Gour  
Maggie Scelza  
Rev. Joseph Lagor  
The Gour & Scelza Families  
The Campbell Family  
Eddie & Edwin Leavitt  
Mary Ann Blickarz  
Marc Wood  
John Wood  
Lawrence & Mary Hudson  
Henry Koloski  
Doc & Lou Simon  
Irene & Duke DuCharme  
Nanette DuCharme Andrews  
Ashley Durand  
Debbie Audette  
Louis & Marjorie Audette  
Charlie Phair  
Donald Phair  
Melody Allen  
Rita Andrews  
Deceased members  
of the Tankiewicz family  
Deceased members  
of the Zapolski Family  
Pete Savo  
Rich Berube  
Thomas & Josephine Barrett  
George & Diane Krivickas

Joe & Winnie Krontz  
Dan & Dody Symancyk  
Kathy Geratowski  
Steve Geratowski  
Sandy Geratowski  
Jim, Pat & Tim Harty  
Gary Knotts  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony  
Vessichio  
Mr. Everett R. Brown  
The Ducharme, Wheeler,  
Williams, Torrey, Ireland &  
McGuire Families  
Rita Curran  
Peter & Mary Ellen Flanagan  
Charlie & Doris Powden  
Christopher Powden  
Buster Pippin  
Catherine Pippin  
Bill Pippin  
David Pippin  
Pat Romano  
Betty Romano  
Terry Romano  
Tina Romano  
Deceased Members of the  
Campbell & Audette  
Families  
Niall McGonagle  
William Byrne  
Bernard & Nancy Ryder  
Joseph & Evelyn Trombley  
& Family  
Benny, Lena & David Smith  
Greg Blood  
Gen Cleveland  
Nancy Chiang & John  
Nguyen  
Marc & Estelle St. Jacques  
John O'Neil  
Caroline O'Neil  
James O'Neil  
Sean Hamilton  
The Usher Family  
The Gagnon Family  
Raymond Plante  
Tom & Bernadette Hickey

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

April 8–14, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Easter Message

*from Bishop Coyne*



*Bright is the silver, bright is the gold,  
under the light of the Easter candles.  
Each face alights before the holy candles,  
that Christians bear in hand.*

This excerpt from the poem “The Day of Easter” draws its imagery from the ritual celebration of the Easter mysteries within the Orthodox faith tradition. It echoes our own liturgy as well at the Easter Vigil: At the start of the celebration, the community enters into the dark church, lead by the light of the Easter candle, carrying their own small candles of light as we hear intoned three times, “Christ our light!” It is the movement from the darkness of the tomb into the light of dawn, the rising of the Day Star, Christ Himself, the light of the world, conquering death by His own death on the cross and now rising from the grave. He is our light and our salvation, the dawn from on high which breaks upon us “to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” (Lk 1:79).

Over the centuries, many poems have been written in addition to the beautiful prayers, songs, and rituals of the Easter celebration in both the Latin and Orthodox rites. Sometimes these poems are captured in the hymns we sing within the Easter season, sometimes they sit within a secondary canon of imagination and faith. Among many, I came across the poem excerpted above from the pen of the Greek national

poet, Dionysios Solomos, and was intrigued by the poem not only because of its imagery from within the Orthodox tradition but because it is an unfinished poem. Indeed, all of Solomos’ poems, save one which became the Greek national anthem, are unfinished. It’s not clear why he never finished his poems. There is no reason from history left to consider.

Still it hasn’t stopped me from considering (as I am wont to do) in the unfinished nature of this poem this truth we share — that while the Easter event of Christ’s resurrection in itself was a complete moment of salvation, the offer of salvation that flows from His life, death, and resurrection to all of creation and to each one of us is not yet complete. Salvation is both a “now” and a “not yet,” offered to us now but not yet completed in time. Still as we stand in our churches this Easter morn in the glow of the light of the paschal candle, we know that “Christ is our light” who can lead us out of darkness into His wonderful light through the Easter sacraments: the rebirth of baptism, our anointing in the Holy Spirit, and our celebration of Eucharist. That is, if we will let Him do so.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless this day!



Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Christopher J. Coyne*

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington



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# Upcoming Events



04|12, 19, 26 WEDNESDAYS  
**Contemplative Prayer Series**  
*Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Jct.*  
 9:15 - 10:15 am

Join us for this series led by Louise Boisvert, a member of Notre Dame de Vie, a Secular Institute, founded in the 20th century by Blessed Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite father. Silent prayer is not well known to the general public and yet we are all called to it through the grace of our baptism.



04|12, 19, 26 WEDNESDAYS  
**Good News Bootcamp**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm*  
 Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. If you enjoyed our viewing of "The Search" videos this past fall, Good News Bootcamp will take many of those elements to the next level. Check out our website at <https://stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp> to discover what each week's topics will be. Join us for the sessions that interest you or join us for all of them! Questions? Contact Connie at [SJVGoodNews@gmail.com](mailto:SJVGoodNews@gmail.com).



04|15 SATURDAY  
**St. Peter's Cemetery Committee Bingo**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm*

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Proceeds to benefit St. Peter's Cemetery fund.



04|16 SUNDAY  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, and Confession**  
*St. Mark, Burlington • 1 - 3 pm*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession from 1-3 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm. Confessions will be available after the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer.



04|16 SUNDAY  
**Divine Mercy Celebration**  
*St. Michael, Brattleboro • 2 pm*  
 Schedule: Holy Hour from 2 to 3pm. During the Holy Hour, confessions will be offered. At 3pm we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The time of prayer will be followed by a potluck in the youth center to end the Octave of Easter.  
**FOR MORE INFO:** call (802) 257-5101 or email [stmichael@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stmichael@vermontcatholic.org).



04|16 SUNDAY  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet & Eucharistic Adoration**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 2 - 3 pm*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 2 pm, and the Chaplet (sung) and Benediction will take place at 3 pm. **FOR MORE INFO:** call (802) 878-5331.



04|16 SUNDAY  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
*St. Anthony, Burlington • 2 pm*  
 Adoration with Exposition and Benediction, Reconciliation (Confessions), venerate the Divine Mercy image, Silent prayer, Rosary, concluding with praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Catholics and individuals who have been absent from the church and want to return to receive the Graces of His Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation — Jesus is there waiting for you in the confessional.



04|19 WEDNESDAY  
**Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast**  
*Diocese Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am*

Join us for our next networking breakfast. Our speaker will be Deacon RJ Dourney. Attend in-person or via Zoom. Learn more and register at: [vermontcatholic.org/vcp](http://vermontcatholic.org/vcp).



04|23 SUNDAY  
**So. Burlington Council, Knights of Columbus, Super Bingo**  
*Doubletree, So. Burlington • 10 am - 4 pm*

Doors open at 10 am, admission is \$50, pay online by going to [kofcvt.org](http://kofcvt.org). Proceeds benefit Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. **FOR MORE INFO:** [kidsforcamp2020@gmail.com](mailto:kidsforcamp2020@gmail.com).



05|08 MONDAYS  
**Bereavement Support Group**  
*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 5:15 pm*  
 Bereavement Support Group led by Kyle

Sipples in the church hall. All are welcome to join this brand new ministry. In order to encourage discussion, these meetings are confidential.



05|14 SUNDAY  
**Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am*

\$10/adults, \$6/children 8-12 (\$32 family maximum).



05|14 SUNDAY  
**Monthly COSP Knights of Columbus Fund Raising Breakfast**  
*Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm*  
 Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.

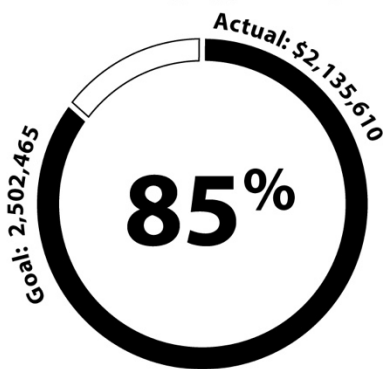


05|20 SATURDAY  
**Walk to Mary**  
*Isle LaMotte • 9 am - 2 pm*  
 Join us for a 2.3 mile walk from St. Joseph, Isle La Motte to St. Anne's Shrine starting at 9 am, praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet while we walk. When we get to the shrine, there will be Mass at 11 am, a break for lunch, then Stations of the Cross for Life at 1 pm. For those who cannot walk with us and would still like to participate, there will also be a Holy Hour of Adoration at St. Anne's Shrine starting at 9:30 a.m. **FOR MORE INFO:** contact Janice (802) 848-3834, [janicegodin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janicegodin@myfairpoint.net) or Renee (802) 370-2231 or [rjpatterson1962@gmail.com](mailto:rjpatterson1962@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

Submit your Eucharistic Testimonial to:  
[revival@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:revival@vermontcatholic.org)

After being away from the Church for 27 years, I intentionally opened my heart to God. He put the Truth of the Eucharist in my heart and I couldn't look away. Now, it's been 18 years of growing in love with Jesus and His Church, Praise God!

— Monica Cayia, St. Mark Parish, Burlington



**Sunday, Apr 09, 2023**

### **From hole to whole**

Accounts vary. Sometimes Easter dawns with helpful instruction-bearing angels and a palpable earthshaking. In other narratives it's almost a stealthy affair: a yawning open tomb, the shroud deserted, its meaning unclear. So too we experience the Easters of our lives in a variety of ways: fervent or undecided, joyful or indifferent or possibly even sorrowing. The empty tomb is an invitation to faith, an absence that can be filled any number of ways. We pray for each other this day, that what is empty in any of us may be filled with hope and trust.

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"There was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven . . . rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."*

**Monday, Apr 10, 2023**

### **God brings all things to completion**

Who doesn't sometimes get impatient with God's plan for them? Consider that the waiting can not only be useful but also beautiful. "Trust in the slow work of God," wrote Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (who died on this day in 1955). He would know—this French Jesuit priest was forced to leave his teaching post and withdraw controversial statements in 1925 and was further condemned by the church posthumously in 1962. Decades later, leading cardinals started to see his ideas differently—favorably—and so did Popes Benedict XVI and Francis. "It is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability," Chardin wrote—so, like him, accept "feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them."*

**Tuesday, Apr 11, 2023**

### **Wage peace**

One of the most significant pillars of Catholic social teaching turns 60 today: *Pacem in terris*—in English, "Peace on Earth"—the encyclical written by Pope John XXIII to address the menace of nuclear war and the need to uphold international human rights, including racial equality and women's rights. Significantly, it stands as the first encyclical addressed to both Catholics and non-Catholics alike, drawing worldwide admiration for the church's willingness to confront the social and economic costs of the Cold War. "The social progress, order, security, and peace of each country are necessarily connected with the social progress, order, security, and peace of all other countries," he wrote. Let peace begin with you today.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."*

**Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023**

### **Leave the battlefield behind**

Most people know that the Civil War, which began on this day in 1861, was largely an unjust war fought in defense of slavery in the Southern United States (then, for a time, the Confederate States of America). What many do not know is that the first skirmish of the war,

the Battle of Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, was led in part by a Catholic, Confederate Brigadier General P. G. T. Beauregard, a Creole Catholic born and raised on a plantation in Louisiana. After the failures of the Confederacy in the war, Beauregard returned to civilian life in his home region, advocating for black civil rights (including voting), societal unity, and also became an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. May we model repentance in the face of our sins and work always for the common bonds of humanity.

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened."*

**Thursday, Apr 13, 2023**

### **Accountability matters**

When the risen Christ appears to his dumbfounded disciples, he reminds them "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name." Even the church itself must repent sometimes. The Catholic Native Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project is such an undertaking. Few expect rapid change, but this group of religious, church officials, and laypeople have named a "sin" the church's role in the federal efforts to dismantle Native American culture through boarding schools. That's a start. Learn more on this topic so you can be part of the healing.

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?'"*

**Friday, Apr 14, 2023**

### **Time for breakfast**

Comedian Steven Wright may have been on to something when he quipped: "I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time,' so I ordered French toast during the Renaissance." For Christians, who wouldn't choose a morning meal prepared by Jesus on the banks of the Sea of Tiberias? In one of the most memorable stories in the Gospel of John, the disciples are treated to just such an amazing repast. The risen Christ's tender care to ensure that the disciples have a good breakfast is both achingly sweet and altogether practical. He knew that to continue his mission, the disciple would need not only the warmth of his love but the strength and focus a hearty breakfast provides. Take care of your physical and spiritual health so that, you too, may be prepared to carry on Christ's loving mission each day.

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'"*

**Saturday, Apr 15, 2023**

### **More than mere appearances**

It turns out that Jesus appeared in different forms after his Resurrection. In John's gospel Mary of Magdala, arguably one of the Lord's closest friends, thought he was the gardener. In Luke's gospel two disciples invite him to their house for dinner and haven't a clue who he is. In today's gospel from Mark, we read that "he appeared in another form." Makes you wonder whether it might still be going on. Jesus did say that we engage him in the least of others. In what form will the risen Christ appear to you today?

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"After this he appeared in another form."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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