April 22 & 23, 2023 The Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Times and Intentions

Week of April 22 & 23		
Saturday	6:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas
Sunday	10:30 am	No Intention
Monday	6:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	Mass at St. Thomas

Week of Ap	<u> </u>	
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	No Intention

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday morning at 10 am.

† PRAYER CONCERNS †

For all our sick and shut-ins, especially Will Esmay, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary's & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.

†Eucharistic Adoration
Reconciliation

Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass Wednesday's after Mass/Saturday's 6-6:20 pm

St. Mary's Academy Open House: Soon to be a parish school of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Albans, St. Mary's Academy will hold an Open House, May 5, 2023, from 5-8 pm and will include an opportunity to enroll your child/children. St. Mary's Academy is located at 44 Fairfield St, St. Albans If interested in joining our dedicated staff please email your resume to forthechildrenstalbans@gmail.com We will also be adding to our volunteer list, please consider sharing of your time and talent. If interested please email us at the same email address.

<u>Church Cleaners Needed:</u> St. Mary's Parish is in need of additional volunteer cleaners. If interested please call the office. Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the Cambridge Food Shelf!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 24

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Apr 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Apr 26

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Apr 27

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Apr 28

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Apr 29

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

Apr 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

St. Mark the Evangelist, Feast Day: April 25

Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles.

He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10).

Mark joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 A.D. When the group reached Cyprus, Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem because he was missing his home (Acts 13:13). This incident caused Paul to question whether Mark could be a reliable missionary. It created a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas and led Paul to refuse Mark's accompaniment on their second journey to the churches of Cilicia and the rest of Asia Minor. The troubles between Paul and Mark did not last long. When Paul was first imprisoned, Mark, who was in Rome, visited him as one of his trusted companions (Col 4:10).

Mark probably went to Asia Minor, because during Paul's second captivity and just before his martyrdom, Paul wrote to Timothy at Ephesus advising him to "take Mark and bring him with you [to Rome], for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11). If Mark returned to Rome at this time, he was probably there when Paul was martyred. Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to Mark has 'his son' in his letter addressed to five churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Mark was an interpreter for Peter.

Mark was likely speaking of himself when he wrote the description of Jesus' arrest in Gethsemani, "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr.

Mark's Gospel was probably written between 60 and 70 A.D and was based upon the teachings of St. Peter. It is believed Mark provided both Luke and Matthew with basic sources for their Gospel's.

He was the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt and the founder of the Church of Alexandria.

In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy where they are today. He is the patron saint of Venice.

St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. The image comes from a combination of the four-winged creatures in Ezekiel 1 and in Revelations 4:7 where we read: "And the first living creature resembled a lion, and the second living creature resembled a calf, and the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature resembled a flying eagle." These four living creatures are interpreted as the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The Diocesan weekly bulletin, *The Inland See*, is available online at: www.vermontcatholic.org/vcm/index.php/bulletins

The Diocese of Burlington has revised it's *Vermont Catholic Advanced Directive* and encourages all people, regardless of age, to consider completing this legal document which protects and

ensures your medical care and end of life decisions and which will afford you the dignity of a child of God and be in concert with the Catholic Faith. Copies of it are available on the website at www.vermontcatholic.org

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY! Jesus is coming back! Are you ready?

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Offertory Receipts for 4/15 & 16