# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – MARCH 28, 2021

## This Week's Mass Schedule

***Please welcome Fr. Richard Calapan as our celebrant this weekend***

**Saturday, March 27**

**4:00 pm – St. John's** – Lector: Melissa Hurtubise
† Avery Vaillancourt — by Geoff & Mary Jackson

**Sunday, March 28 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**8:00 AM – St. Anthony** – Lector: Marguerite Messier
† Douglas Farrar — by The Family

**10:00 am – St. John's** – Lector: Laurie Oliver
♣ For the Parishioners

**Monday, March 29**

**9:00 am – St. John's** – † Fr. Bechard and † Fr. Boucher — by Bill Knaus

**Tuesday, March 30**

**NO MASS - (Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington @ 11AM)**

**Wednesday, March 31**

**9:00 am – St. John's** – † Toni Kennison — by Corinne Ryan

**Thursday, April 1 – Evening Mass of Lord's Supper (HOLY THURSDAY)**

**7:00 pm – St. John's** – Lector: Michaella Vidal
† Souls in Purgatory — by Bill Knaus

**Night Watch will take place in the church following Holy Thursday Mass until midnight. Come spend some time with our Lord at the Altar of Repose.**

**Friday, April 2 – GOOD FRIDAY (Fast and Abstinence)**

**3:00 pm – St. John's** - Lector: Rachael Keyser
♣ Good Friday Service

**7:00 pm – St. Anthony** - Lector: Agnes Masson
♣ Good Friday Service

**Saturday, April 3 – Easter Vigil Mass ( HOLY SATURDAY)**

**8:00 pm – St. John's –** Lectors: Rachael Keyser and Laurie Oliver
† Francis Pariseau — by Joan Pariseau

**Sunday, April 4 – EASTER SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**8:00 am – St. Anthony** – Lector: Laurie Belisle
♣Theresa Rainville and All Those Afflicted with Autism — by Adrien & Marie Rainville

**10:00 am – St. John's** – Lector: Michaella Vidal
† Shirley Donna — by Clement & Charmaine Paquette

***Masses are available for your intentions. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one, please call the office @ 933-4464.***

**We are at 50% capacity for Mass attendance. Please remember when you come to Mass to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols.**

**View our 4pm and 10am Weekend Masses on cable 1079 and on** facebook.com/St-John-the-Baptist-106691320969118/

## MASS READINGS

***Readings for Holy Week are listed in this week's Triduum Bulletin Insert.***

**Holy Thursday - April 1 [ABC] - #899**

**Good Friday - April 2 [ABC] - #900**

**Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil - April 3 [ABC] – 901**

**Gospel: Mark 16: 1-7 (Year B)**

**Easter Sunday - April 4 [ABC] - #902:**

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43** **Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)**
**Colossians 3:1-4** **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

***LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES***
***Sunday, March 28, 2021***
***St. John the Baptist Church – 2:00 PM***
***All Saints – 5:00 PM***

This is a great opportunity to begin Holy Week and prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. Come set yourself free! You may also choose to receive the sacrament of penance at one of the regular times listed on the second page of this bulletin.

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus,**
**I believe that you**
**Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**
**I love you above all things,**
**And I desire to receive You into my soul.**
**Since I cannot at this moment**
**Receive You sacramentally,**
**Come spiritually into my heart.**
**I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**Please Pray For:** Joseph Adams III, Damon Bashaw, Lorraine Bergeron, David Bielicki, John Bielicki, Sylvia Brouillette, Dianna Choquette, Stephen Comeau, Bill Curtin, Muriel Dandurand, Ralph Demers, Janet Donna, Daniel Durenleau, Caroline Elkins, John Erno, Elisabeth Erno, Theresa Gargano, Theresa Gendreau, Brett Gervais, Khloe Goff, Jailyn Hoben, Marie B. Howard, Terri Hyden, Geoff Jackson, Sharyn Kane, Kaida - Jacquie LaClair's granddaughter, Tilde LaBelle, Theresa Larivée, Marilyn LaRochelle, Bernadette Larose, Asher Lawrence, Dennis Loiselle, John Loiselle, James Longe, Phyllis Lumbra, Larry Machia, Patricia Mann, Jake Martin, Brian Mayotte, Chelsea Mends-Cole, Kim Messier, Corey Miner, Pauline Myott, Jared Paquette, James & Jan Parcell, Frank Parent, Mary Parent, Scott Patterson, Virginia Patterson, Francine Perkins, Adele Petersohn, David Petersohn, Lily Polczynski, Stephen Rainville, Joel Rasco, Donald Reed, Rosemary Rogers, Andre & Carolyn Rondeau, Alene Spiekermann, Tim Tillinghast, Suzanne LaBelle Tracy, Kenny Tessier, Kevin Tuttle, Leo West Jr., Gideon Whitehead, Patricia Young, for Expectant Mothers, and for all those who are homebound, in nursing homes, suffering from cancer and other diseases and for those serving in our Military Services and those affected by the Covid-19 Virus.

*Please pray for the souls of recently deceased* ***Larry Myott, Denis Vaillanourt*** *and for all the souls of the faithful departed.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR: March 21st:

| | ST. JOHN'S | ST. ANTHONY | ST. MARY |
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| *Needed Weekly:* | *($1,810.00)* | *($753.00)* | *($355.00)* |
| Sunday Offering: | $1,135.00 | $695.00 | $170.00 |
| Monthly: | | 37.00 | 10.00 |
| Catholic Relief Svc.: | 30.00 | 10.00 | |
| Heating: | | | 25.00 |
| Flowers: | 464.00 | 139.00 | 75.00 |
| Initial Offering: | | 5.00 | |
| Vigil Candles: | 42.00 | | |
| Paschal Candle: | | 10.00 | |
| Online Giving: | 60.00 | | (fuel) 100.00 |

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***Choose the church you are donating to in the comment section.***

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**This Weekend:** No Second Collection
**Next Weekend:** Capital & Energy & Improvements

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Fridays from 9am to Noon @ St. John the Baptist**
**Benediction begins at 11:45am**
**There is no Adoration this Friday – Good Friday**

We are in need of more people to make this time of adoration possible. If you can help or have questions, please call June at 933-6203.

**Evening Prayer and Adoration** - Holy Hour on Tuesday evenings with Deacon George. Exposition at 7 p.m., Evening Prayer at 7:40 p.m. followed by Benediction. Please feel free to stop by for some quiet time with the Lord, especially during Lent. Also live-streamed on Facebook.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. John's – Saturday 3:15pm to 3:45pm**
**St. Anthony – Sunday 7:15am to 7:45am**
**Penance Service at St. John's March 28 @ 2:00pm**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Sacraments: First Communion - May 2nd @ 10 am Mass.**
Depending on COVID restrictions, I am hoping to have refreshments in the hall following the Mass.
First Communion Rehearsal will be on May 1st @ 10:00 am in church.

**Confirmation – May 20th @ 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral**
Students making their confirmation this year, please schedule your interview with Fr. Dan directly no later than May 1st.

Karoline Flower ~ kaflower@comcast.net ~ (802)933-9691 or 370-4219

**Please pray for our students and RCIA members who are preparing to receive the Sacraments during the Easter Season.**

**First Communion:** Kennadie Adams, Joseph Bentley, Perrin Hale, Lincoln Kane, Landon Lumbra, Ahna Renaudette

**Confirmation:** Fletcher Bentley, Ella Kane, Emily Lumbra, Rowen Machia, Chelsea Magnant, Anya Paquette, Violet Provencher, Mya Renaudette, Gretchen Stiebris, Peter Stiebris, Isaac Vaillancourt

**Easter Vigil Sacraments:**
Jason Flower - receiving Confirmation
Thomas Swenson – Baptism, 1st Communion & Confirmation

## FOOD DRIVE TO FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

We are having a Food Drive to benefit our local Food Shelves at St. John's and St. Anthony's on the Weekends of March 21st and 28th.
Bring non-perishable food items or you may also donate monetarily if you wish. Boxes will be available at the entrances of the churches for your donations.

## *COMMUNITY FOOD SHELVES*

*"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink;" Matt 25:35*

**ENOSBURG FOOD SHELF:** Your food, cleaning products and monetary donations are always welcome. "Enosburg Food Shelf"; PO Box 614, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450. Open Thursdays 9am – 12noon.

**SHELDON FOOD SHELF:** The Sheldon Food Shelf located at the Sheldon United Methodist Church. If you are in need of food or would like to make a donation, please call 933-4487. Monetary donations may be made to "Sheldon United Methodist Church" attn.: Food Shelf ~ 953 Northrop Rd., Sheldon, VT 05483.

We have purchased a new Paschal Candle for St. Anthony's. We invite you to make a donation in memory of a loved one to help defray the cost. *Names of loved ones will be published in the bulletin.*

## 2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**St. Mary – We have met our Goal!**
**Thank you to all who so generously made this happen!**

**You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 2/9/2021)**
**St. Anthony – $4,927 raised toward goal of $39,909 ~ 12%**
**St. Mary - $2,302 raised toward goal of $21,200 ~ 11%**
**St. John's - $18,865 raised toward goal of $106,442 ~ 18%**

## ††† HOLY WEEK Services †††

**Palm Sunday Penance Service:**
2:00 pm – St. John the Baptist
5:00 pm – All Saints
**Holy Thursday:** 7:00 pm - St John the Baptist
7:00 pm - All Saints
**Good Friday:** Noon – 3:00 pm – All Saints

**Three Hours of Agony Prayer Service**
(You may join us for parts of this service or all of it.)
3:00 pm - St John the Baptist
7:00 pm - St. Anthony
7:00 pm - All Saints
**Easter Vigil:** 8:00 pm - St. John the Baptist
8:00 pm - All Saints
**Easter Sunday:** 8:00 am - St. Anthony
10:00 am - St. John the Baptist
8:15 am - All Saints
10:30 am - St. Isidore

**St. John's Triduum Services will be on Facebook & Channel 1079.**
*****Easter Vigil broadcast will begin @ 8:30pm with the Mass in progress.**

## TRIDUUM – THE PASSOVER OF OUR LORD

**The Triduum Bulletin Insert that is included with this week's bulletin was purchased for the Year 2020. Because of the COVID – 19 Shutdown, we were not able to distribute this insert last year. All the information and readings listed are the same as for the year 2020 except for the Gospel Reading on Holy Saturday. This year's Gospel reading is Mark 16:1-7 for year B.**

As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to a close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.

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## The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." [Luke 23: 34]
"Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with Me in paradise." [Luke 23: 43]
"Woman, behold thy son ... Behold thy mother." [John 19: 26, 27]
"Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" [Matthew 27: 46]
"I thirst." [John 19: 28]
"It is consummated." [John 19: 30]
"Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." [Luke 44: 46]

**The parish office will be closed on Monday, March 29th.**

# Penance and Reconciliation

## Reconciled to Right Relationship, Called to Heal and Restore

The new life in Christ that begins in Baptism may be weakened or lost through sin. Sin ruptures not only our relationship with God but also with our brothers and sisters.

By the nourishing light of the Holy Spirit, we are able to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance by examining our consciences to identify those ways in which we are not in right relationship with God and with others. This examination also challenges us to recognize our own participation in the "structures of sin" that degrade others' lives and dignity.

Through the Sacrament of Penance, God offers mercy and forgiveness. In response to this gift, we are called to become vehicles of Christ's love, making amends and restoring justice and the bonds that have been broken. Healed and forgiven, we are sent to work for peace, justice, and love in our communities and world.

### Sin damages our relationship with God and neighbor.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that love of God and love of neighbor are intimately connected (Mt 22:38-39; Mk 12:29-31). When we sin against those in need by failing to act compassionately toward them, we ignore Christ himself (Mt 25:31-46). In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Closing our eyes to our neighbor also blinds us to God" (*Deus Caritas Est* [*God Is Love*], no. 16). Sin ruptures our relationship with God and also with other members of the Body of Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1440). Take a moment to consider ways that you have broken any of the Ten Commandments: Are there any false "gods" (e.g., material things, pleasure, etc.) that you place above God and other people? Have you treated family members or others with disrespect? Have you lied, gossiped, cheated, or stolen?

### Sin is never an individual affair.

Sin damages our relationships with others and all of creation. Thus, sin is never a purely individual affair and has social dimensions (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [*Sacrament of Charity*], no. 20; Pope John Paul II, *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia* [*Reconciliation and Penance*], no. 15).

### Sin becomes manifest in unjust structures.

The collective actions (or failures to act) of individuals create "structures of sin," which "grow stronger, spread, and become the source of other sins" (Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* [*On Social Concern*], no. 36). For example, widespread poverty, discrimination, denial of basic rights, and violence result from many peoples' actions (or failures to act) because of greed, racism, selfishness, or indifference (*Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, nos. 2, 16). We are all called to consider how we contribute to structures of sin in our personal, economic, and public choices. For example, do we take into account the treatment of workers when we make purchases? How do our consumption choices contribute to environmental degradation? Are we aware and informed? Do we take the time to educate ourselves about issues that affect the community and advocate on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable?

### We are called to examine our consciences and admit our failings.

The Sacrament of Penance challenges us to examine our hearts inwardly and then express outwardly the ways we have failed to love God and neighbor—through both personal sin and social sin.

Examining our consciences teaches us how to "look squarely at our life" to see how well we are living the Gospel (Pope Benedict XVI, Address to participants in the Course on the Internal Forum organized by the Tribunal of the Apostolic Penitentiary, March 25, 2011). Only in recognizing our failings can our hearts be converted to God so that we can receive his forgiveness and allow his grace to heal us and our relationships.

**We receive God's forgiveness and mercy.**

The Sacrament of Penance allows us to receive forgiveness of sins and be reconciled with God, self, the Church family, and the human family—restoring our broken communion. Through Penance, we return to right relationships (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 20).

**We work to repair the harm we have done.**

Reconciliation absolves us of our sin, but it does not repair the damage that was caused. We must do what is possible to repair the harm. The *Catechism* provides these examples: return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, and pay compensation for injuries (no. 1459). We must work to repair the relationships with God and our neighbors that sin has impaired. We must also consider how we can work to transform the structures of sin that threaten human life and dignity. By making amends and working to build a more just community, we can repair the damage and also restore our own spiritual health.

**The whole Church community plays a role in reconciliation.**

We do not engage in the act of reconciliation alone. While the priest is the minister of the Sacrament of Penance, the whole Church community participates in the work of reconciliation (*Ordo Paenitentiae*). When we gather each Sunday, we call to mind our sins and intercede for one another. We hear the Word of God, which challenges us to reflect gospel values in our lives and relationships. As the Body of Christ, we also challenge one another to live lives of holiness, justice, and love. The Church is an instrument of conversion, calling all its members to love and reconciliation with God and neighbor.

**We are called to be forgivers and peacemakers.**

Having received the undeserved gift of forgiveness, we are called to extend the same forgiveness and mercy to others. We take up the task of being instruments of reconciliation in our communities and world, working for peace, justice, and love.

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Take a moment to reflect on how sin has damaged your relationship with others.

- What false "gods" do I place above God and people?
- After leaving Mass, do I continue to glorify God by the actions in my life?
- How have I failed to love others in my family, workplace, or community?
- Do I hold any views that are prejudiced or biased or that perpetuate stereotypes?
- Have I responded to the needs of the poor and those whose rights are unfulfilled?
- Do my personal, economic, and public choices reflect a genuine concern for others and the common good?
- Have I stood up to protect the dignity of others when it is being threatened?
- Am I aware of problems facing my local community and involved in efforts to find solutions?
- Do my purchasing choices take into account the well-being of those producing what I buy?
- How do I protect and care for God's creation? Are there ways I could reduce consumption?

Adapted from *Questions to Examine Conscience in the Light of Catholic Social Teaching* in the "Resources and Tools" section at *www.usccb.org/jphd.*

# TRIDUUM

## THE PASSOVER OF OUR LORD

The Paschal Triduum, or "Three Days," is the most solemn event of the Christian year. Beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and closing with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, these three days celebrate Christ's passage through death to new life.

Early Christians celebrated only the Easter Vigil, concluding with a Mass at dawn at which the catechumens were baptized. By the fifth century, the events of Easter were commemorated as units, and there emerged an Easter Triduum of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. Later, Holy Thursday evening was added because the "days" were reckoned from sundown the day before.

The celebration of each day revolves around a central liturgical action: the Washing of the Feet, The Adoration of the Cross, the Baptism of the Catechumens.

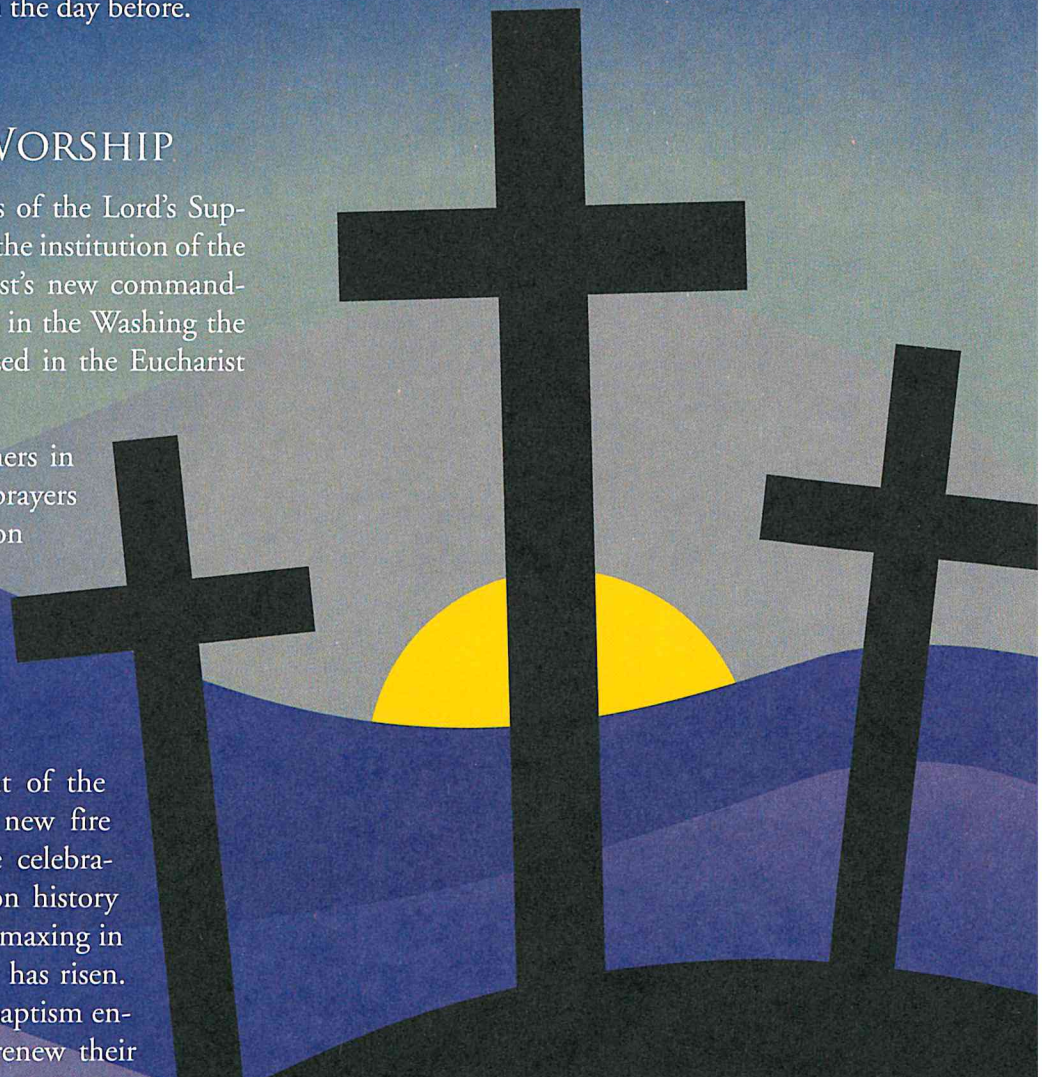
The centerpiece of the Church's entire liturgical year is the Easter Vigil. Beginning with the blessing of the new fire and the light ceremony, the Vigil recounts our salvation history in an extended liturgy of the Word. Baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises prepare us to receive the Eucharist with new hearts. The Paschal Triduum concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, and the 50-day Easter Season begins.

### THREE DAYS OF WORSHIP

**Holy Thursday** celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Christ's new commandment to love one another is recalled in the Washing the Feet. That love becomes fully realized in the Eucharist and Christ's sacrifice on Calvary.

On **Good Friday**, the Church gathers in silence to read Scripture and offer prayers for the whole world. The Veneration of the Cross takes place not simply to mourn Jesus' suffering and death but to acknowledge that through the cross of Jesus we are led to glory.

The **Easter Vigil** is the high point of the entire Church liturgical year. The new fire is blessed and candles glow in the celebration of Christ as our light. Salvation history is proclaimed through Scriptures, climaxing in the joyous proclamation that Christ has risen. Those who have been prepared for baptism enter the Church, and all Catholics renew their baptismal promises, for this night commemorates our share in the dying and rising of Jesus.



# Terms and Customs of the Triduum

**Fasting** throughout the Triduum or for 40 hours before Easter sunrise was a tradition in the first centuries of the Church.

**The Mass of the Lord's Supper** is celebrated on the evening of Holy Thursday inaugurating the Easter Triduum and commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Many parishes reenact the washing of the disciples' feet during this Mass as well.

***Mandatum*** is the Latin word for commandment (referring to Christ's command that we love one another given to his followers at the Last Supper.) Holy Thursday is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday" because of the *mandatum*.

The **Stripping of the Altar** occurs at the end of Mass on Holy Thursday. All the altar coverings are removed, symbolizing the fact that Christ was stripped of his garments upon his arrest.

The **Veneration of the Cross** is part of the liturgy on Good Friday. . The clergy and congregation approach a cross or crucifix one by one, and offer a gesture of respect by either bowing or kneeling and reverently kissing the crucifix.

The **Service of Light** takes place at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The new fire and the paschal candle are blessed, the candle is lit and all light their candles from it. Honoring Christ as the light of the world, it concludes with the singing of the *Exsultet*, the Easter proclamation.

The **Easter Vigil Readings** follow the story of salvation from God's creation of the world, the sparing of Noah and his family from the flood and the deliverance of God's people from Egypt to the Gospel accounts of Jesus rising from the grave.

A **Catechumen** is one who is learning about Christianity in preparation for formal entry into the Church.

**Evening Prayer** is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official public prayer of the Church comprised of hymns, psalms, spiritual and biblical readings, and prayers. Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday concludes the Paschal Triduum.

# Easter Vigil & Baptism

From the days of the early Church the Easter Vigil has been the time for adult converts to be baptized and enter the Church. The Easter Vigil consists of four general parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, catechumens (those who have never been baptized) and candidates (those who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) are initiated into the Church respectively by baptism and confirmation. The faithful are sprinkled with holy water and renew their baptismal vows. Then all adult candidates are confirmed and general intercessions are stated. The Easter Vigil concludes with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion.

## Triduum Prayer

Almighty God, you gather your Church
in solemn celebration of the mystery of our Redemption.
Open our hearts and minds as we remember the dying
and the rising of Jesus so that we may appreciate
more deeply the mystery of our own baptism.
May these days remind us that we are not alone
in our suffering nor without hope.
May the joy we share strengthen us
to be witnesses of the Gospel throughout the year.
We ask this in the name of your Son and our Lord,
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## Mass Readings 2021

**Holy Thursday** • Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

**Good Friday** • Isaiah 52:13—53:12;
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
John 18:1—19:42

**Holy Saturday** • Genesis 1:1—2:2;
Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1;
Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11;
Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4;
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

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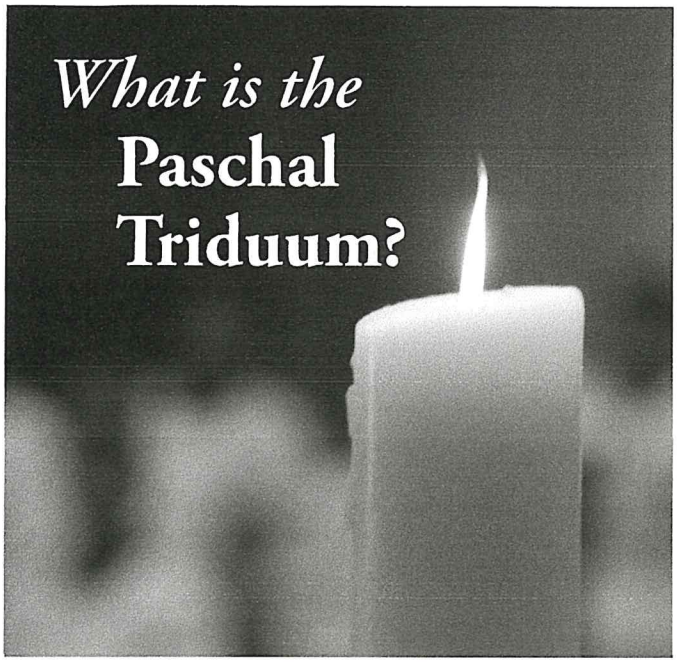
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON




When I was enrolled in my master's degree program in Liturgical Studies, a question on an exam asked "What do Christians celebrate on Sunday?" It seemed a perfectly simple and innocent question. I tend to overthink these sorts of things, so I wrote a long answer. When I got the exam back, the professor had written in the margin, multiple times: Paschal Mystery. I guess the question was simple.

Although I risk defining it too simply here, for the purpose of this reflection, the Paschal Mystery is the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This central event of our faith is celebrated each and every Sunday when we gather for Eucharist. That is the "theme" of Sunday Mass. This theme — the Paschal Mystery — allows Sunday to become a foundation for our entire week if we allow it to penetrate our lives more deeply.

But the Paschal Mystery isn't just celebrated on Sundays. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery in an intentionally intense way over the Paschal Triduum — the sacred "three days" leading up to and encompassing Easter Sunday. The Paschal Triduum is to the entire year what Sunday is to the week.

What exactly is the Paschal Triduum?

The Paschal Triduum is a single liturgical celebration that spans three days. It begins on the Thursday before Easter and ends the evening of Easter Sunday. "Isn't that four days?" you might ask yourself. The Church counts these days liturgically, so the "day" begins the evening before. (Remember, "evening came, and morning followed, the first day" from Genesis). Thus: Thursday evening to Friday evening (Day 1), Friday evening to Saturday evening (Day 2), Saturday evening to Sunday evening (Day 3).

Another unique element about the Paschal Triduum is that a single liturgy encompasses all three days. It is not three separate liturgies. This is best seen when all three days are celebrated physically in the same church.

At the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday, you'll notice there is no final blessing or dismissal. People are invited to pray quietly before the Blessed Sacrament and then leave when they are ready. The liturgy doesn't formally conclude; it simply pauses.

It picks up again on Good Friday with the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion. You'll notice that this solemn liturgy doesn't have the usual, formal beginning we are used to: the entrance procession or greeting by the priest. Rather, the priest and ministers enter the sanctuary when they are ready and, after prostrating before the altar, they simply pick up where they left off the evening before. Like Holy Thursday, the Good Friday liturgy doesn't have a formal dismissal; rather, the priest simply says a prayer over the people before departing. Another pause.

And although the Easter Vigil begins with the sign of the cross, it begins in a different location — outside, around a fire (although this year, because of Covid, adaptations may need to be made) without an opening song or procession. We pick up our prayer from where we left off the day before. And it is only at the end of the Easter Vigil Mass we hear the formal dismissal of the assembly, "Mass is ended," with the double alleluia. The Easter Vigil, which always is to begin after sunset on Saturday, takes place on the third day of the Triduum, so the vigil is considered the Easter Mass. Subsequent Masses are celebrated on Sunday for those unable to attend the vigil.

Although this year you may not be able to participate physically in the Paschal Triduum liturgy because of your own health concerns or capacity restrictions, I invite you to take part in this most important prayer of the Church, either by watching a live-stream of the Triduum liturgy or by keeping the Triduum at home with your own special prayer.

Resources for celebrating at home can be found on the diocesan website at vermontcatholic.org/worship. Whichever method of participation you choose, we hope you join us for this solemn liturgy spanning three days — the Paschal Triduum.

***— Josh Perry is director of worship for the Diocese of Burlington.***

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# *Upcoming Events*

03|29 MONDAY
**Lent with St. Joseph**
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 7 - 8 pm*
Holy Hour with the Litany of St. Joseph and spiritual reflections on St. Joseph by Brandon Schneider, seminarian. Confessions will be available during Adoration.

04|02 FRIDAY
**Live Stations of the Cross**
*via Zoom • 7 pm*
Join Josh Perry and Valerie Parzyck as they pray Stations of the Cross online. This event will be streamed live. Register at: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/live-stations-of-the-cross**

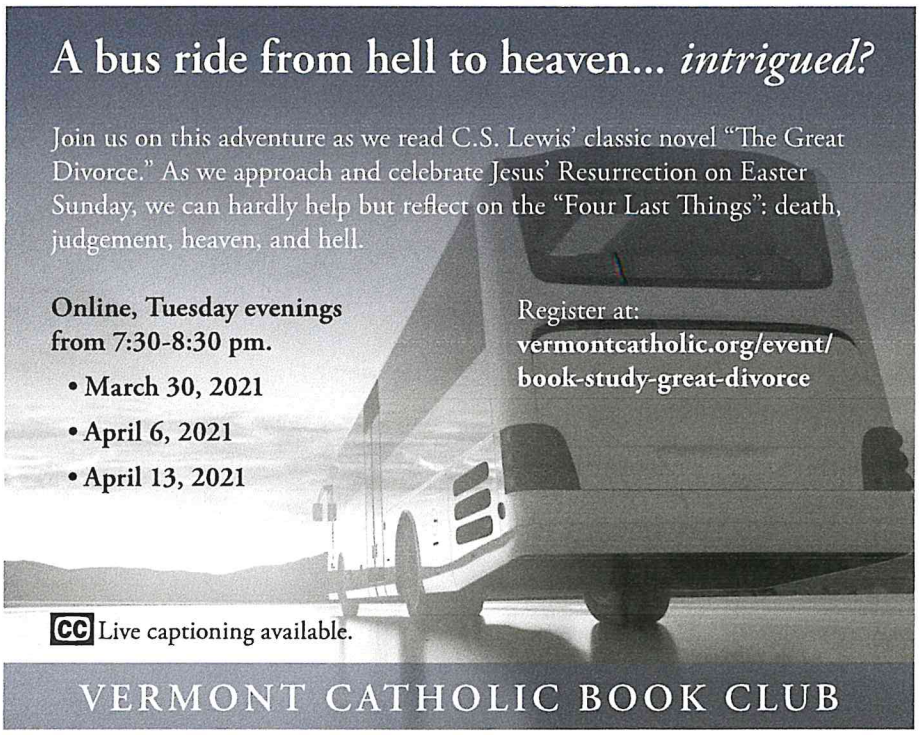
04|06, 13, 20 TUESDAYS
**The Sacraments**
*via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm*
Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments.
For Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu.

04|07 WEDNESDAY
**Saints and Sinners**
*via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm*
We are all called to be saints. Join us as we look at the life of St. Faustina and how she has influenced our guest speaker, Father Lance Harlow. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan, Terri McCormack, and Laura Underhill. Register at: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners**

04|07 WEDNESDAY
**Off the Hook: Dating in a Hookup Culture**
*Online • 7:30 - 8:30 pm*
Sponsored by the Catholic Center at UVM. Tim O'Malley, Director of Education; Academic Director, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy will offer insight into the impact of the hookup culture on forming authentic relationships and ways to think about how we communicate and share love with those around us. Learn more: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/off-the-hook-dating-in-a-hookup-culture/**

04|14 WEDNESDAY
**Parent Cafe — Blessed are They That Mourn**
*Zoom • 7:30 - 8:15 pm*
Join your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack on how suffering equips us with the strength to comfort and understand others. There will be a short presentation on the second Beatitude, followed by discussion, and prayer. Learn more: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe-blessed-are-they-that-mourn/**

04|28 WEDNESDAY
**Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Event**
*Zoom • 8 - 9 am*
Our April guest speaker is Mary Anne Sheahan, Executive Director — Vermont Talent Pipeline Management Program, Vermont Business Roundtable. Learn more: **www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event-2/**

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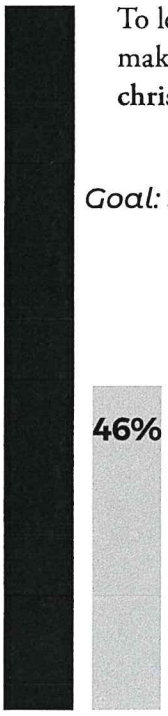

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