



Mass Intentions For 03/24/2018 Through 03/31/2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Saturday: March 24, 2018 Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

9:00 am St Mary: Auguste † & Florina † Sicotte

Palm Sunday

Saturday: March 24, 2018 Is 50:4-7; Ph 2:6-11; Mk 15:1-39

4:00 pm St. James: Lorraine Caouette †

4:00 pm St. Mary: Richard Bowden † &

Healing of James Lloyd

6:00 pm St. Edward: Norbert Lessard †

Sunday: March 25, 2018 Is 50:4-7; Ph 2:6-11; Mk 15:1-39

8:30 am St Edward: Gilles Blais †

10:00 am St Mary: Arthur Sr. † & Mary Leontine † Belisle

10:10 am St James: All Former Pastors of St. James

11:30 am St Benedict: Winston Hammond †/ Danielle

Carpenter † & Real Grenier †

7:00 pm St. Mary: Rose Ange † & Jose † Perrault

Monday: March 26, 2018 Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Monday of Holy Week

9:00 am St. Mary: Geraldine Calcagni †

5:30 pm St. Edward: Augustine, Valentine & Angelo Cordero

Tuesday: March 27, 2018 Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am St Mary: Denise Phillips Wilson †

5:30 pm St. Edward: Intentions of Pope Francis

Wednesday: March 28, 2018 Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 am St. Mary: Claude Desrochers †

2:00 pm N.S.C.F.: Intentions of the Residents

5:30 pm St. Edward: All Past Bishops of Burlington †

Thursday: March 29, 2018 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-5

Holy Thursday

9:00 am St Mary: PRAYER SERVICE - NO MASS

4:00 pm St. James: Parishioners of St. James

6:00 pm St. Edward: Leo † & Ruth † Perron

7:00 pm St. Mary: Living & Deceased Diocesan

Priests & Vocationist Fathers

Friday: March 30, 2018 Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1-19:42

Good Friday

9:00 am St Mary: Liturgy of the Hour / Silent Prayer

11:00 am St. Mary: Communion Service

12:30 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm St. Benedict: Stations of the Cross/Communion

3:30 pm St. James: Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm St James: Communion Service/Veneration of Cross

5:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm St. Edward: Communion/Veneration of the Cross

7:00 pm St. Mary: Communion Service/Veneration of Cross

Saturday: March 31 2018

9:00 am St Mary: PRAYER SERVICE - NO MASS

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Saturday: March 31, 2018 Gen 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 55:1-11; Ez 36; 16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

4:00 pm St. James: Parishioners of St. James

6:00 pm St. Edward: Parishioners of St. Edward's

7:00 pm St. Mary: Maurice Vincent †



If you would like to have your home blessed, or if you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound or hospitalized, and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 with their name, address and telephone number.

We will contact them and arrange for a Priest to visit them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

Weekend of March 17 & 18, 2018

Offertory	\$7,142.00
Fuel	46.00
Insurance	18.00
Easter Flowers	483.00
Good Friday	14.00
Easter	20.00
Catholic Relief	174.00
TOTAL	\$7,897.00

THERE IS A SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR INSURANCE. BASKETS WILL BE PASSED TWICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TO MATER DEI PARISH.

2018 PRAYER LIST

Dan Barry	Alexi Fauteux	Phil B. Mesina
Tanner Blais	Cecile Fortin	Purie G. Mesina
Mary Ann Blake	Maureen Fountain	Rita Monfette
Rita Bouffard	Pauline Fournier	Mercedes Patenaude
Yolande Brasseur	Gerry Gagnon	Leo Patenaude
Mary Dunbar	Evelyn Guillette	Marcel Poulin
Irma Bowen	Ruth Joseph	Beverly Poutre
Jacob Callaway	Mason Judd	Roger Raboin
Raymond Choiniere	Bernadette Kelley	Leonard Richardi
Alice Collins	Cam Laramie	Bob Risicato
Birdena Collins	Amanda Letourneau	Norman Rivard
Lisa Collins	Phil Letourneau	Beverly Robitaille
Thomas Collins	Fabienne Lessard	Gisele Seymour
Lise Comeau	Timothy Marland	Claudette Schoolcraft
Raymond Curtice		Ron Tetreault
Jean Coutu		Denise Turner
Regis Dagesse		Lindsey Warren
Sue Dagesse		Daniel Westlake
Paul Diette		Westlake Family
Donna		Lucille Wing

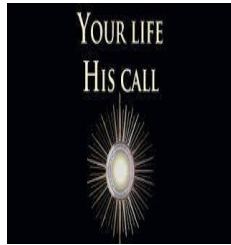


We pray in a special way for the soul of **Claire Comtois** † who has entered into eternal life and for her grieving family.

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at (802) 658-6110, X 1175 or email: vocations@vermontcatholic.org.



Reflection

for this Sunday:

Palm Sunday

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum* - three days that are the highlight of the Church liturgical year.



There are two Gospels proclaimed at today’s Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted “Hosanna!” This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word during Mass on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus’ passion are proclaimed in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ passion and death are presented as the result of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only a superficial explanation for His death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin - the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders - he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark’s narrative of Jesus’ passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus’ passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee and Mary, Jesus’ mother, are said to have been present at the Crucifixion.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges his readers to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: that Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere is this revealed more fully than in His death on the cross. During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus’ passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask once again what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God’s Son.

Church Volunteers



Calling All St. Edward’s Volunteers

All Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and any other volunteers involved in Holy Week services at **St. Edward’s** are expected to attend the meeting on **Monday, March 26** after **5:30 pm Mass in Derby Line** to practice for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Thank you for your dedicated service to St. Edward’s.

SUGAR ON SNOW & DOG SLED FESTIVAL

Family memories were made on March 10 at St. Edward’s!

Parishioners and local community members came together to support a new roof for St. Edward’s Parish Hall. Sweet treats, Amish and West



Side raised donuts and fun dog sled rides were enjoyed by people of all ages. **Sincere thanks to Nathan and Katelyn Gratton, along with their 19 huskies,** for the amazing dog sled rides, to **Steve and Amy Wheeler of Jed’s Maple** for the syrup and ice machine, and to the **Mater Dei Knights of Columbus members and their spouses** for their time and effort to make this a very successful fundraiser.



God’s blessings to all of you!!



Adoration and Mass at St. Edward’s on Monday March 26 will be held in the Church.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

The final Lenten Study Class is on **Tuesday March 27 at St. Edward’s after the 5:30 pm Mass**



Tuesday’s topic is “At the Crossroads” Discussion will be based on the previous Sunday Gospel **All are welcome! Come join us! Strengthen your faith!**

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.



Lost Rosary Beads

Someone dropped a pair of brown Rosary Beads from Medugorje in St. Mary’s parking lot sometime last week. Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 if they belong to you.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The Good Friday collection is for the support of the Holy Land. Your contribution helps Church parishes, provides for Catholic schools and religious education, and helps to preserve the sacred shrines. Please be as generous as possible.