

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays** Our Lady of Lourdes:  
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

#### Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM  
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

#### Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM  
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

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### PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie	Pastor
Jeannie Garcia	Religious Ed. Coord.
Ellen Barbasso	Secretary

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8AM-12PM

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Saturday 3 PM

### BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

### MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

### Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, April 17**

4:00 PM Genest Family by Arlene Riel OL  
 5:30 PM No Mass

### **Sunday, April 18**

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL  
 10:00 AM Rose Borden by Lee Drew SJ

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, 12 noon OLOL  
 Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 AM OLOL

Monday April 19 No Mass  
 Tuesday April 20 Intentions of Carmel Gangi  
 Wednesday April 21 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hobbs  
 Thursday April 22 Gerard Sickler  
 Friday April 23 Donor's Intentions

### **Saturday, April 24**

4:00PM George MacKenzie by Father John OL  
 5:30 PM No Mass

### **Sunday, April 25**

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL  
 10:00 AM Donald Graves by His Loving Wife Janet SJ

Altar candles for the month of April at St. Joseph's Church are in honor of Bonnie Emond by Claire Emond.

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget  
 Requirement: \$ 4,000

Weekend of April 11, 2021

Weekly Offering \$ 3,238

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

### **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !**

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242. If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Lay Ministries	April 17/18	April 24/25
Eucharistic Ministers		
4 PM	Ben Brown	Michelle Clark
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	Virginia Drew	Jim Klingensmith
Lectors		
4 PM	Donna Brown	Dianne Bird
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Karen Cote	Anne Boisvert
10 AM	Betsy Bosiak	Pauline Marston
Altar Servers		
4 PM		
5:30 PM		
8 AM		
10 AM		

### **Parish Ministries**

#### **Serving God, Our Parish and Our Community** **Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church**

#### **Parish Center**

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, all meals are suspended until further notice.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

#### **DIVINE MERCY MILITIA**

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

### **READING**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

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**“The way we can be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments” (1John 2:3)**

### **Question of the Week**

Does the idea of the Eucharist as a meal with the risen Jesus increase your appreciation for the sacrament?

#### **HIS WORD TODAY**

“Back to basics!” is a familiar slogan in many walks of life, including religion. The basics of Christianity include the creeds, moral precepts and sacraments. But where do these basics come from? The Scripture readings for the Third Sunday of Easter can help us answer that question.

The most basic moral advice for Christians is provided in today’s passage from 1 John 2: Avoid sin and keep the commandments. The exhortation to avoid sin is balanced by the reminder that Christ’s death on the cross was an efficacious sacrificial offering for our sins and the sins of the whole world. The “commandments” here are probably not the 613 commandments in the Torah or even the Ten Commandments. If you read John’s Gospel and letters carefully, you will find that the commandments of Jesus are at once simpler and more challenging. There are two basic commandments: Believe in Jesus as the revealer of God and in his heavenly Father, and love God and one another. These two great commandments of the Johannine Jesus represent the basics of Christian moral teaching. Those who truly believe in Christ will avoid sin and will love God and one another.

The Eucharist is the sacrament of ongoing Christian life and so is basic to it. Luke’s account of the risen Jesus’ appearance to his disciples gathered in Jerusalem has the same basic structure as the Emmaus narrative, though in reverse order. In this passage the risen Jesus first shares a meal with his followers and then explains to them how his death and resurrection took place according to the Scriptures. The structure of these two texts evokes the structure of the Eucharistic celebration and portrays the sacrament as reflection on Scripture and a meal with the risen Jesus. It also links the Eucharist to Jesus’ Last Supper and to the many meals that Jesus celebrates throughout Luke’s Gospel.

What most of us regard as the basics of Christian life are deeply rooted in the Scriptures. One of the challenges of the Easter season is to gain greater clarity about what we believe, find ways to put our beliefs into practice and deepen our faith and love through contact with the risen Christ in the Eucharist.

### **FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS**

*The Easter season is all about hope. The message of Easter is that Jesus didn't just die on the cross and return to heaven. He overcame sin, and then he came back to us. By appearing to Peter, Mary Magdalene, the Emmaus disciples and many more, he gave us proof that he is still involved in our lives. He showed us that he still wants to heal us and help us follow him. He showed us that he has great hope for our future, and so should we.*

*So let Jesus come to you this Easter season. Let him show you that your future can be just as glorious as his. Let him help you to face whatever challenges life has yet to throw at you. Believe that he is still with you every step of the way, just as he was with the two Emmaus disciples.*

Join us for our Weekly Series

Join the Diocese of Manchester for their weekly series "The Resurrection and the Church's Mission in the Public Square" as we journey through the 50 days of Easter by reflecting on our baptismal call to missionary discipleship.

Week 1 - The Resurrection and the Mission of the Christian

Week 2 - The "Who" of the Mission

Week 3 - The "Why" of the Mission

Week 4 - The "How" of the Mission

Week 5 - The "When" of the Mission

Week 6 - The Resurrection and Caesar

Week 7 - The Spirit and the Mission <https://www.catholicnh.org/worship-and-sacraments/faith/liturgical-calendar/easter>

Register to Receive Catholic Citizenship News

Are you looking for an easy way to stay informed about public issues in New Hampshire? The Diocese of Manchester offers an e-mail newsletter with updates on important public policy matters facing our elected officials.

Register at [catholicnh.org/cc](http://catholicnh.org/cc)

### YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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**Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph's Faith  
Formation: [ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org](http://ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org).**

- ◆ **In-person faith formation classes resumed Sunday, April 11, from 8:30-9:30 for all grades.**

The parish building committee is in need of volunteers to help with a number of projects this spring and summer. Please sign up through flocknote or contact the rectory. A planning meeting will be held Saturday, April 24, at 9:00am in the Parish Center.

The annual spring church yard clean-up will be held Saturday, April 17, from 9-11 at St. Joseph's Church. The rain date is Saturday, April 24. Please check the website for details.

### Engaged Couple Courses

Engaged couple formation courses in the Diocese of Manchester are available online. The courses are based on Ascension Press' Joy-Filled Marriage program and run online for five consecutive Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30 PM. They are facilitated by a pair of Catholic couples experienced in leading marriage formation. Registration in a course also includes a save-worthy marriage formation box (think, subscription box for your relationship!) containing a number of helpful and enriching resources.

All interested couples should speak to their pastor or parish marriage formation coordinator to register for the following course: Wednesdays: April 7 - May 5, 2021.

### PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *Father John would like masks to be worn by all who attend any Mass. Thank You all for your anticipated compliance.*
- ◆ *Please continue to keep each other safe and limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. This includes:*
  - ◆ *Wearing a mask.*
  - ◆ *Practicing social/physical distance*
  - ◆ *Cleaning your hands.*



A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible;

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

### New Online Support Group from Catholic Charities NH

Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/Separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward.

Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) starting April 21.

Register at: <https://www.cc-nh.org/events/divorce-separation-why-me-what-can-i-do> or please call 603-752-1325.

**Sharing the Gospel**

When Jesus came to his friends after Easter, they could hardly believe he was real. Jesus told his friends it was okay to touch him. Jesus had bones. He had muscles. He had scars from the cross. Jesus even ate a piece of fish to show that his stomach worked okay. Yes, they had all seen Jesus die, but God raised him to life. Moses and King David and the prophets had all written about the Savior. The Scriptures all came true through Jesus. He really is alive. If you believe in Jesus, don't keep it a secret. Tell your friends that Jesus is their savior, too.

**Prayer**

God, give me the words I need. I want everyone I know to follow you.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself telling your friends about Jesus.

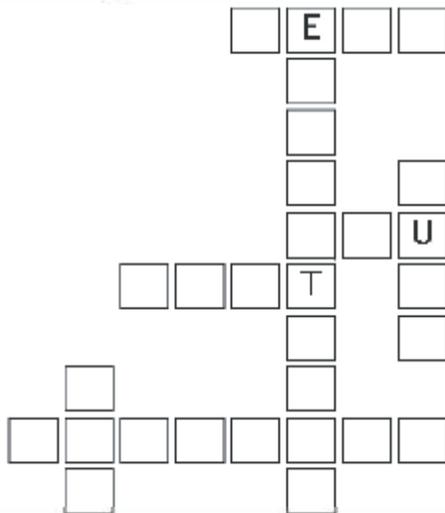
**Mission for the Week**

Send a letter to the missionaries your church supports. Ask them how your family can help them spread God's love with other people.

**PUZZLE**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You must tell everything  
that has happened.



**MISSION**

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**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





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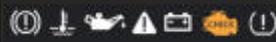
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