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**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020**

# **7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14a)

### PSALM:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) or Alleluia

### SECOND READING:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)

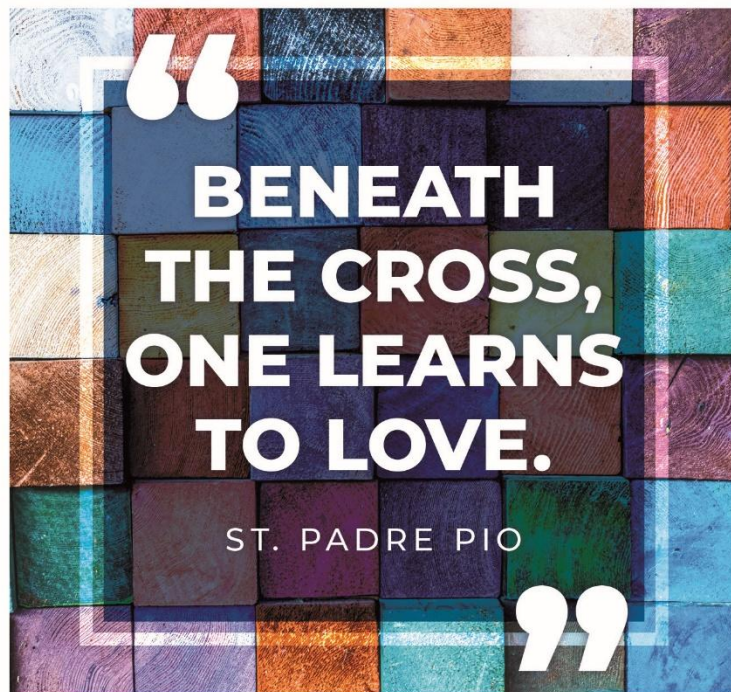
### GOSPEL:

"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began." (Jn 17:4-5)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;  
World Communications Day  
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the  
Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'  
Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day  
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest  
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop  
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Those closest to Jesus in his life gathered together in the immediate aftermath of his resurrection and ascension. What sort of mixed emotions do you think they experienced?

### SECOND READING

Peter encourages those who suffer for the faith to "glorify God." When have you experienced this type of redemptive suffering?

### GOSPEL READING

At the conclusion of his farewell discourse, Jesus offers a prayer of petition to the Father for his disciples. How do you find Jesus' words comforting?

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

*I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of living. Psalm 27*

**Cycle A (Year of Service) Sunday, May 24, 2020**



*Father Dodson will celebrate Masses in private:*

SATURDAY May 23	†Susan Rusnak (7th Anniversary) by George & Mary
SUNDAY May 24	†David Roddy by Alan & Veronica Wright & Intention of the Parishioners & †Gloria Ferland by John & Jane Ferland
MONDAY May 25	†Rosemary Stanley by Thomas & Brenda Forsyth
TUESDAY May 26	†Claire St. Germain by the family
WEDNESDAY May 27	†Romeo Dupont by Côme & Joyce Bombardier
THURSDAY May 28	†Monique Gagne by her Estate
FRIDAY May 29	†Rosaire & †Fernande Tougas by the family
SATURDAY May 30	†Rita Lemoine by Betty Patnode & Nancy Burns
SUNDAY May 31	†Romeo Favero by the family & Intention of the Parishioners & †Gertrude Bates by Richard & Nancy Green
MONDAY June 1	†Henry Choiniere by Leon & Anne Berthiaume



**Sanctuary Lamp  
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is lit for continued prayers for  
*Cancer patients and Survivors.*

**Please PRAY**



...for peace in the world  
...Those serving in the Armed Forces  
...For our sick and shut-ins  
...For those dying with no one to pray for them  
...People in our families, our friends  
...Members of our parish who are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized, or experiencing difficult times, especially during this pandemic and have asked for our prayers: Rachael Ashline, Donna Beaulieu, Andrea Belrose, Germain Bourdeau, Lanny Brow, Glen Dockham, Rebecca Dumont, Lena Gadouas, Eileen Gadue, Jessica Gemmell, Mike Hutchinson, Richard King, Nelson LaChappelle, Sr, Georgette Langevin, Henry Langevin, Richard Langlois, Norman "Fuzzy" LaPan, Terry Lemoine, Erica Mason & her children, Roseanna Paquette, Betty Pudvah, Jean Rainville, Eunice Safford, Chris Sharrow, Lisa Stenta, Wm. Thompson, Armande Tremblay, and Polly Truax

*Rest In Peace*

Our parish family extends our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the families and friends of recently deceased **Ernestine "Tina" Bouchard** and **Irene Brosseau**.



**DAILY MASS Intentions are available** beginning Monday, June 8th. Please call the parish office at 868-4262 to schedule a daily Mass. You may also email the office @ [nativitybvm-stlouis@comcast.net](mailto:nativitybvm-stlouis@comcast.net)



During these challenging times, even though we are not gathering in person at Mass, our parish needs your weekly offertory contribution to remain financially solvent. **We have established online e-giving on our parish website [nativystlouis.com](http://nativystlouis.com)** to make it easier to contribute.

**Your weekly financial donations can also be mailed to:** Nativity St. Louis Parish 65 Canada St, Swanton, VT 05488. *Thank you for your continued support.*



## MEMORIAL DAY

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Christians are no strangers to sacrifice. Jesus lays down his life for our redemption, martyrs remain faithful to the end, and every believer faces "deaths" in the spiritual life when love requires a reordering of preference and priority.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who laid down their lives for their nation and for the values we espouse freedom, justice, and a better world for our children. In a day that is often filled with barbeques and boat launches, remember to take some time in prayer! Intercede for those who have died and for the loved ones they left behind, and pray for peace on earth.





# NEWS FROM The Inland See FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

May 22–28, 2020

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

**P**eter Beauregard, director of facilities and Catholic cemeteries for the Diocese of Burlington, has direct responsibility for the diocesan cemetery, Resurrection Park in South Burlington, but he also offers support to 74 parish cemeteries throughout Vermont.

“Support of the parish cemeteries includes the sharing of best practices in the areas of services offered, accounting and property maintenance,” he explained, adding that cemeteries are eligible for the annual SafetyFirst grant program that can be used to repair, implement or improve safety concerns.

It is important to place the Catholic cemetery within the Catholic burial tradition. That tradition flows out of fundamental tenets of the Catholic faith that include:

- + the dignity of each individual human person;
- + the importance of Baptism into the faith;
- + the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ;
- + the promise of Jesus that His followers will share eternal life;
- + the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass uniting us to the Cross and our expression of adoration, thanksgiving, petition and supplication.

The operation of a Catholic cemetery ministry should support each of these tenets.

“Our Catholic cemeteries are blessed and consecrated grounds not unlike our churches,” Beauregard said.

“Maintaining them to the best of our ability is an outward sign that we are thankful for what we have been given.”

Mowing the grass controls the pest and weeds from taking over and keeping the grass at a two- to-three-inch height helps control the moisture of the soil. Maintenance of the monuments and their foundations ensures that the stones are stable and unlikely to fall over. Proper tree maintenance includes visual inspections to identify decay that can weaken a tree causing it to fall in high winds, damaging headstones and endangering visitors.

The maintenance of the cemeteries includes lawns, fences, trees, hedges, stone walls, ponds, roadways, pathways, water systems, storage buildings and machinery.

Beauregard estimated that there are 1,200 burials annually in the cemeteries he deals with, but that number could change because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Catholic cemetery grounds are consecrated and an extension of the Church,” he said “They are adorned with special Christian symbols, monuments and structures that make visiting them a holy and serene experience.”

For more information on Catholic cemeteries, go to [vermontcatholic.org/about/finance/cemeteries](http://vermontcatholic.org/about/finance/cemeteries).

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports the oversight of several Catholic cemeteries and guidance for all Catholic cemeteries in Vermont. To make a donation, go to [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).

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# Diocese of Burlington *Online Ministry Opportunities*

## May 24–30, 2020

### Mass, Adoration, Rosary, and the Office of the Dead

Daily (Monday – Friday) 8 AM *Eucharistic Adoration* (30 min) — Livestream — [www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass)

Daily (Monday – Friday) 11:15 AM *Live Rosary* — with Valerie Parzyck — [www.facebook.com/DioBurlington](https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington)

Daily (Monday – Friday) 12:05 PM *Mass* — Livestream — [www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass)

Sunday 10 AM *Mass* — Livestream — [www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass)

**Office of the Dead** will be livestreamed on [www.facebook.com/DioBurlington](https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington), and also available on [www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources).

	8 AM	<b>Office of the Dead, Morning Prayer</b>
Friday, May 29	4 PM	<b>Office of the Dead, Evening Prayer</b>
	8 PM	<b>Office of the Dead, Night Prayer</b>

### Online Ministries

Daily	Posted at 9 AM	<b>Bishop Coyne's Daily Reflections</b> — <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington">www.facebook.com/DioBurlington</a> and <a href="http://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/office-of-bishop/dailyreflections/">www.vermontcatholic.org/about/office-of-bishop/dailyreflections/</a>
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For the below offerings, we encourage people to register. Find the event on our diocesan calendar ([www.vermontcatholic.org/events](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/events)) and sign up, or contact [mhagan@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:mhagan@vermontcatholic.org). All events are FREE. Some of these will also be live-streamed on the diocesan Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/DioBurlington](https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington)).

Monday, May 25 *no online ministry scheduled*

Tuesday, May 26 10:30 AM & 7 PM **Encountering Jesus Bible Study** (30 min) — Deacon Phil Lawson

Wednesday, May 27 4 PM **Forming Young Disciples** — Bill Gavin

Thursday, May 28 1 PM **Overflowing Love: Reflections on the Holy Spirit for Pentecost** — Josh Perry

7 PM **Theology on Tap** (for young adults 21-35) — Bill Gavin & Father Luke Austin

Friday, May 29 3 PM **Parenting with Grace, Part 3** — Bill Gavin & Terri McCormack

### DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

*Diocese:* Respect Life Coordinator

*The Loretto Home, Rutland:* Director of Nursing — \$7,500 Sign-on Bonus!

*Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington:* Administrator

*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:* Full-Time LNA or Caregiver — \$500 Sign-On Bonus

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*For More Info:*

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