

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**May 17, 2020**

## St. Christopher Church

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## Worship Schedule

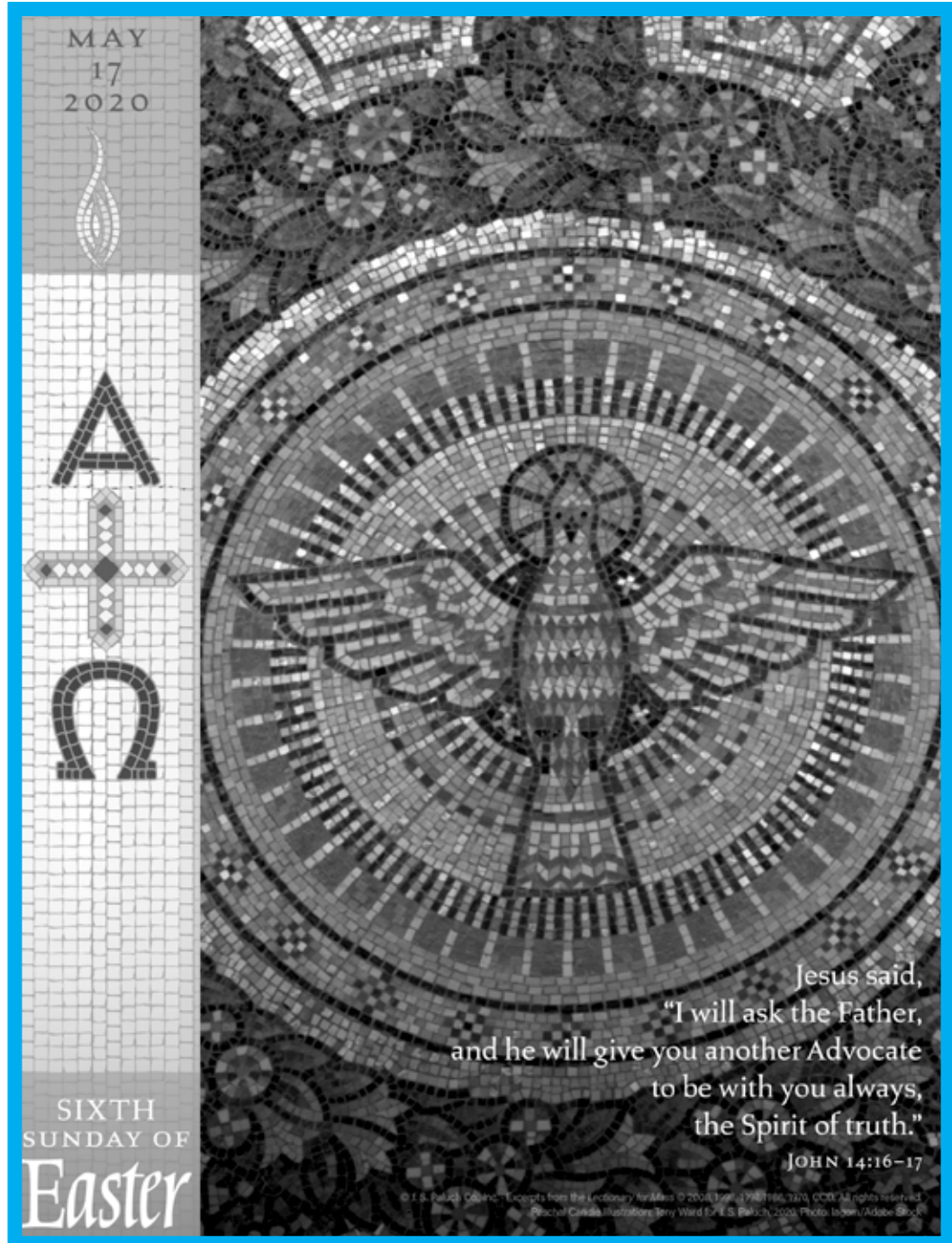
Morning Prayer 7:00 AM Mon-Thurs  
Daily Mass 7:15 AM Mon-Thurs  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 PM Sunday

Confessions After Daily Mass,  
approx. 7:45 AM  
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday  
7:45-8:45 AM  
Rosary at beginning

1st Friday of the Month  
1:00-3:00 PM  
September - June

**Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5.**



## Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

## Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 16

4:00 PM Rachel Descoteau, 1st Anniv.  
by Her Sons and their families

Nelson Heroux  
by his sister Jeanne

### Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM Henry Lamont  
by Elizabeth Cote  
10:00 AM For the people of the parish  
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, May 18

7:15 AM Deceased Members of the  
Matthew Ennis Family  
by Caroline & Kathy

### Tuesday, May 19

7:15 AM Thomas Long, 11th Anniv.  
by Tom, Zo and TJ Long

### Wednesday, May 20

7:15 AM Frances Vita, 3rd Anniversary  
by Her daughter, Cindy

### Thursday, May 21 - Ascension Thursday

7:15 AM The people of the parish

9:30 AM Chris Seiler  
by Mrs. Mitchell and 5M  
Students

### Friday, May 22

No Mass on Fridays

### Saturday, May 23

4:00 PM Pauline L. Cushion, 25th  
by Her Family

Stephanie Cadwell Walsh  
by Jeanne Berube

### Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM Ellen Mary Toomey  
by Kenneth I. Spaulding and  
Scott G. Carr Families  
10:00 AM For the people of the parish  
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For Thomas Long  
by Elizabeth Cote

### Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become  
the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all  
Masses during May, will be offered for  
the people of the parish.

*Arrangements can be made to donate the  
monthly Altar bread and wine in honor  
of a loved one by contacting the rectory  
at 882-0632 during business hours. Mass  
intentions can also be scheduled by  
calling the rectory.*



## "I will not leave you orphans"

Among the many things that we have had to adjust to in these last few months - suspension of public Masses, waiting in lines to go into the grocery store, not being able to go about our daily routines - maybe the most painful has been a sense of isolation for many people. As creatures that are made for relationships, having to forego many of the ways in which we interact with other people has been a source of great pain. It simply isn't natural to not shake hands and hug people when we greet them, and none of us are happy about sacrificing the activities and gatherings that we enjoy with others.

God knows that we need other persons; He made us that way. That's why He knew the Church needed His divine presence to be with her after Jesus would return in bodily form to heaven (The Ascension). In this weekend's Gospel, He reminds us that we are not alone and we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and within the Church. We often times forget this awesome mystery, but through the grace of our Baptism and enabled by living the commandments, God dwells and works within us. Jesus reminds us that our job is to remain faithful to the commandments and His teachings; when we choose not to, we reject the full power of the Holy Spirit's love, guidance, and power in our lives. Being alone with God does not mean that we have to feel lonely.

May this weekend's Gospel give us renewed courage and comfort that God has not left us and He will never leave His Church. As we go through this penitential moment of separation from one another, may we know that we are united in faith through the Holy Spirit's presence in the Church. I pray that each of us will seek to know the Holy Spirit in new ways and may we give Him the permission to do awesome things in our lives!

*In Christ,  
Fr. David*

## Vita et Caritas Award Nominations

Know an inspiring and dedicated volunteer? Nominate them for the Vita et Caritas Award! The Diocese of Manchester is currently seeking nominations for the Vita et Caritas Award, given to a volunteer at a non-profit organization who makes significant contributions that help transform the lives of women, children and families. The recipient will be honored on September 10th at the annual Bishop's Summer Reception, and the non-profit organization will receive a \$2,500 grant. For more information: [www.catholicnh.org/vca](http://www.catholicnh.org/vca).

*Until further notice...*

## St. Christopher Church

**will be OPEN**

**for prayer**

**Monday to Friday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

*Please use the  
side door to  
enter the church!*



## Saint Christopher ACADEMY

**THIS SUNDAY!**

### Saint Christopher Academy Virtual Open House

Families looking for an authentically Catholic, academically excellent school for their PreK-3 through grade 8 children in southern New Hampshire are invited to attend a Virtual Open House at the new Saint Christopher Academy on Sunday, May 17. The virtual event at the lower campus, which will house grades PreKindergarten through 6, will take place at 11:30 AM. The virtual event for grades 7 & 8 at the upper campus will take place at 1:30 PM.

Parents may register for the Open House at <https://tinyurl.com/SCAMayOpenHouse>. Once registered, parents will be sent a direct link to the online Open House. The Open House will include an introduction to the Academy by Principal Cindy Clarke, breakout sessions with teachers, and assistance in applying remotely to the new academy.

### Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number or email address? Help us stay in touch by calling the parish office at 603-882-0632 to update your parish record!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28; Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

### From the Families of Nazareth

#### *Whoever Loves Jesus Will Be Loved By God*

"God burns with a jealous love for you. It means that He wants to be your only Lord, your only love."

*Tadeusz Dajczer, The Gift of Faith, 3rd. ed. (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2012), 45.*

### Catholic Charities NH Update

#### **All Programs Continue to Offer Support During COVID-19 Crisis**

In this challenging and unprecedented time, Catholic Charities NH continues to serve the needs of the vulnerable across New Hampshire. While most of our physical locations are closed, all of our programs remain operational. Our staff is working remotely and is accessible to serve individuals and families facing increasing hardship during this difficult period. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact 603-669-3030 or visit us online at [www.cc-nh.org/programs](http://www.cc-nh.org/programs).

### Parish Giving During COVID-19

The operation of the parish continues to rely upon your generosity through the offertory collection. It is important that we continue our parish giving at this time. Please consider the following ways to support St. Chris during this challenging time:

- If you give by cash in the offertory collection, we highly encourage you to please sign up for online giving. This is the most efficient way for us to enable the parish to maintain its financial obligations uninterrupted. You can sign up for automated payment or make individual gifts online at <https://stchrisparishnh.org/giving/>
- If you typically put envelopes in the collection basket, please consider mailing them to us or dropping them in the mail slot of the office door.
- If you are in a position to give more, we would ask you to prayerfully increase your giving in the weeks ahead or consider making an additional gift.

### We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

#### **Rectory Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

#### **Rectory Phone:**

882-0632

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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on Facebook!**



**May 10, 2020 Offertory**  
*(No public masses)*

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,275.00
Loose Offertory	\$0.00
Faith Direct	\$1,540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,815.00</b>
Easter	\$2,770.00
Ascension	\$232.00
Catholic Communications	\$30.00
Works of the Holy Father	\$20.00

**Thank you  
for supporting  
your Spiritual Home!**



**Family Connection to this Week's Gospel**

**Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21**

**Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.**

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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**For Vocations**

"Those who love Me will keep my word." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, or in the consecrated life? If you are considering this possibility, write Father Matthew Mason at [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



**VBS Coming Soon!  
Rocky Railways  
2020!**

July 27-July 31, 2020  
8:30 AM -11:30 AM

**Thank You to  
Our Bulletin Advertisers**

A sincere "Thank You" to all of our loyal advertisers who continue to support our parish bulletin. The bulletin is one of our main communication tools with our parishioners. It provides inspirational words from Fr. David, Mass intentions, news, and events. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided at no cost thanks to generous advertising support. Please say thanks to our sponsors!

**Looking for volunteers to add to our crew  
and get this train rolling!**

Come join us for a rockin' good time aboard the Rocky Railways VBS train... where God's strength always pulls us through! Dancing, music, crafts, snacks and games galore as we hear and learn how Jesus pulls us through! We will need lots of volunteers to make this event happen- please email [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) if you are age 18+ and want to help us make an amazing trek! Youth volunteer slots will be filled as soon as we have our 18+ crew assembled!



**Knights of Columbus**

Are you Catholic, charitable and looking to serve God? We are too! Go to [KofC.org/Joinus](http://KofC.org/Joinus) for more information on how you and your family can become part of the largest, Catholic, fraternal organization in the world.



**Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 32**

Wow! I have more taste buds now than I will at any time in my life. I can even tell which foods you like best, Mom, and I'm sure glad you like ice cream! I wonder what my favorite flavor will be. I can't wait to see what kind we'll have together this time next year. Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

*For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.*

Psalm 107:9 (NIV)

## Corpus Christi Corner

The Pantry continues to be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are in need of food or assistance, please call us at 882-6372.

We are giving out pre-made grocery bags of food. We have been quite busy and have a dedicated group of volunteers to serve our clients.

We are blessed to have the support of the Catholic parishes in Nashua. Even though the churches are closed, we continue to receive food from them, including St Christopher Church. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support. With help from all of you, we are able to keep our doors open. During the month of April, 205.1 pounds of food were donated from St Chris, with a value of \$343.00.

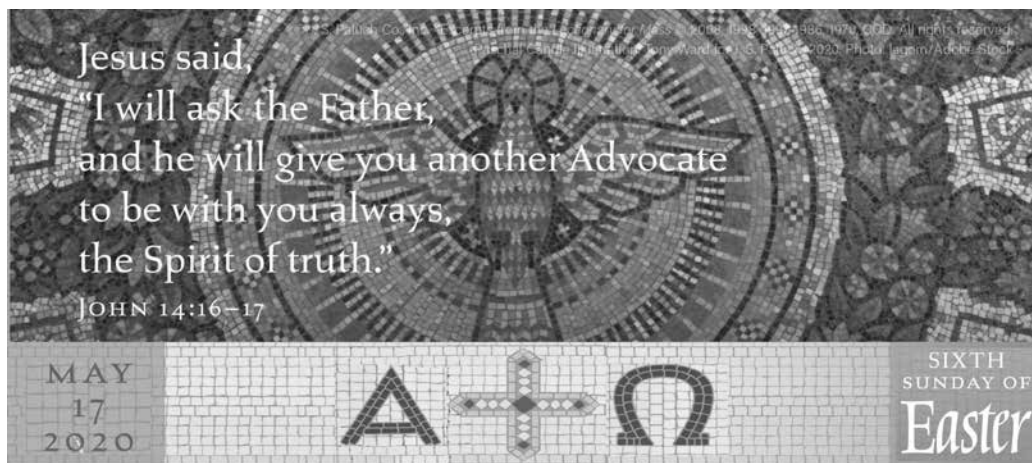
If you are able to donate food, it can be dropped off at the church during the hours the church is open for prayers. Our supplies are low on the following items: chicken noodle soup, canned carrots, mixed vegetables, juice boxes, jelly, toilet paper, deodorant, popcorn, pop tarts, granola bars, gravy, Hamburger Helper, and bar soap. If you would prefer to send us money, there are envelopes tucked under one corner of the collection basket. Thank you all so much!!

### Rice Bowl Grants

2020 Rice Bowl grants are available for any Catholic program or organization that alleviates local poverty (food pantries, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.). There is no deadline to apply and requests can be made up to \$4,000. To apply, visit <https://www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Community/CRS/Application-RiceBowlGrant.pdf>

### Mass Intentions

Parishioners may request memorial masses for loved ones, as well as sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, by contacting the rectory at 882-0632, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$10 and mass cards are available. Arrangements can also be made to donate the Altar bread and wine for a month.



We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

### THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families,  
For the selfless acts they perform,  
For us in our time of need.  
And give us peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord  
and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette Berthelotte:

LTC Brian Berthelotte (Army);  
LtCol Mark Berthelotte (USAF);  
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette Berthelotte:

Cpl. Matthew Berthelotte (USMC)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:  
SSG. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:  
Maj. Rob Strob

Grandson of Pat & Kaye Heffernan:

Sgt. Eamonn Garber (USMC)

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:  
SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre  
PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Kopka and Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:  
AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)  
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:  
Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Granddaughter of Dan & Sue Tracy:  
1Lt Brittany DesLauriers (Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:  
Captain Nick Batey USAF

Nephew of Karen Narkis:  
AMT3 David P. Narkis (Coast Guard)

*To add to our military prayer list, email [bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org) or call the Rectory at 882-0632.*

**St. Christopher Parish  
Community Outreach**

**Parish Prayer Line**

*Overwhelmed by life, by care?  
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --  
24/7 from us to Heaven!

**Go online to**

[www.stchrisparishnh.org](http://www.stchrisparishnh.org)

**Send email to**

prayerhotline@  
stchrisparishnh.org

**Prayer Shawls**

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

**Outreach Ministry**

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

**Senior Companions**

Are you homebound? Would you enjoy a visit? Your parish wants to stay connected with you! If St. Christopher is your spiritual home, how about a visit from one of your fellow parishioners? To arrange a visit, please call the Rectory at 882-0632.

**Saint Bernardine of Siena**

**(1380-1444)**

Most of the saints suffer great personal opposition, even persecution. Bernardine, by contrast, seems more like a human dynamo who simply took on the needs of the world.

He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, attracting crowds of 30,000, following Saint Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about "vice and virtue, punishment and glory."

Compared with Saint Paul by the pope, Bernardine had a keen intuition of the needs of the time, along with solid holiness and boundless energy and joy. He accomplished all this despite having a very weak and hoarse voice, miraculously improved later because of his devotion to Mary.

When he was 20, the plague was at its height in his hometown of Siena. Sometimes as many as 20 people died in one day at the hospital. Bernardine offered to run the hospital and, with the help of other young men, nursed patients there for four months. He escaped the plague, but was so exhausted that a fever confined him for several months. He spent another year caring for a beloved aunt whose parents had died when he was a child, and at her death began to fast and pray to know God's will for him.

At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town.

Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernardine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek—in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day, as well as the insignia of factions: for example, Guelphs and Ghibellines. The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes and public buildings. Opposition arose from those who thought it a dangerous innovation. Three attempts were made to have the pope take action against him, but Bernardine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence were evidence of his faithfulness.

General of the Friars of the Strict Observance, a branch of the Franciscan Order, Bernardine strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling.

**Welcome! Please use this form to register!**

*St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at [www.StChrisParishNH.org](http://www.StChrisParishNH.org).*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

## About Our Catholic Faith:

### Why Does Our Lady Appear on Earth?

What is the significance of the apparitions at Lourdes and other places? What is the meaning of Marian apparitions in general?

In our world of rationalism and secularism, of materialism and consumerism, God and the supernatural realm seem far removed from most people. Yet He continues to intervene in human history by sending the mother of Jesus when the Christian faith is challenged and under attack.

The human family needs to be reminded, sometimes in a dynamic and supernatural way, that God exists, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a universal call to goodness and holiness, that we are all responsible before our Maker for our choices.

Apparitions are a wake-up call for a corporate examination of conscience about how well we may be responding to God's manifold invitations to personal salvation and world peace. So how are we responding to Him?

#### **Private Revelation**

The Church is necessarily both cautious and open in the matter of private revelation. She must discern what is false. And she must avoid the risk of losing credibility as the guardian of public revelation by too hastily confirming a reported private revelation or apparition.

Yet we can clearly observe the abundant blessings of Mary's action in private revelation. Her appearance is a heaven-sent reminder, an invitation to the world to live the Gospel fully and to assist the Church in its continuing mission of evangelization.

What would the 16th century have been without Guadalupe? Or the 19th and 20th centuries without the Miraculous Medal revealed at Rue de Bac in Paris, without Lourdes, without Fátima? We can thank God for the tremendous graces and blessings that result from authentic apparitions of Mary.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms, the purpose of private revelation is never to replace public revelation contained in Scripture and Tradition. Rather, the goal of authentic private revelation is to "help people live out their faith more fully" (Glossary; see No. 67). It accentuates the challenge of the Gospel to prayer, penance, fasting and conversion, which lead to peace of heart and the peace of all human societies.

In contemporary times we have seen more apparitions approved than in any other era of Church history. What does this say about our individual and communal faithfulness and relationship to God? If true Marian apparitions are on the increase, perhaps our age is in greater need of encouragement to live generously the Christian life.

Recall the words of Blessed Pope John XXIII about Lourdes in 1959: "Listen attentively to the salutary warnings of the Mother of God, who seeks to guide us in our conduct."

#### **Mother and Son**

Pope John Paul II taught us to see that Marian doctrine and devotion are indeed both Christ-centered and Church-centered. He noted the harmony of her unique participation as Co-Redemptrix in the redemption earned by Jesus Christ with her continuing maternal mediation and advocacy for all humanity. Mary is the perfect model for the People of God in their journey to become, with Jesus and herself, co-redeemers and intercessors for each other and all humankind.

Knowing and teaching the whole truth about Mary is thus the best means to teach the whole truth about Jesus and His saving incarnation, about His redemption and about His Church. The full truth about Mary safeguards the full truth about Jesus.

Mary is the most effective guiding star and mediating force for the new evangelization. The mother prepares the way for the Son. Is it any wonder, then, that He sometimes sends her to appear in our midst, so she can call us once again to draw close to God?

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### Prayer to Saint Michael

*St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

### Prayer for Vocations

*O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.*

### Prayer for Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

In the Words of  
*Pope Francis*

"Many people have recently lost their jobs. Let us #PrayTogether for our brothers and sisters who are suffering for lack of employment."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex**

**May 11, 2020**