

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**April 18, 2021**

## St. Christopher Church

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Nashua, New Hampshire 03064  
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## Worship Schedule

Daily Mass 7:30 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. 8:00 AM  
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday  
8:00-9:00 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.**



Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.

LUKE 24:46-47

THIRD  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

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## 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, April 17

4:00 PM Matthew Rivard  
by Andre and Jaqueline Drouart

### Sunday, April 18

8:00 AM For the people of the parish

10:00 AM Donald Rhodes  
by Richard and Anne Marie Emond

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, April 19

7:30 AM Bernice O'Connor  
by Mike and Kathleen O'Connor

### Tuesday, April 20

7:30 AM Peg Fallon  
by Kay & Pat Heffernan

### Wednesday, April 21

7:30 AM Jean Boutin  
by Mary & John Mann

### Thursday, April 22

7:30 AM Kevin Duffey  
by Mary & John Mann

### Friday, April 23

No Mass on Friday

### Saturday, April 24

4:00 PM Annette Gagnon  
by Hugh and Anne Moran

### Sunday, April 25

8:00 AM For the people of the parish

10:00 AM Marion Moran  
by Hugh and Anne Moran

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For the people of the parish

### Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during April, will be offered for family members who have gone before us by Michael & Susan Glenn.

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.

# 2021 Easter Flower Donations

*The Easter flowers decorating the church are donated in memory and honor of . . .*

Marvin & Enes Higginson  
John & Bridget Morgan  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Higginson**

My son Joseph  
My granddaughter Christina  
My sister Winifred

**by Mrs. Margaret Murphy**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lomascolo

**by Ms. Linda Lomascolo**

Robert Garant

**by Mrs. Bronislawa Garant**

Tony Courounis

The Tocci Family

**by Marlene Courounis**

McAleese & Gildea Families

**by Mrs. Margaret McAleese**

The Bingham Family

**by Mr. & Mrs. David Bingham**

Albert Page

Antoinette & Dominick Cianfrocco

**by Mrs. Rosine Page**

Patrick John Fitzgerald

**by his wife: April Geer Fitzgerald**

Mayor & Mrs. Charles Puksta

**by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Puksta**

Nick & Doris Distasio

**by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Distasio**

Deceased members of the

Wells & Kaminski Families

**by Mr. & Mrs. William Kaminski**

The Moreau Family

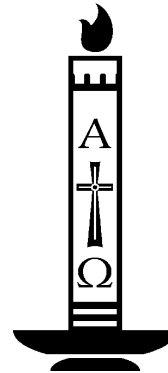
**by Priscilla Moreau**

John and Constance Regan

**by Lisa Ross**

Sylvianne, Margaret & Lola

**by Mark Stevens**



The 2021 Paschal Candle is donated

In loving memory of  
Stephanie Cadwell Walsh,  
Pete & Peter Cadwell  
by Jane Cadwell

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Mary Jane & Edgar McAloon

Peter McAloon

William & Mary Costello

**by Nancy Pelletier**

Deceased members of the

Hanafin & Provost Families

**by Larry & Kitty Provost**

Viggiano & Kluska Families

**by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Viggiano**

Tyler Coffey

**by Laurie Coffey**

Pauline Cushion

**by Mr. Robert Cushion**

Catherine & Truman Forrest

**by Mr. Walter Forrest**

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The Reed Family

The Gringeri Family

**by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Reed**

Denise LaVine

Pat Langston

Sean Paradis

Richard LaVine

**by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lavine**

Tracy Family

Koszalka Family

Bihun Family

Tronolone Family

**by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Tracy III**

Jane & Bill Conway

Caroline Elizabeth Hall

**by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Hall**

All Our Troops

**by Mr. Jeffrey Howell**

Ingeneri Family

Cordery Family

**by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ingeneri**

Arthur & Gladys Coll

**by Mrs. Faith Marrotte**



## Catholic Charities Appeal

Catholic Charities NH will be coming to our parish on this weekend for their annual Mass Talk/Appeal. They will be sharing specific ways your support allowed them to adapt and create new opportunities to serve New Hampshire residents in incredibly meaningful ways over the past year, while building on its mission – one rooted in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ – of serving the vulnerable and those without a voice. Visit [www.cc-nh.org/everything](http://www.cc-nh.org/everything) to make a gift and see how your support of Catholic Charities helps our neighbors in need overcome hardship. Our parish goal is \$4,800.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;

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Noel & Jeannine Wood  
Richard McInnis  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Wood**  
The Toohig Family  
The Zollo Family  
**by Dr. & Mrs. Warren Toohig**  
Kevin C. Farwell  
Charles H. Farwell, Jr.  
**by Mr. Dana Farwell**  
John Da Motta  
Artur Quintanilha  
Maria Quintanilha  
**by Mr. & Mrs. John Motta**  
Mr. Richard T. Vita  
Mrs. Frances L. Vita  
**by Mrs. Cindy Clarke**  
Frank & Nanci Phillips  
Patti Guerra  
Bill Phillips  
Bob Locke  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Phillips**  
Jim & Maureen Feenan  
Basil MacDonald  
Emil & Phylis MacDougall  
Paul Wilson  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Feenan Sr.**  
Logan Venti  
Bill & Wini Hoag  
Joe & Elizabeth Chapyak  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sarette**

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The LeBlanc Family  
The Plaisted Family  
**by John & Fran LeBlanc**  
Carol Ann Norris  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Adie**  
Mr. & Mrs. William M. Grady, Jr.  
**by Mr. & Mrs. William Grady**  
Faith Skowron  
Angela Skowron  
James Skowron  
**by Mr. Anthony Skowron**  
Stanley Heinrich  
Patricia Gouthro  
Ronald Gouthro  
Theresa Neelon  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gouthro**



*The Easter flowers decorating the church are donated by . . .*

Mr. & Mrs. Linh Nguyen Anh  
Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Dionne  
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Levesque  
Mrs. Rhea Dornhofer  
Tracey Bradshaw  
Elizabeth Cote  
Tammy Graser  
Veronica-Anne Kaminski  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Koperniak  
Mariellen MacKay  
Catherine McQuaid  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Murphy  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Richards  
Mr. & Mrs. John Therriault  
Sandra Tuplin  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Prieto  
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mannix  
Mr. & Mrs. Chuong Nguyen  
Mr. Hung Nguyen  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Trung Nguyen  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Provost  
Mr. & Mrs. Lam Nguyen  
Bob & Betty Masse  
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Gaudette  
Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Nguyen  
Marianne Bleszinski

Thank you for supporting the St. Christopher Easter Flower Donation Fund. Your support is truly appreciated.

St. Christopher's would like to welcome the following parishioners to our parish and their new spiritual home:

- Jeff & Liz McClure and their children, Reagan and Chase
- Jane Inman and her daughter, Melissa Cruz



## For Vocations

"Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments." Jesus wants to make Himself known to you through the vocation He chooses for you. Will you obey His call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Write Father Matthew Mason at: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

## 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!

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

### Rectory Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00-3:00  
Friday 9:00-12:00

**Rectory Phone:** 882-0632

**Rectory Email:**  
[info@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:info@stchrisparishnh.org)

### Fr. David Harris

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[kprovost@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:kprovost@stchrisparishnh.org)

**Bookkeeper - Jean Dickson**  
[bookkeeper@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stchrisparishnh.org)

**Director of Music & Organist - Carol Ann Skabo**  
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**Religious Educ. - Christine Mercurio**  
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**RCIA - Joe Mercurio**  
[rcia@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:rcia@stchrisparishnh.org)

**Parish Council - Elizabeth Cote**  
[ecote@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:ecote@stchrisparishnh.org)

**Finance Committee -- Tom Nardone**  
[tnardone.work@gmail.com](mailto:tnardone.work@gmail.com)

**Bulletin - Marta Nissen**  
[bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org)

Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



Like St. Chris Parish on Facebook!





**April 11, 2021 Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,746.65
Loose Offertory	\$476.00
Faith Direct	\$2,101.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,323.65</b>

Easter	\$4,546.00
<b>Total-to-date:</b>	<b>\$10,889.00</b>
Holy Places	\$190.00
<b>Total-to-date:</b>	<b>\$660.00</b>
Easter Flowers	\$460.00
<b>Total-to-date:</b>	<b>\$1,903.00</b>

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



**Saint Christopher  
ACADEMY**

**One School,  
Two Campuses,  
Many Opportunities**

Saint Christopher Academy is a pre-kindergarten 3 through grade 8 Catholic school located on two nearby campuses. At SCA, students are immersed in an academically excellent, authentically Catholic education within the embrace of a safe, joy-filled community.

Visit us online at  
[SaintChrisAcademy.org](http://SaintChrisAcademy.org)

**Easter Basket Thank You!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those parishioners who provided an Easter food basket for one of our client families. The distribution this year was revamped to provide extra precautions for the volunteers and the clients.

A drive thru of sorts was set up in the school parking lot and those donating drove up and had the food taken from their cars. When the clients arrived they drove up and the food was loaded into their cars. It went very smoothly thanks to the volunteers.

As always the parishioners of St Christopher Parish and the staff of the Academy stepped up and helped those not as fortunate. For that we are truly grateful!!

**Diocesan Online Support Group  
for Divorced or Separated  
Catholics**

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 [www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup](http://www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup) or call 603-752-1325

**First Saturday Mass  
in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



*Saturday, May 1  
8:00 AM*

**From the Families of Nazareth**

**To Perceive The Loving Presence**

"Every moment of your life is a moment of meeting with the Presence that is loving you."  
Tadeusz Dajczer, *The Gift of Faith*

**Sacrament Preparation Programs**

*Sacrament prep classes are underway!*

We have students preparing to receive Confirmation, and students preparing to receive both Confirmation AND First Eucharist.

We will welcome Bishop Libasci in June to celebrate each Mass with our students and families. Please keep the students and their families in your prayers.

For questions about these programs: email Chris Mercurio at [cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org) in regards to First Communion and Alex Sullivan at [asullivan@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:asullivan@stchrisparishnh.org) about Confirmation.

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**Real Options  
WALK FOR LIFE**



*...because every child deserves a birthday!*

**THIS YEAR, OUR 2 CENTERS ARE JOINING TOGETHER FOR 1 WALK!**

**May 8th, 2021**

REGISTRATION - 9:30 AM  
WALK - 10:15 AM

TRINITY LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
12 STATION ROAD, BEDFORD, NH

*Join us in person or walk at home!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER ONLINE, VISIT  
[WWW.THEFRIENDSOFLIFE.ORG](http://WWW.THEFRIENDSOFLIFE.ORG) OR CALL 603-883-1122

## Saint Christopher Academy Applications and Private Tours

Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now being accepted for Saint Christopher Academy! St. Christopher Academy invites families to visit both the lower campus (PreK 3's through grade 5 in 2021-2022) at 20 Cushing Ave. and the upper campus (grades 6, 7 & 8 in 2021-2022) at 6 Bartlett Ave. for a private tour! Parents will appreciate the outstanding academics built on a strong Catholic moral and spiritual foundation. Service and extracurricular opportunities are an integral part of a Saint Chris education on both campuses.

To set up a tour at either campus, please contact Admissions Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310 or email her at lbedard@saintchrisacademy.org. More information is also available at SaintChrisAcademy.org.

## Corpus Christi Corner

The Pantry is pleased to announce that our director, Maryellen Keigher, has received an award for being a Granite State Food Hero from UNH Nutrition Connection. She worked tirelessly during the pandemic to keep the Pantry open, following safe health guidelines for volunteers and working to find food and hygiene products for our clients. Congratulations Maryellen!

During March, 475.9 pounds of food was collected for the Pantry with a value of \$771.00. Thank you for your support! Suggested food items for the month of April include: hot cocoa, evaporated milk, pasta sauce, canned pasta, salad dressing, graham crackers, Ramen noodles, canned corn, canned mixed vegetables, dish soap, shampoo, and deodorant. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations.



*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

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:  
Major Nick Batey USAF

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

*To add to our military prayer list,  
email bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org or  
call the Rectory at 882-0632.*



## Knights of Columbus

### *Spring to Life Bush and Plant Sale & Raffle\**

Are you getting excited to plant flowers in your garden or that of a loved one? Or perhaps at the gravesite of that special person that you miss? Well, we have great news!

The Knights of Columbus Council 11907 is holding a ***Spring to Life Bush and Plant Sale & Raffle\**** with proceeds to support St. Gianna's Place.

We have made shopping easy for you! Just step on over to

<https://go.rallyup.com/springtolife>

and browse our selection of New Guinea Impatiens, Dahlias and Knock Out Roses to place your order. The Knights will have them tagged and ready for you to pick up on:

**Mothers' Day ~ May 9th, after each Mass**

### Locations

Parishioners of St. Patrick, 29 Spring St., Nashua, Parish Center

Parishioners of St. Christopher, 62 Manchester St., Nashua (Outside front entrance)

\*People who spend \$50.00 or greater will be entered into a raffle to win a \$250.00 Gift Card from Morin's Landscaping. Raffle to be held on May 9th.

**~ Orders must be received No Later Than Wednesday, April 28, 2021 ~**

***Thank you for joining the Knights of Columbus Council 11907 in supporting St. Gianna's Place! Please spread the word to all your family and friends!***

## 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](mailto: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 Fidelis of Sigmaringen

(1577 – April 24, 1622)

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. Fidelis was his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

### Reflection

Fidelis' constant prayer was that he be kept completely faithful to God and not give in to any lukewarmness or apathy. He was often heard to exclaim, "Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain." His prayer against apathy, and his concern for the poor and weak make him a saint whose example is valuable today. The modern Church is calling us to follow the example of "the poor man's lawyer" by sharing ourselves and our talents with those less fortunate and by working for justice in the world.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

### Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

*Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.*

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together *Tantum Ergo* or today's psalm, Psalm 4.

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## About Our Catholic Faith:

### The Shroud of Turin: *Interesting Information*

**The image of the man on the cloth.** The image is not a stain. It is not painted on the shroud. It is not burned on in a conventional manner. Instead it is an image seared on to the cloth with some technology that has yet to be explained. Not only can they not reproduce the image using medieval technologies, they can't reproduce it with modern technology.

**The 3-D capabilities of the image.** The image of the man on the shroud can be read by 3-D imaging technology. Paintings fail this test.

**The Positive-Negative Image.** The image is a photographic negative. That means when a traditional photograph is taken what should be the negative appears as a positive image. If it is a medieval painting how did they do that and why?

**The anatomical accuracy.** Not only is it an accurate image of a dead man but the image is distorted as it should be if it was lying over a real body and the body vanished from within it.

**The historical accuracy to crucifixion.** The wounds are all consistent not only with Roman crucifixion, but the details of Jesus' particular crucifixion like the crown of thorns, no broken bones, the scourging, and the wound in the side.

**Geographical accuracy.** Pollen from the shroud is not only from the Jerusalem area, but from Turkey and the other places the shroud is supposed to have resided, dust from the area on the shroud by the knees and feet is from the area of Jerusalem

**The accuracy to Jewish burial customs.** The shroud shows details perfectly consistent with first century Jewish burial customs. There are even microscopic traces of the flower that would have been used in the burial flowers that grew locally and were known to be used for burial.

**The blood and the image.** The blood was on the shroud first. The image happened later. If it was painted (there is not evidence of paint anywhere) the two would be part of the same faked image

## 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*

"#Easter is the most important feast of our faith because it is the feast of our salvation, the feast of God's love for us."

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