

# The Inland See

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## Easter Sunday 2024

*On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning ... and saw the stone removed from the tomb.*  
— John 20:1

### My dear family in Christ:

Imagine what must have gone through Mary Magdalene's mind when she came to the open tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning. Heartbroken that Jesus had died and had been buried, devastated that He had been rejected by many who had previously praised Him, feeling lost because her teacher would no longer be able to guide her and the other disciples — all this grief and sorrow filling her heart is now multiplied because the tomb was open. Who would do such a thing? Where was His body? How could this happen? Sorrow was piled on top of sorrow.

I believe many of us have had the same experience as Mary, not outside an empty tomb, but in situations in our lives when sorrow seems to be added upon sorrow. Times when we believed things could not become worse for us and then they became worse. These times may be the result of illness, loss of work, loss of a loved one and any number of situations that cause our sorrow to grow deeper and our pain to become worse. Like Mary Magdalene, we wonder how and why this has happened to us. We stand at our own "open tombs" wondering "what next?"

It is in these moments that we need to remember that the open tomb was not the end of the story for Mary Magdalene, and it is not the end of the story for us. Because, as we stand there wondering, "What's next?" we hear the incredible message, "He is not here, but He has been raised" (Luke 24:6). The resurrection of Jesus shattered Mary's grief and can do the same for us. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we

know that sin and death itself have been conquered. With His victory over the grave Christ has transformed the lives of all those who believe in Him and promised to remain with (them) "always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). This means that no matter what "empty tomb" we may be facing in our lives, the risen Christ is with us. He lives to heal our wounds, forgive our sins, nourish us with His body and blood, inspire us through the spirit, teach us through His Church, and inspire us through His saints. He lives so that we will recall that the struggles and burdens of this world will not destroy those who believe in Him. He lives so that we all remember that we are called to life eternal and will enjoy this blessed gift if we but cling to Him.

And so, on this joyful Easter Sunday, let us bring all of our burdens to the one who suffered, died, was buried and rose triumphant so that our "empty tombs" no longer be a sign of increased sorrow but the promise of everlasting glory.

On behalf of the entire diocesan staff, I pray that the new life of the risen Christ blesses our diocese and all the people of Vermont. Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

In Christ the Victorious High Priest,



Rev. Msgr. John J. McDermott  
Diocesan Administrator

# Upcoming Events



04|01 MONDAY  
**Spanish Mass**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm*  
Fr. Marcel Rainville, SSE will celebrate.



04|02 TUESDAY  
**Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon**  
*St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am*  
Free meal! Come one, come all!



04|06 SATURDAY  
**Annual Spring Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat 2024**  
*Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Springfield • 8:30 am - 3:30 pm*

Keynote Speaker is Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE. The Theme of the Retreat is The Eucharistic Life: Bread of Life & Bread for Others. Registration Fee: \$30, lunch included. Register at: [vermont-catholic.org/womens-retreat](http://vermont-catholic.org/womens-retreat)



04|06 SATURDAY  
**New/Potential Volunteer Social**  
*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 10 am - 12 pm*  
Tour the Shrine and see if you would like to

share your time and talents this summer. For more info or to RSVP, email Abbi at [astumpf@sse.org](mailto:astumpf@sse.org).



04|06, 05|04 SATURDAYS  
**St. Ambrose/St. Peter Youth Ministry Bingo**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 pm*

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.



04|06, 05|04 SATURDAYS  
**Free Community Dinner**  
*St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:30 pm*  
Open to all who would like a Hot Meal.



04|07 SUNDAY  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 2 - 4 pm*  
Adoration and Confession at 2 pm, Divine

Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3 pm.



04|07 SUNDAY  
**Divine Mercy Celebration**  
*St. Theresa, Orleans • 3 pm*  
The Holy Hour will feature Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Chaplet in song with Confessions available. A reception will follow in the parish hall next door.



04|12 FRIDAY  
**Essex Community Dinners**  
*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm*  
These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available.



04|13 SATURDAY  
**St. Thomas Calcutta**  
*Mansfield Barn, Jericho • 6 - 9 pm*

St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center is sponsoring a spring Calcutta. "Calcutta" is an elimination jackpot game coupled with dinner and entertainment. Cost is \$130 per ticket which includes 1 Calcutta ball and dinner for 2. **FOR MORE INFO: [stthomasvtcalcutta@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasvtcalcutta@gmail.com) or visit [stthomasvt.com](http://stthomasvt.com)**



04|14 SUNDAY  
**Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am*

\$12 adults, \$7 children 8-12, \$38 immediate family maximum.



04|14 SUNDAY  
**Organ Concert**  
*Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington 3 pm*

Organist Donald McMahon will perform a special concert to commemorate his 30 years of service to the parish as organist and music director. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



04|17 WEDNESDAY  
**Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast**  
*Diocesan Offices, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington 8:30 am*

Our speaker will be Andrew Neddo of Neddo Family Vineyard. Breakfast foods and beverages will be provided. Register at: [vermontcatholic.org/vcp](http://vermontcatholic.org/vcp).



04|18 THURSDAY  
**BINGO**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm*  
Doors open at 4:30, first game at 6:30. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



04|20 SATURDAY  
**Men's "Cor" Formation**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 11:30 am*

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. COR Formation will be held on third Saturdays. All men are welcome. Coffee and donuts provided.



04|26, 27, 28 FRI, SAT, SUN  
**Young Adult Retreat**  
*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte*

For anyone ages 18 to 39. This year's theme is: St. Francis and the Eucharist. He had an intense love for the Eucharist. In this season of Eucharistic Revival, we will look to St. Francis' Eucharistic devotion to inspire a greater devotion within ourselves. Cost is \$75, includes meals and accommodations. Register at: [vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat).



08|20 TUESDAY  
**One-day Pilgrimage to the St. Kateri Shrine**

Join us for a one-day pilgrimage to the St. Kateri Shrine in Kahnawake, Quebec, outside of Montreal. Pickup and dropoffs in Middlebury and South Burlington. For further details and the Registration Form, contact Fr. Schneider ([bschneider@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:bschneider@vermontcatholic.org)) or (802) 388-2943.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

### HOUSEKEEPER

Full-time benefits include: health/dental insurance, PTO, 403(b) w/ match

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## Universal Synod Update



Following the Synod Assembly of Bishops in October 2023, each diocese around the world has been asked to continue the conversation by reflecting upon the synthesis report. The US Synod Team is asking each diocese to hold 2-3 listening sessions during Lent to reflect upon two guiding questions. A 3-5 page document synthesizing what was heard at the diocesan listening sessions will be incorporated into a summary from the USCCB to the Secretariat due in April 2024. Synod Zoom meetings for parish delegates and parishioners have been scheduled bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Meetings are planned for May 14, July 16, Sept. 10, and Nov. 12.

Registration required: [vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod](http://vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod).