

December 15, 2019

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place!

Cycles of Faith – Third Sunday of Advent

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. *"What did you go out to the desert to see?"* There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. *"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"* Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. *"Go and tell John what you hear and see."*

God recognizes our desire to *see*. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin *"regain their sight."* People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,692.85 Maintenance: \$61.00
Christmas Flowers: \$25.00
Religious Retirement: \$450.00
Immaculate Conception: \$78.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$483.00

JULY 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 30TH
(1ST five months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$62,287 this year compared to
\$66,938 last year, a decrease of \$4,651 or -7.0%.

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted
to \$71,091 this year compared to \$72,548 last
year, a decrease of \$1,457 or -2.0%.

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 40 9:30 a.m. 178

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Dec. 14 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Claire Auger.

Sun. Dec. 15 9:30 a.m. For Sherwood Dingman requested by the Fry Family.

Sat. Dec. 21 4:30 p.m. For Therese Richard requested by her husband, Ronald.

Sun. Dec. 22 9:30 a.m. For Hermina Giroux requested by the family.

Please pray for all priests in your daily prayers, especially the following this week:

Sunday:	Rev. Timothy Sullivan
Monday:	Rev. David Theroux, SSE
Tuesday:	Rev. Richard Tinney
Wednesday:	Rev. Eric Ugochukwu, SDV
Thursday:	Rev. Avelino Vale
Friday:	Rev. Richard Vanderweel, SSE
Saturday:	Rev. Peter Williams

Schedule of Counters: Monday, December 16, 2019

Brenda Waters
Theresa Aube
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries for December 21 & 22, 2019

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Stewart Family
	Altar Server:	Nate Stewart
		Peter Stewart
		Mike New
	Lector:	Peggy Cioffi
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike New
		Tim Clancy

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Caitlin & Charlene Van Sleet
	Altar Server:	Anna Ulager Abigail Ulager
	Lector:	Tom Giroux
	Extraordinary Min:	Tom Buzzell Stephanie Buzzell Jeanne Jensen

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-12/14 & 12/15 Babinelli Sunday at all Masses
-12/15 "O Antiphons" at OLMC at 3:00 p.m.
-12/18 Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
-12/21 Church Cleaning at 9:00 a.m.
-12/22 Puppet Show Rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.
-12/22 Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: Even as I welcome Jesus into my heart, can I be patient for his full flowering? Can I be patient for his flowering in my neighbor and in the world?

No Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass **Monday, December 16** due to Father Cray being at St. Michael's for meetings.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern

Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Tuesday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC

Wednesday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

Tuesday, December 31 at **4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude

Wednesday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel": On **Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, OLMC** and St. Jude's will present a collaborative program about the "O Antiphons of Advent". The Antiphons accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. The theology uses ancient biblical imagery of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ from the past and into the present. Our Confirmation students will present and explain more about these prayers. The favorite hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is a summary of the Antiphons. All are welcome.

Bambinelli Sunday: We will have a Bambinelli Sunday on the third Sunday of Advent, **December 14 and 15**. Children and adults are asked to bring figures of the Christ Child from their Nativity sets to be blessed at Mass. This is an Italian custom and the Pope blesses the infant figures in St. Peter's Square during the Angelus on the third Sunday of Advent.

Ministries for Christmas Masses: The sign up sheets are in the sacristy for Altar Servers, Greeters, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve.

Calling All Puppeteers: There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for those wanting to participate in the Gospel presentation for the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. You are never too old for this ministry. Rehearsal will be **Sunday, December 22 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass (10:30 a.m.)**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Shepardson at dmshepardson56@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Choir: All are welcome! Adults and children, singers and instrumentalists. REHEARSAL will be held on **Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m.** Please contact Michelle Keller at 482-6490 or vtkeller@gmavt.net if you are interested in joining so that we have enough music for all.. This group will sing for the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Jude on December 24.

Christmas Flowers: There are collection envelopes in the lobby of the church for the Christmas flowers. Your donations may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 9 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** We are in need of food donations. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. To sign up to donate blood choose a timeslot online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>. Walk ins are welcome but may have a slight wait.

Advent Food Bags: We have Advent Food Bags. We are asking parishioners to take a bag or two and fill each bag with a day's worth of food for a needy family in our area. We will be collecting these throughout Advent. All food bags will be donated to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Thank you.



"This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." — M t 11:10-11

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Cleaning the Church: We will be cleaning the St. Jude Church in preparation of the Christmas Season on **Saturday, December 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's beginning at 4:10 p.m.

Advent Penance Service: There will be Deanery Advent Penance Services on **Sunday, December 15 at St. Mark's at 2:00 p.m.** and a **Concert featuring Ryan Tremblay on Wednesday, December 18 at St. John Vianney at 6:00 p.m. followed by confessions at 7:30 p.m.** Area priests will be available at these services.

Ryan Tremblay Concert: Catholic Musician and Speaker Ryan Tremblay will be at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington on **Wednesday, December 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** for a Concert and Evening of Prayer in the Parish Center. Adoration and Confessions will follow at 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Church. The event is free with a free-will offering. All are welcome.

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **January 14 and 28** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's—Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be **NO** morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.

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