

# January 19, 2020

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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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.'... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,002.85 Maintenance: \$125.00  
Fuel: \$659.85 Christmas: \$795.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$190.00  
Online Giving Last Week: \$425.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Catholic Education  
Second Collection Next Week for Latin America**

**JULY 1<sup>st</sup> THRU NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> 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. 68 9:30 a.m. 72**

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Jan. 18 4:30 p.m.** For Fenwick and Paulita Estey requested by Peg and Dennis Casey.  
**Sun. Jan. 19 9:30 a.m.** For Joyce Costello requested by Lisa and Kevin Boutin.  
**Mon. Jan. 20 8:00 a.m.** For Eileen Stouter requested by Jim and Chris Sears.  
**Sat. Jan. 25 4:30 p.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.  
**Sun. Jan. 26 9:30 a.m.** For Dan Giroux requested by his family.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Francis Connors
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Paul Couture, SSE
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. John Crabb, SJ
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. David Cray, SSE
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Brian Cummings, SSE
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Charles Danielson
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Charles Davignon

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 20, 2020**  
Rick Dinkle  
Linda Savalli  
Grace Link

### **Schedule of Ministries for January 25 and 26, 2020**

4:30 p.m.	<b>Greeters:</b>	The Dufault Family
	<b>Altar Server:</b>	Elizabeth Bullock Meredith Dufault Annie Dufault Mike Bullock
	<b>Lector:</b>	Peter Dufault
	<b>Extraordinary Min.:</b>	Erin Dufault Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m.	<b>Greeters:</b>	Laurie & Chris Meyer
	<b>Altar Server:</b>	Anna Ulager Abigail Ulager Chris Meyer
	<b>Lector:</b>	Emily Donegan
	<b>Extraordinary Min.:</b>	Lynn Monty Sue McGuire

### **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-1/28 Senior Meal  
-2/02 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week:** Am I willing to serve those who are not of my own tribe, as did Jesus, as did Isaiah, Paul and John the Baptist?

**Daily Mass:** There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Tuesday, January 21 through Friday, February 7** due to Father Cray being away for meetings.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Red Cross Blood Drive on January 9. A huge thank you to those who participated in the drive with their blood donation. We collected a total of 25 units and had 3 folks who weren't eligible this time. Thank you also to Dawn Griswold and Marie Cookson, the new St. Jude Red Cross coordinators, for their work in organizing this drive. The next drive will be **Friday, March 20**.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **January 28 and February 11 and 25** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Church in Latin America:** Next week, the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**Meals on Wheels:** Hinesburg needs Meals on Wheels drivers. This is usually a 2 hour commitment each week but it can be more or less, whatever you prefer. The meals are picked up at St. Jude's. For some folks this is the best food they get all week. Contact Jane Gage at [jgcatchapaw@gmail.com](mailto:jgcatchapaw@gmail.com) or 482-6096 or Ted Barrett at [tedbarrett79@gmail.com](mailto:tedbarrett79@gmail.com) or 453-3087 for more info. It is easy and you'll be glad you did it.

**Adult Confirmation:** Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class during Lent for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the office at 482-2290 or email at [stjude@gmavt.net](mailto:stjude@gmavt.net) and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date. Adult Confirmation is held on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

**World Marriage Day Mass:** Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington on **February 2, 2020**, at the 10:00 a.m. mass, please contact Valerie Parzyck at (802) 658-6110 ext.. 1131 or [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org) to register. (include couples names, anniversary year being celebrated, date married, and where married -church w/ location) by Monday, January 27, 2020. Senior couples who are unable to attend can be recognized with a certificate. Requests need be submitted by parish staff, with the same information listed above and sent to Valerie Parzyck. The certificate will be mailed to the parish, to honor this couple locally. World Marriage Day on February 9, is traditionally celebrated within the parish with a special blessing for married couples.



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." — Jn 1:32-34

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**Prayers for Peace:** Inspired by a mother and daughter who recently laid roses at the feet of the Virgin Mary statue outside the Chancery Office, a social media post has been created inviting all Catholics and the larger community to lay a rose at the feet of the Virgin Mary at the Chancery Office or a local church and say a Hail Mary for the de-escalation of tensions between the U.S. and Iran and peace in the Middle East. All are welcome to participate.

**Vermont Catholic Professionals** The Vermont Catholic Professionals will meet on **January 22 at the Pomerleau Alumni Center at St. Michael's College** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Join professionals from throughout the state for a networking breakfast. Speaker will be Mike Smith, Secretary-Vermont Agency of Human Services. Please register to reserve your personalized name tag and refreshments as space is limited. To register go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/vermont-catholic-professionals/>. All are welcome.

**Cold and Flu Season:** The Sign of Peace has been an integral and valued part of the worship of the church for centuries in the form of a kiss of peace or handshake. As we enter this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace but might simply greet you with a smile. Also, please use common sense and good judgment concerning Mass attendance if you are ill. If you do decide to come to church for Mass, please remember that frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the chalice can help prevent the spread of germs.

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