

March 15, 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 - Third Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

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Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m. 53 9:30 a.m. 161

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Mar. 14 4:30 p.m. For Francis and Grace Casey requested by Dennis and Peg Casey.

Sun. Mar. 15 9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Dan Smith requested by the Religious Ed Teachers, Aides and Students.

Sat. Mar. 21 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sun. Mar. 22 9:30 a.m. (No Intention)

JULY 1ST THRU DECEMBER 31ST
(1ST six months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$77,345 this year compared to
\$88,419 last year, a decrease of \$11,074 or -
12.5%.

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted
to \$92,540 this year compared to \$109,774 last
year, a decrease of \$17,234 or -15.7%.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,812.76 Maintenance: \$645.40
Online Giving Last Week: \$433.00

Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Relief Services

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

- Sunday:** Rev. Vincent Odoemenam, SDV
- Monday:** Rev. Brian O'Donnell
- Tuesday:** Rev. Rogelio Organiza
- Wednesday:** Rev. Lino Oropeza, SSE
- Thursday:** Rev. Antony Pittappillil, SDV
- Friday:** Rev. Francis Prive
- Saturday:** Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE

Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 16, 2020
Linda Savalli
Bill Doris
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries for March 21 and 22, 2020

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| 4:30 p.m. | Greeters:
Altar Server: | Dufault Family
Annie Dufault
Meredith Dufault |
| | Lector:
Extraordinary Min.: | Dawn Griswold
Peter Dufault |
| 9:30 a.m. | Greeters:

Altar Server | Michael Kiey
Aidan Thomas
Theo St. Peter
Jack St. Peter
Chris Meyer |
| | Lector:
Extraordinary Min: | Heidi St. Peter |

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 3/20 Red Cross Blood Drive at 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- 3/20 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
- 3/22 Part 3 of Dealing With Doubt at 10:30 a.m.
- 3/22 HAS Concert at 4:30 p.m.
- 3/24 Senior Meal at Noon

Question of the Week: What do I thirst for spiritually? Can I find sustenance in the life-giving water I have received? How can I share this living water with those around me?

Daily Mass: There will be NO daily Mass on **Thursday, March 19 at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC and Friday, March 20 and Monday, March 23 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Jude's** due to Father Cray being away. Fr. David Theroux will be covering the Sunday Masses at OLMC.

Senior Meals: DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS THE SENIOR MEALS ARE CANCELLED INDEFINITELY. THANK YOU.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	OLMC
Good Friday (Ecumenical)	3:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.	OLMC
Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	11:00 a.m.	OLMC

Holy Week and Easter Sign Up: The sign-up sheets for the ministries for Holy Week, the Easter Vigil and Easter are in the sacristy.

Lenten Book Club: There will be a Lenten Book Group this Lenten Season. The book that is recommended is C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letter". **PLEASE NOTE:** If you did not sign up last weekend and would like to be a part of this book club, please contact Marie at stjude@gmavt.net or 482-2290 and she will register you. Folks will read the book and the discussion session is planned for **Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's.**

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Friday, March 20 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. ****It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.**

Catholic Relief Services Collection: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Solemnity of St. Joseph at the Cathedral: The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, in partnership with the World Apostolate of Fatima—Our Lady's Blue Army—is hosting an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Vocations, and Mass on **March 19 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

Adoration 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (with Confession)
Rosary 6:30 p.m.
Mass 7:00 p.m.

The traveling Virgin Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the Cathedral from March 7-21. During this mission, we pray in a special way for the priests and seminarians of our diocese as we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Protector of the Church.



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

— Jn 4:9 a. 10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Christ Our Hope Campaign: Next month our parish will be taking part in the **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** campaign. The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening our faith formation efforts and serving the poor. We will kick off the campaign next month. We'll be sharing more information with you as we get closer to the kickoff date. Also, be sure to read the Vermont Catholic and Inland See for more information about the campaign.

"We boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint." The theme of our campaign will be Christ Our Hope. With our whole hearts, let us entrust the future of our Church and the faithful who will benefit from the campaign to Christ Our Hope.

Save The Date: As Father Cray announced recently, he will be leaving St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes on June 30. We will be having a Going Away Open House for him on **Sunday, June 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude's. More information in the upcoming weeks.

Cots Walk: St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes are stepping up to participate in the 31st Annual COTS Walk on **Sunday, May 3.** All are welcome to join the effort and raise money to help support an end to homelessness in our community. Join our team (St. Jude's/Our Lady of Mount Carmel) at www.cotsonline.org or we can provide a paper walker packet if needed.

Rice Memorial High School Subs: Rice is looking to expand their roster of substitute teachers. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Rice at 862-6521.

FORMED.org: FORMED.org is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies at **NO** cost to you. Visit **FORMED.org** to learn about these resources. To log in, go to FORMED.org, click on the tab "Enter Code", the code is **HHY6Z9** (cases sensitive). Register with your name, email, zip code and your own password to create an account. If you have any question, please feel free to contact Fr. Cray or Marie.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls: Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the lobby. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

--**Meet Yvone:** Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Diocesan Young Adult Retreat: All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to a Diocesan Young Adult Retreat at **St. Ann's Shrine in Isle LaMotte on March 21-22**. The retreat is an opportunity to pause from the routine of daily life and better hear God's Voice. Six religious sisters from the Franciscan Sister of the Renewal, who lead retreats and serve the poor full-time in NY City, will be joining in the retreat. The sisters will lead in reflecting on how you can bring your friends to Christ, and center your relationships on the Lord. The deadline to sign up is **March 12**. The Cost is \$75. Register online at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat-saint-ann-shrine/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **March 27-29, 2020 in Latham, NY and April 18-19, 2020 in Brewster, MA**. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmewtw.org/>.

Open House: Saint Francis Xavier School is hosting an Open House for prospective families on **Wednesday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** St. Francis Xavier offers strong academics, a vibrant community, and a supportive, faith-filled environment for students. They are located at 5 St. Peter Street in Winooski. Walk-ins are welcome but they encourage RSVPs by calling 655-2600 or emailing info@sfxvt.org. St. Francis Xavier School serves students from Pre-K (age 3) to 8th grade. Visit their website at www.sfxvt.org for more info.

Joseph House: As we begin our Lenten Journey of *Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving* the Lord often offers us an opportunity to examine not only ourselves, but also our life of service; how we care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Focusing on Prayer – Joseph's House Mission Outreach Center in Burlington would like to invite you to join their *Friends of Joseph's House Prayer Team*. Team members receive a list of prayer requests which are asked for by the visitors of Joseph House. Prayer requests are sent out once per month and can be emailed or mailed to members of the Prayer Team. If you would like to join in praying for those who need someone to pray for them, simply email or phone Joseph's House. *"Our life of contemplation shall retain the following characteristics: contemplative—by gathering the whole world at the very center of our hearts where the Lord abides."* -- *From the Constitution of the Missionaries of Charity*. They would love to have you join them. Email them at office@josephshousevt.org or call 802-951-4290.

Rice Memorial High School: Students interested in attending Rice this Fall are encouraged to apply at www.rmhsvt.org. Don't miss out on key steps in the freshmen enrollment process including placement testing later this month, and the 8th Grade Dance and New Student Welcome in May. Transfer applications are also welcomed. For more info contact Stacy Bessette at 862-6521 ext. 2246 or bessette@rmhsvt.org.

Rice's 3rd Annual Day of Giving: Alumni, current and former parents and friends of Catholic education are encouraged to show their support of Rice by making a gift to Rice on their Day of Giving March 17. Gifts made now through March 17 will be counted toward their goal of \$150,000. Donors who make their gift *on* March 17 are eligible for a host of exciting raffle prizes including custom Darn Tough Rice socks, a butchery dinner for 10 at Hen of the Wood, Red Sox tickets and more. For more info go to www.rmhsvt.org/ricedayofgiving.