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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 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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**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%.**

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 23 9:30 a.m. 29

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. July 18 4:30 p.m. For Janet Dubois requested by the Family.
Sun. July 19 9:30 a.m. For the deceased members of the Tomasella Family requested by the Family.
Sat. July 25 4:30 p.m. For Raymond Cote requested by his wife, Helen.
Sun. July 26 9:30 a.m. For Norma Giroux requested by her husband, Gene.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,405.00
Maintenance: \$150.00
Peter's Pence: \$25.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$645.00

Second Collection This Week for the Solidarity Fund For the Church in Africa

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

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| Sunday: | Rev. Denniskingsley Nwagwu, S.D.V. |
| Monday: | Rev. Vincent Odoemenam, S.D.V. |
| Tuesday: | Rev. Brian O'Donnell |
| Wednesday: | Rev. Rogelio Organiza |
| Thursday: | Rev. Lino Oropeza, S.S.E. |
| Friday: | Rev. Antony Pittappillil, S.D.V. |
| Saturday: | Rev. Francis Prive |

A 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 to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love 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.

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

Question of the Week: How does God's patience with the weeds change the way I act toward others? To whom do I need to show clemency this week?

Welcome: Welcome to Fr. James Zuccaro and Fr. Tim Naples who are our new Parish Priests. Fr. Zuccaro is residing in the rectory at OLMC and can be reached at 425-2253. Fr. Naples is residing at St. John Vianney and can be reached at 864-4166. Please welcome them to our parishes.

Registering for Mass Attendance: Please remember to register if you are planning on attending Mass in the near future. With capacity being 58 for each Mass at St. Jude's and 33 for each Mass at OLMC, it is important that folks register. You can register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude> or contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at marietcookson@aol.com. If you are planning on attending each week, please let her know and she will add your name so you don't need to register each week. She will automatically register you.

Musicians Needed: Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Charlotte is looking for musicians to help with the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Both Trina Bianchi, keyboard player at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and Al Teodosio, guitar player at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, have decided to retire. If anyone is interested in joining either choir, please contact Marie at carmel@gmavt.net or 425-2637.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. Donations supported the livestream of almost 200 faith activities in the following categories: 76 Mass and Liturgy, 79 Prayer, 18 Reflections & Talks and 10 Community Building. Many of these activities continue to be live-streamed. To make a gift visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org. The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$10,943.33 (44%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

Daily Rosary Apostolate: The Diocese continues to offer a daily Rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck in leading each day. Interested in helping to lead? Email Valerie at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org with convenient times for you and when it is scheduled, Valerie will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you prefer, she can show slides for each mystery while you pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact Valerie at the above email address.

VT Catholic Professionals—Virtual Professional Development Event: The next VT Catholic Professionals Event will be **Wednesday, July 22 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.** This is a Virtual Zoom Event. Mary Farley, Development Director of North America, Intelligent Careers Group/Founder, FarLake Consulting will be the guest speaker. She will be presenting "Crossing Communication Barriers By Leading with Love". If interested in participating please register at www.vermontcatholic.org/vcp

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“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

— Mt 13:41-43 a

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The Word Among Us and Living Faith Magazines: Because of the COVID-19 virus we have to remove all magazines from the lobby. If you would like a copy of the monthly Word Among Us and/or a quarterly copy of Living Faith (pocket-size booklet that is usually in the magazine rack), please let Marie know and she will mail you a copy.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16: The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary -- Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein. Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!

World Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore - Rekindle - Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

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