

# August 16, 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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**Attendance Last Week:**  
4:30 p.m. 13                      9:30 a.m. 49

**Offertory Last Week: \$2,555.00**  
**Maintenance: \$188.00**  
**Feast of the Assumption: \$34.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$533.00**

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. August 15 4:30 p.m.** For Robert and Mary O'Brien requested by John and Cathy O'Brien.  
**Sun. August 16 9:30 a.m.** For Norma Trzciensky requested by Donna and Bruce Dumelin.  
**Sat. August 22 4:30 p.m.** For Raymond Cote requested by his wife, Helen.  
**Sun. August 23 9:30 a.m.** For the deceased members of the Gruppi Family requested by the family.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Sahaya Paul Sebastian
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. James Shea
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Dallas St. Peter
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Timothy Sullivan
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. David Theroux, SSE
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Richard Tinney
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Eric Ugochukwu, SDV

**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.

## **Counters for Monday, August 17, 2020**

Gail Blasius  
George Gardner  
Marie Cookson

## **Lectors for August 22 and 23, 2020**

4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock  
9:30 a.m. Rodney Strong

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

-8/23 First Communion at 9:30 a.m. Mass  
-8/29 Outdoor Mass at 4:30 p.m.  
-9/17 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** To what peripheries can I go to serve others? Do I see everyone as potentially eligible for salvation?

## Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 06/30/2020

- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$17,388 for the year compared to a Net Gain of \$31,323 for the prior year, a decrease of \$13,935.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$167,361 compared to \$148,797, an increase of \$18,564 or 12.5% of which \$32,000 will be used for the roof.

**First Holy Communion:** We will be celebrating First Holy Communion for our three students who weren't able to receive their First Communion in May on **Sunday, August 23 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's.** Because of this special occasion and out of town guests who will be joining us, we ask that those folks who usually attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass please consider attending one of the other masses. Thank you for your understanding.

**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](mailto: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.

**PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

**Outdoor Mass: Saturday, August 29,** weather permitting, the 4:30 p.m. Mass will be an outdoor mass. We ask that folks register online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude3> or contact Marie at St. Jude (482-2290) or Our Lady of Mount Carmel (425-2637) or by email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). Please bring your own lawn chair.

**Masks and social distancing are a must!!** In the event of rain, we will have mass inside the church. Maximum capacity is 58.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, September 17 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter **HINESBURG**. We ask that appointments be made if possible as we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins due to the coronavirus.

\*\*It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.



*“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. — Mt 15:26b-28*

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**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](http://www.bishopsappealvt.org). The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$15,973 (65%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

**Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:** Preparation for the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign is in the final stages. As you know, St. Jude Parish will enjoy campaign benefits too by receiving **60%** of the funds we raise. Parish leadership will use those funds to maintain the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to fund a new Parish Maintenance Account, to replenish the Offertory budget and to build a Parish Investment Account. The other **40%** of the campaign funding will strengthen our faith formation programs in the Diocese (evangelization, education and youth ministry), as well as outreach through emergency assistance delivered by Vermont Catholic Charities. To watch the campaign video and learn more about the goals visit: [www.christourhopevt.org](http://www.christourhopevt.org). We understand this is a difficult time for many who may not be able to financially contribute above their annual Bishop's Appeal gift. We ask that you first consider an annual appeal gift and, if you are not able to contribute to the campaign at this time, please pray for its success and support our volunteers and leadership. With Christ at the center of this campaign, we know whatever we raise will be used for His glory.

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