

August 30, 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 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 28 9:30 a.m. 33

Offertory Last Week: \$1,012.00 Maintenance: \$370.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$485.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Aug. 29 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Arnold and Jan Gratton requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Sun. Aug. 30 9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Dan Smith and the Smith Family.

Tues. Sept. 1 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the healing of Fr. Vincent Coppola.

Sat. Sept. 5 4:30 p.m. For Marjorie Baccagalini requested by Karen Dunne.

Sun. Sept. 6 9:30 a.m. For Eunice and Julius Fappiano requested by the family.

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

Sunday:	All Our Seminarians
Monday:	All Deceased Priests
Tuesday:	Pope Francis
Wednesday:	Bishop Christopher Coyne
Thursday:	Rev. Fidelis Agughara
Friday:	Rev. Ilayaraja Amaladass, HGN
Saturday:	Rev. Julian Asucan

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 31, 2020

Karen Fox
Gail Blasius
Marie Cookson

Lectors for September 5 and 6, 2020

4:30 p.m. Mike New
9:30 a.m. Sue McGuire

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/01 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-9/04 Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions at 8:30 a.m.
-9/17 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
-9/21 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Question of the Week: Looking at the way I lead my life, what aspect do I need to deny myself and in what way can I take up my cross and follow him?

Registering for Mass Attendance: Please remember to register if you are planning on attending Mass in the near future. With capacity being 77 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.

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

Men's Discussion Group: Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC at St. Jude's from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 1**. If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@gmavt.net.

PLEASE NOTE: Social Distancing and Masks are required!!

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Friday, September 4** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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 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.

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 \$16,338 (66%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

RCIA: St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington is hosting RCIA again beginning Wednesday nights in September. Contact Connie at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com for more information. What is the RCIA? The term RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*. It is the Catholic Church's compilation of rituals and instructions for a person to be baptized and fully initiated into the Catholic Church. What is involved? Those who have made initial inquiries about the Catholic faith begin the formal RCIA process by becoming a Catechumen who plans to be baptized. Instruction in the Biblical Christian faith, with the essential teachings of the Tradition of the Catholic Church, is then given to them. Sacraments are administered at the Easter Vigil Mass whenever possible. Confirmation and Holy Communion are immediately given to newly baptized adults at the Easter Vigil. Is RCIA appropriate for baptized adults who seek Confirmation? Yes. RCIA is often an appropriate program for adults seeking full initiation.



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”

— Mt 16:24b-26

Excerpt from the *Lectio* for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Catholic Support Group for the Divorced and Separated: *Surviving Divorce* is a support program based on the teachings of the Catholic Church that will help bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Hosted by St. Peter's Church in Vergennes, it is open to the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. Led by those who have walked this path, it features video presentations and group discussion that will answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. This 12-week support group will begin on Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm, **September 3 through November 19 via ZOOM**. Call 877-6585 or email spdsleader@gmail.com for information and registration.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: “Perhaps You Were Born for Such a Time as This.” – Esther 4:14
The situation and circumstances we face today, in the culture and the Church, call for us to move from maintenance to mission. At every Catholic parish in Vermont, we are called to respond in faith—in new ways, with a new vigor. Many of you have received the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign packets in the mail that included a case statement for the campaign with an insert that describes how our parish plans to use the 60% of funds raised. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will renew our parishes and move our church from maintenance to mission. Bishop Coyne is hosting coffee hours to answer questions. Go to <https://www.christourhopevt.org/events> to register. Coffee hours will be:
--August 31 at 7:00 p.m.
--September 1 at 7:00 p.m.
--September 9 at 3:00 p.m.
To learn more about the campaign visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

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