

# November 22, 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 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,419.00 Maintenance: \$30.00  
World Mission: \$25.00 Priest Benefit Fund: \$25.00  
Campaign for Human Development: \$30.00  
Online Giving Last Week: \$300.00

### **Second Collection This Week for Campaign for Human Development**

**JULY 1<sup>st</sup> THRU OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> four months of the new fiscal year)**

**Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections amounted to \$42,545 this year compared to \$50,137 last year, a decrease of \$7,592 or - 15.1%**

**Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted to \$53,610 this year compared to \$57,751 last year, a decrease of \$4,141 or - 7.2%**

### **Attendance Last Week:**

**4:30 p.m. 21      9:30 a.m. 35**

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Nov. 21 4:30 p.m.** For Earl and Mary Emmons requested by Helen Cote.

**Sun. Nov. 22 9:30 a.m.** For all those on the St. Jude and OLMC Prayer Lists.

**Tues. Nov. 24 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)** For All Souls

**Thur. Nov. 26 10:00 a.m.** For Richard David Fitzgerald requested by Denise and Bob Danyow and Family.

**Sat. Nov. 28 4:30 p.m.** For Robert and Mary O'Brien requested by John and Cathy O'Brien.

**Sun. Nov. 29 9:30 a.m.** For Bernard Giroux requested by the family.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Brian O'Donnell
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Rogelio Organiza
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Lino Oropeza, SSE
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Francis Prive
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE
<b>Friday:</b>	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
<b>Saturday:</b>	Priestly and Religious Vocations

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

-11/23 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

-11/25 Salvation Army Meal

-11/29 Advent Evening of Reflections at 6:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** Who have I ignored or overlooked that I can reach out to now in mercy? At Thanksgiving, who can I thank for reaching out to me in my need this year?

**Counters for Monday, November 23, 2020**

Gail Blasius  
Theresa Aube  
Marie Cookson

**Lector for Weekday Masses for Nov. 23 through 27**

Marie Cookson

**Schedules for November 28 and 29, 2020**

**Lector:** 4:30 p.m. Mike New  
9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell

**Thanksgiving Day Mass:** There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass on **Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude's.**

**Daily Mass This Friday:** Fr. Zuccaro will not have morning Mass this **Friday, November 27** but will have a Mass later in the day at 5:15 p.m. at St. Jude's.

**Message from Fr. Zuccaro:** As we move into these uncertain winter months, I want you to know that we at St. Jude Parish are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. If you are unsure about attending Sunday Masses during this time of pandemic, simply call the rectory, and I or a minister in the Church will meet you at the church to offer Holy Communion. I am also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these difficult times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Watch Mass online if you don't feel safe coming to Mass, and join in the online offerings that our parish and diocese offer. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing for me as a parish priest.

**Registering for Mass Attendance:** Those attending the weekend masses at St. Jude's no longer need to register. However, those attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunday masses must 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 want her to register you. **PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this **Monday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m.** in the hall.

**Advent Evening of Reflections and Confessions:** An Advent Evening of Reflection and Confessions at St. Jude's Church on **Sunday November 29 at 6:00 p.m.** Fr. Lance Harlow, rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, will give an advent mission talk on devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. Eucharistic adoration will follow the talk, with the availability of confessions by Fr. Harlow, Fr. Zuccaro, and Fr. Naples. This will be an opportune time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation for Advent.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Given the current situation regarding COVID-19, Fr. Zuccaro has decided to suspend the use of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass until further notice."



“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’” — Mt 25:34-36

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**Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner:** St. Jude's will be providing a Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army on **Wednesday, November 25.** We are looking for food donations along with monetary donations. We will be purchasing the turkeys.

\*\*\*We are looking for food donations of coleslaw, corn, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, desserts and milk. Food needs to be at St. Jude's on **November 25 by 1:30 p.m.** **We need enough food to feed approximately 50 people.** To sign up to donate food please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094da4a62fa7fc1-salvation>

Please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com), or 482-2290 (St. Jude) you have any questions.

**Kids at Christmas—Message from Marie:** Because of the pandemic this year and the low attendance at Mass, I have decided not to do the Kids at Christmas Program in the traditional way this year. I would hate to get the requests from the schools only to find out that we could not fill them. I would like to suggest that we give gift cards instead. These gift cards can be from any place including supermarkets and gas cards to help the families. We will still have the Mitten Tree and will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks. If you would like to donate gift cards, please put in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or mail the gift cards to St. Jude Parish, PO Box 69, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Thank you.

**Senior Bingo:** Due to the new restrictions set out by the State of Vermont, Senior Bingo is suspended immediately until further notice.

**REJOICE! An Advent reflection:** All are welcome to engage in an Advent reflection specifically from Mary's perspective. Walk with Mary daily as she experienced the first Advent season. This short book is supported by weekly online videos to tap into from Ascension to help you on your Advent journey. As a group we will also meet via Zoom 2 or 3 times during Advent to discuss the lessons that Mary provides and to share this beautiful season together. If you would like to participate email Tricia Sulva at [majac@gmavt.net](mailto:majac@gmavt.net) by Friday, November 27 to ensure that you will receive the book by the start of Advent.

**Joseph's House News:** As the weather gets colder, it is time to begin planning our Thanksgiving Program at Joseph's House in Burlington. With the rise of food insecurity in our communities during this pandemic, and after much prayer, our goal this year is to serve 75 families around Chittenden County through this very important program! Donations may be given by mail at Joseph's House, 113 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401, for your convenience donations may also be made through our new online donation tool at [www.josephshousevt.org](http://www.josephshousevt.org) - powered by PayPal. With prayers of thanksgiving for all of you. - Lori Daudelin, Director

**Advent Appeal -2020:** Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. *Help people like Molly and Jimmy keep the heat on. Molly and Jimmy have a 10 year old daughter and were excited to welcome a new baby. Unexpectedly, Molly lost her job due to COVID-19 while Jimmy's hours were reduced. They were out of fuel. We helped with a fuel delivery and provided a food card to ensure the family had heat and food so they could focus on welcoming their new baby.* Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a need family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at [www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal).

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. To make a gift visit: [www.bishopsappealvt.org](http://www.bishopsappealvt.org). The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$18,103 (73%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

**Daily Mass at St. Jude's—Winter Weather:** Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations. In the event of Mass cancellation at St. Jude, Fr. Zuccaro will offer morning Mass at OLMC at 9:00 a.m. Please use common sense and discretion if desiring to attend.

**Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:** RUTH 2:12: "May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done." In just a few weeks, we've received \$28,592 in gifts and pledges for the Christ Our Hope; Building a Vibrant Church campaign at St. Jude Parish. We are grateful for the sacrifice made by hundreds throughout the state. This is the **Virtual Weekend of Giving**, Bishop Coyne will match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online during the weekend with a \$1,000 gift. Each \$1,000 gift will go to the donor's parish. Each parish may receive one (1) matching gift. If you remain undecided, we invite you to join us in support. You can give online at [www.christourhopevt.org/donate](http://www.christourhopevt.org/donate) or just return a completed pledge form, which you'll find in the information packets available in the lobby. And don't forget that Bishop Coyne will match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online! That's free support coming to our parish.

**Winter Coat Drive:** Every year many of our local children find themselves without proper winter clothing to allow them to stay warm enough to endure, let alone enjoy, a Vermont winter. The Charlotte-Shelburne-Hinesburg Rotary Club wants to change that. From now through **November 30**, CSH Rotary is collecting new and like-new jackets, hats, mittens, boots, and gloves in both adult and children's sizes to distribute to the schools in Charlotte, Shelburne, and Hinesburg. School liaisons will provide the properly sized clothing to children in need so they may warmly and safely enjoy a Vermont winter. Please look in your hearts and your closets and consider donating what clothing or money you may be able to for this effort. To donate cash at the drop off locations, please make checks payable to "CSH Rotary Club." This is greatly appreciated so that we can fill in gaps in the end. Drop off locations include the Shelburne Town Offices, the Hinesburg and Charlotte Libraries, Adirondack Audiology (Marsett Road and Route 7), and the Law Office of Richard J. Fox PLLC (181 Falls Road in Shelburne). For additional information, please contact [charlotteshelburnerotary@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteshelburnerotary@gmail.com).