

December 6, 2020

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers 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 – Second Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

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Offertory Last Week: \$959.00
Online Giving Last Week: -0-

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Second Collection Next Week for Retirement Fund for Religious

JULY 1st THRU OCTOBER 31st
(1st 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. 23 9:30 a.m. 41

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat. December 5

4:30 p.m. (STJ) For Joe Cioffi requested by his wife, Peggy.

Sun. December 6

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (STJ) For Arnold Gratton requested by his grandson, Armand Lavallee.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Mon. December 7 8:00 a.m. (STJ)

Tues. December 8 7:00 a.m. (OLMC)
7:00 p.m. (STJ)

Wed. December 9 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thur. December 10 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Fri. December 11 8:00 a.m. (STJ)

Sat. December 12

4:30 p.m. (STJ) For Robert and Mary O'Brien requested by John and Cathy O'Brien.

Sun. December 13

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

9:30 a.m. (STJ) For Arnold Gratton requested by his wife, Janice, and family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Joseph Migliardi requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-12/12 & 12/13 Bambinelli Sunday at all Masses
-1/07 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30-6:00 p.m.
-1/08 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: What concrete action can I take this week to prepare myself for Jesus' coming?

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

Sunday: Rev. Msgr. Roland Rivard
Monday: Rev. Kevin Rooney
Tuesday: Rev. Msgr. Peter Routhier
Wednesday: Rev. Donald Roy
Thursday: Rev. Maurice Roy
Friday: Rev. Yvon Royer
Saturday: Rev. Rod Oliver Saligan

Counters for Monday, December 7, 2020
Counting is cancelled for this week.

Lector for Weekday Masses for December 7 thru 11, 2020
Peggy Cioffi

Schedules for December 12 and 13, 2020

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m. Sue McGuire

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is **Tuesday, December 8.** Mass will be held at **OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and St. Jude at 7:00 p.m.** *Because of this Feast Day there will not be a 5:15 p.m. Mass at OLMC.*

UPDATE: Contact Tracing and Registering for Mass

Attendance: Beginning this weekend, we need everyone to give us their names and contact info in the event there is a need for contact tracing. This includes weekend and daily masses and funerals. We will have folks helping at the weekend masses and we ask everyone to sign the sheet in the doorway if they come in for daily mass. This is a mandate from Gov. Scott and Bishop Coyne. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

***While at St. Jude's you no longer need to pre-register, you do need to leave your name and contact info with those checking you in. We are encouraging folks who attend mass at St. Jude's to pre-register if possible. Those attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel must pre-register. Registration online is at

<http://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 want her to register you. **PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

Christmas Masses: This year all Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses will be held at St. Jude's. The total capacity for each mass is 125. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** If you aren't pre-registered, you may not be able to attend the Mass you desire. Masses will be at 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Registration for Christmas Masses is

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude3>. If you prefer for Marie to pre-register you, please call 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

Congregating in Entryway: Please **DO NOT** congregate in the entryway/lobby before or after Mass, impeding parishioners from entering or exiting before or after Mass. Thank you.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Tuesday, December 15** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." — Mk 1:4, 6-7a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

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.

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.

Bambinelli Sunday: We will have a Bambinelli Sunday on the third Sunday of Advent, **December 12 and 13.** Parishioners are asked to bring figures of the Christ Child from their Nativity sets to be blessed at Mass. This is an Italian custom and the Pope blesses the infant figures in St. Peter's Square during the Angelus on the third Sunday of Advent. The Blessing will happen following the homily at each mass.

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner: Thank you to everyone who donated food and milk for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner. We provided 33 meals for clients. A special thank you to Donna, Dan and Chloe Shepardson for helping to prepare the "to go" meals that evening.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 7 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.

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.

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. The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$18,853 (76%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:

Parish total: \$199,290	Percentage to goal: 15%	Campaign total: \$29,592
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During the season of Thanksgiving, we often take time to reflect on our many blessings. With the *Christ Our Hope* campaign, we are especially grateful for those who have given their time and talents to help along the way. Many volunteers, office administrators, priests and deacons across the Diocese have shared their leadership, broad shoulders and love for their parish to help create the campaign foundation. We are building for the future of the Catholic Church in Vermont and want everybody to share in that excitement and vision. So we again thank those who were willing to serve others by sharing that message.

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 8:00 a.m. Please use common sense and discretion if desiring to attend.