

December 20, 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 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,389.00 Maintenance: \$67.00
Religious Retirement: \$230.00
Immaculate Conception: \$50.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$300.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 28 9:30 a.m. 44

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 19

4:30 p.m. (STJ) For Therese Richard requested by her husband, Ronald.

Sunday December 20

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Joe and Nancy Blanchette requested by Joe and Peg Blanchette.

9:30 a.m. (STJ) For Hermina Giroux requested by the family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Donald Haman requested by his wife, Sue, and family.

Monday December 21 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Tuesday December 22 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday December 23 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday December 24 (SJ)

4:00 p.m. For Mary Gordon requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

7:00 p.m. For Roger Strong Jr. requested by his Family.

10:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Friday December 25 (SJ)

10:00 a.m. For Donald Boss Jr. requested by his parents, Donald and Jean Boss.

Saturday December 26

4:30 p.m. For Joseph and Jeannine Cote requested by Helen Cote.

Sunday December 27

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Paul and Helen-Mary Danyow requested by Bob and Denise Danyow.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Rev. Thomas Nadeau

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 1/05 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- 1/07 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30-6:00 p.m.
- 1/08 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
- 1/14 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 1/18 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Question of the Week: How do I bear witness to my faith? How can the world see that the Lord is with me?

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%

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

Sunday: Rev. Timothy Sullivan
Monday: Rev. David Theroux, SSE
Tuesday: Rev. Richard Tinney
Wednesday: Rev. Eric Ugochukwu, SDV
Thursday: Rev. Avelino Vale
Friday: Rev. Richard VanderWeel, SSE
Saturday: Rev. Peter Williams

Counters for Monday, December 21, 2020

Linda Savalli
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Lector for Weekday Masses for December 21, 2020

Mickey Wetzel

Schedules for December 26 and 27, 2020

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

Christmas and New Year's Masses

Due to the pandemic, there will be **NO** Christmas Eve Mass at the Old Lantern. This year all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 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.

New Year's Mass Times (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God). These Masses will also be held at St. Jude's due to the pandemic. Mass times are 4:30 p.m. on December 31 and 10:00 a.m. on January 1. Registration for New Year's Masses is

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude4>.

Confession Times

Confession is available Saturday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude, Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at OLMC, and Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude, or by appointment. **There will also be an afternoon opportunity for pre-Christmas confession with Fr. Zuccaro and Fr. Naples held Sunday, Dec. 20, from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude.**



And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

— Lk 1:35

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UPDATE: Contact Tracing and Registering for Mass

Attendance: Until further notice we ask 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.**

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 22** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Mass Intentions: Father Zuccaro is happy to celebrate a mass for your intention. Masses can be celebrated for those living or deceased or any other intention. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact Marie at the parish offices (482-2290—St. Jude; 425-2637—OLMC) or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

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 \$19,153 (77%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

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.**

Christmas Flowers: There are collection envelopes in the lobby of the church for the Christmas flowers. Your donations may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly.

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.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:

Parish total: \$199,290	Percentage to goal: 15%	Campaign total: \$30,342
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Have you been thinking about a gift or pledge to the *Christ Our Hope* campaign? There is still time to join thousands across the Diocese who already have made donations. With your help at St. Jude Parish, the gifts and pledges received so far have moved us closer to funding the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to fund a new Parish Maintenance Account for high ticket items, supplement the offertory loss during the COVID-19 shut down and create a Parish Investment Account. The *Christ Our Hope* campaign is focused on building vibrant parishes, and we pray that our projects will strengthen us for the future. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift.