

**January 3, 2021**

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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 – Epiphany of the Lord***

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,513.00    Christmas: \$2,215.00  
Online Giving Last Week: \$488.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance  
Second Collection Next Week for Fuel**

**Christmas Eve:**  
4:00 p.m. 79    7:00 p.m. 59    10:00 p.m. 13  
**Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. 30**

**Attendance Last Week**  
4:30 p.m. 27    9:30 a.m. 29

**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**Saturday January 2 (SJ)**

4:30 p.m. For Rev. Walter Miller requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

**Sunday January 3**

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Rev. Thomas Nadeau

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Ortho and Bernard Emmons requested by Helen Cote.

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

**Monday January 4 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

**Tuesday January 5 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)**

**Wednesday January 6 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)**

**Thursday January 7 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)**

**Friday January 8 8:00 a.m. (SJ)** For Michael Holubowsky requested by Irena Case

**Saturday January 9 (SJ)**

4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

**Sunday January 10**

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Alfred and Yvonne Gebo and John Pierce requested by Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Paul Hoepfner requested by Rodney and Marielle Strong.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For a Special Intention requested by Fr. James Zuccaro.

**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:** The magi’s encounter with Christ leads them to change the course of their journey. How is my journey changed by my encounter with the Lord?

JULY 1<sup>st</sup> THRU NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> five months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections  
amounted to \$51,963 this year compared to  
\$62,287 last year, a decrease of \$10,324 or  
16.6%.

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted to  
\$75,836 this year compared to \$71,091 last year,  
an increase of \$4,745 or 6.7%.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. James Zuccaro
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Fidelis Agughara
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Ilayaraja Amaladass, HGN
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Julian Asucan
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Michael Augustinowitz
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Luke Austin
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Dwight Baker

**Schedules for January 9 and 10, 2021**

<b>Lector:</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Mike Bullock
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Chris Meyer

**Thank You:** Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the Advent and Christmas season such meaningful and sacred times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, those checking in parishioners for weekend masses, musicians and singers, ushers, decorators, those who helped to clean the church, Staff, the Liturgy Committees and Father Zuccaro.

**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](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) if you want her to register you. **PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

**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](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.



**T**hey were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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**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 every Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The next Adoration will be **Tuesday, January 5** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

\*\*\* St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Friday, January 8** following the 8:00 a.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](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com)).

**2021 Collection Envelopes:** The collection envelopes for 2021 are available in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on it. **Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years.** Thank you.

**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, January 5 via Zoom**. If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at [mtn6@qmavt.net](mailto:mtn6@qmavt.net).

**Online Giving:** With the beginning of a new year why not sign up to have your monthly offering amount automatically transferred from your checking account to St. Jude's account? If you are interested in online giving, please contact Marie at 482-2290. Thank you.

**Just Mercy:** Mercy Corps, a newly formed group of parishioners at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, is hosting an online book study for *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson is a lawyer who founded the Equal Justice Initiative, an organization which helps people on death row. *Just Mercy* is primarily about one of his clients, but contains information about our criminal justice system, the death penalty, and racial injustice, and illustrates how unjust the death penalty can be. Pope Francis has recently modified the Catechism to say that the death penalty is not acceptable. He has unequivocally condemned it in other statements, reflecting the views of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Brother Frank Hagerty, SSE will be facilitating the Zoom meetings once a month beginning on January 21 with a final session on June 17. All sessions will begin at 7:00 PM. Plans are also in the works to sponsor a screening of the movie based on the book, once the study has finished. Copies of the book are available from St John Vianney Church for \$10/copy. For more information, to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the book, or to join us, please contact Connie McDonald at [SJVGoodNews@gmail.com](mailto:SJVGoodNews@gmail.com).

**St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Prayer Group:** With the uptake of COVID cases in VT, I thought this might be a good time to start our weekly prayer chain requests again. Folks have told me it was a comfort to have these during the shutdown earlier in the year. It helped to keep us all connected. The other reason for the prayer chain requests is that some of our National Guard members are getting ready to be deployed...some who are parishioners or directly affect our parishioners. Earlier in the year, many of the requests were for those directly affected by COVID. Talking with parishioners, many things are happening in their lives now, not necessarily because of COVID but tough times nonetheless. I am taking prayer requests to send out to everyone. If you don't want your name mentioned, that's fine. If you don't want to name the person you are requesting prayers for....just the need, that's fine also. If you have a prayer request or would like to receive the prayer request list, please contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). Thank you for all your prayers especially during this time.

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

**Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:**

<b>Parish total:</b> \$199,290	<b>Percentage to goal:</b> 16%	<b>Campaign total:</b> \$32,182
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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](http://christourhopevt.org/donate) to make a gift.