

January 10, 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 – The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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Attendance Last Week

4:30 p.m. 17 9:30 a.m. 41
Solemnity of Mary: 4:30 p.m.: 17 10:00 a.m.: 12

Offertory Last Week: \$ 803.00 Maintenance: \$ \$265.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$308.00

**Second Collection This Week for Fuel
Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Education**

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

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 the intentions of the Berube Family requested by Fr. James Zuccaro.

Monday January 11 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Margaret Holubowsky requested by Irena Case.

Tuesday January 12 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday January 13 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday January 14 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday January 15 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Joseph Cioffi Sr. requested by Peggy Cioffi

Saturday January 16 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the intentions of the Lucido Family requested by Fr. James Zuccaro.

Sunday January 17

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

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

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) for Indera Chapman requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-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 can I bear witness to others to the new life I have in Christ and the Holy Spirit?

JULY 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 30TH
(1ST 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:

Sunday:	Rev. Justin Baker
Monday:	Rev. Albert Baltz
Tuesday:	Rev. William Beaudin
Wednesday:	Rev. Andrzej Bednarowicz
Thursday:	Rev. Richard Berube, SSE
Friday:	Rev. Leopold Bilodeau
Saturday:	Rev. Msgr. Bernard Bourgeois

Counters for Monday, January 11, 2021

Gail Blasius
Theresa Aube
Marie Cookson

Lector for Weekday Masses for January 11 thru 15, 2021

Schedules for January 16 and 17, 2021

Lector:	4:30 p.m.	Dawn Griswold
	9:30 a.m.	Sue McGuire

Contract Tracing Protocols: 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 every Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The next Adoration will be **Tuesday, January 12** 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).



It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." — Mk 1:9-11

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1975 CCD.

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.

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.

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. 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. 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.

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.

Marriage Day Mass: Married Catholic couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20...55 or more) in 2021, and wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass with Bishop Coyne, **at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington on February 7, 2021 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass** are asked to register by January 28 at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/>. Given the health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at this Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). ***If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary and aren't planning on attending the ceremony with Bishop Coyne but would like a certificate signed by him, please contact Marie at the parish office or by email so she can get your name, anniversary, Catholic parish married in, and name of priest or deacon. **Married couples requesting a certificate will be recognized at our parish on the weekend of February 14 at all masses.** All requests must be in by January 28.

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass: The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass will be held on **Saturday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier** with Bishop Coyne. This mass will be live-streamed at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass>.

9 Days for Life Novena: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, **Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:

Parish total: \$199,290	Percentage to goal: 16%	Campaign total: \$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 to make a gift.