

January 17, 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 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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Attendance Last Week

4:30 p.m. 23 9:30 a.m. 29

Offertory Last Week: \$ 5,956.85 Christmas: \$1,045.00

Maintenance: \$ 289.00 Fuel: \$468.00

Initial Offering: \$215.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$26.00

Online Giving Last Week: \$345.00

Second Collection This Week for Catholic Education

Second Collection Next Week for Church in Latin America

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday January 16 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the intentions of the Lucido Family

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.

Monday January 18 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Elizabeth Case requested by Irena Case.

Tuesday January 19 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday January 20 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday January 21 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday January 22 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Kenneth Case requested by Irena Case.

Saturday January 23 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For Joyce Costello requested by Lisa and Kevin Boutin.

Sunday January 24

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Dan Giroux requested by his Family.

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

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

Question of the Week: How can I discern the Lord's call among the many voices in my life? Is there an intermediary I can trust to recognize the Lord's voice?

JULY 1st THRU DECEMBER 31st
(1st six months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$63,732 this year compared to
\$77,344 last year, a decrease of \$13,613 or -17.6%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted to
\$90,128 this year compared to \$92,540 last year,
a decrease of \$2,412 or -2.6%.

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

Sunday: Rev. Lawrence Brown, OSB
Monday: Rev. Richard Calapan
Tuesday: Rev. Michael Carter, SSE
Wednesday: Rev. Kevin Chalifoux
Thursday: Rev. Roger Charbonneau
Friday: Rev. Thomas Aquinas Chinnappin
Saturday: Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, SDV

Counters for Monday, January 18, 2021

Linda Savalli
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Schedules for January 23 and 24, 2021

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Heidi St. Peter
9:30 a.m. Rodney Strong
EM: 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Buzzell

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st half of Fiscal Year Ending - 12/31/2020

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-13,181 the period compared to a Net Gain of \$8,061 for the prior year, a decrease of \$-21,242.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$150,053 compared to \$156,285, a decrease of \$-6,232 or -4.0%.

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/904054faca62eaf49-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 19** 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).

Knitters and Those Who Crochet: We are looking for folks who knit and/or crochet to make prayer shawls. If you are willing to help out, please contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432. If you are in need of a pattern or instructions, please let her know. Thank you.



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

— Jn 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Meal Train for Peggy Cioffi: As many of you have heard Peggy fell last week and broke her hip and wrist. She had surgery on Friday and is now home. A meal train has been set up for her since she lives alone. The link for the meal train is <https://mealtrain.com/5enllr>. Please help by providing a meal if you are able. If you would like Marie to register you for a meal or if you have any questions, please let her know. Thank you.

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.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Thank you to everyone who attended the Red Cross Blood Drive last week. We collected 27 units of blood. Thank you to Dawn Griswold, Tom Giroux and Marie Cookson for their help with this event. The next Blood Drive will be March 24.

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 \$19,178 (78%) 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 would like a certificate signed by Bishop Coyne, please leave your name and info on the sign-up sheet in the lobby or contact Marie at the parish office or by email. **Married couples 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: 18%	Campaign total: \$35,982
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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.

World Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" In this time of uncertainty, we should be looking for the graces of God in our marriage. Discover those graces from the safety of your home on the virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY.

Church in Latin America: Next week, the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.