

# January 31, 2021

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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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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### **Attendance Last Week**

4:30 p.m. 21      9:30 a.m. 30

**Offertory Last Week: \$649.21**

**Church in Latin America: \$60.00**

**Online Giving Last Week: \$285.00**

**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

## **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday January 30 (SJ)**

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

### **Sunday January 31**

**8:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For Joanne Duranceau requested by Michelle and Lambert Lussier.

**9:30 a.m. (SJ)** For Neil Senecal requested by Helen Cote.

**11:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For Andy Mansfield requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

### **Monday February 1 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

**Tuesday February 2 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)** For Healing for Pierre Berube.

### **Wednesday February 3 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)**

### **Thursday February 4 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)**

### **Friday February 5 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

### **Saturday February 6 (SJ)**

**4:30 p.m.** For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Marie Cookson.

### **Sunday February 7**

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

**9:30 a.m. (SJ)** For Roger Strong Jr. requested by his Family.

**11:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For Leo LaBerge requested by the St. Jude and OLMC Counters.

### **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-2/02 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

-2/05 Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Question of the Week:** What unclean spirits need to be driven out of my life? How can Jesus, within me and among us, defeat them?

**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, February 2** 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 Confession on **Friday, February 5** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

JULY 1<sup>st</sup> THRU DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> 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:*

<b>Sunday:</b>	All Deceased Priests
<b>Monday:</b>	Pope Francis
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. David Cray, SSE
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Brian Cummings, SSE
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Charles Danielson
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Charles Davignon
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Msgr. Michael DeForge

Counters for Monday, February 1, 2021  
Marie Cookson

Schedules for February 6 and 7, 2021

<b>Lector:</b>	4:30 p.m.	Dawn Griswold
	9:30 a.m.	Tom Giroux
<b>EM:</b>	9:30 a.m.	Heidi St. Peter

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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/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.**

**Men's Discussion Group:** Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 2 via Zoom**. If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at [mtn6@gmavt.net](mailto:mtn6@gmavt.net).



*All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. — Mk 1: 27-28*

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**2020 Contributions:** Because of the new changes in itemized deductions, most people will be unable to deduct their 2020 contributions on their tax return. If you would like a copy of your contributions for 2020, please call the church at 482-2290 or email Marie at [stjude@gmavt.net](mailto:stjude@gmavt.net) and one will be mailed to you.

**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.

**Video Project:** Lynn Monty, a St. Jude Parishioner, is conducting a video project to promote the parish as the capstone of her work with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington's Lay Formation Leadership Program. She would like to interview willing parishioners. Participation will be quick and easy! For more information, please reach out to Lynn at [monty@gmavt.net](mailto:monty@gmavt.net) or (802) 373-0169.

**Presentation of the Lord—February 2:** Jesus is the Messiah who institutes a new covenant with his people, but he was raised as a practicing Jew by his devout parents. Jewish tradition held that firstborn male children were to be presented at the Temple and a sacrifice offered 40 days after his birth. Luke's Gospel tells the story of this sacred event. Simeon, a priest of the temple, prophetically greets the Holy Family. "Now let your servant go in peace; my eyes have seen salvation which you have prepared in the site of all peoples." On this feast, we remember that Jesus does not come to abolish the traditions of the past but to fulfill them. His sacrifice on the cross and establishment of the Church lay the foundation for new traditions that continue to bring life to us today!

**Feast of St. Blaise:** The Feast of St. Blaise is **Wednesday, February 3**. Due to the pandemic, the Blessing of the Throat is not permitted this year. Fr. Zuccaro will have a general blessing for this Feast Day at the weekend Masses, February 6 and 7.