

# February 21, 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent***

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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### **Attendance Last Week**

4:30 p.m. 19      9:30 a.m. 32

Offertory Last Week: \$ Will Report Next Week  
Church in Central and Eastern Europe: \$  
Online Giving Last Week: \$300.00

**Second Collection This Week for Home Missions**

## **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday February 20 (SJ)**

4:30 p.m. For John Barrett requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.

### **Sunday February 21**

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Keith Mille

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

### **Monday February 22 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

**Tuesday February 23 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)** For A Special Intention requested by Toni Clements

### **Wednesday February 24 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)**

**Thursday February 25 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)** For A Special Intention requested by Toni Clements

### **Friday February 26 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

### **Saturday February 27 (SJ)**

4:30 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the Genest Family requested by Joe and Rosalie Genest

### **Sunday February 28**

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Keith Mille requested by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zuccaro

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

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Raymond and Charlotte Curtis requested by Ray and Eileen Curtis.

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

-2/26 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

-3/05 Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Question of the Week:** What cross have I been avoiding that I should accept during this time in the Lenten desert?

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>	Rev. Jay Haskins
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Paul Houde
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Richard Iaquinto, OSB
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Joseph Ikegbunam
<b>Thursday:</b>	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
<b>Friday:</b>	Priestly and Religious Vocations
<b>Saturday:</b>	All Our Seminarians

#### Counters for Monday, February 22, 2021

George Gardner  
Anne Donegan  
Marie Cookson

#### Schedules for February 27 and 28, 2021

<b>Lector:</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Dawn Griswold
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Rodney Strong

<b>EM:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Mike Bullock
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#### 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 [mariecookson@aol.com](mailto:mariecookson@aol.com) if you want her to register you. **PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

**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.

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



*After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee  
proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of  
fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent,  
and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15*

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**Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Feed A Neighbor-Help A Friend:** There will be a food distribution for any and all families at the Vibrant Church on Williston Road in South Burlington **every Saturday in February from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.** FREE thirty pound boxes of fresh produce, dairy, and meats. Sponsored by Convoy for Hope where you can grab a box for friends and neighbors in need. No names taken and no addresses required. Just show up and the food goes from TRUCK TO TRUCK!

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls:** In the spirit of Almsgiving during Lent, there are Rice Bowls available in the lobby of the church. Take a Rice Bowl and fill it with change to help feed those less fortunate. Rice Bowls are then returned by Easter.

**Online Giving:** Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our parish during the pandemic. It is because of your support that we are still open and functioning. If you are interested in online giving you can go to <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1428>. If you need help with this or would like Marie to set it up for you, please contact her at 482-2290 or email to [stjude@gmavt.net](mailto:stjude@gmavt.net).

