

March 14, 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 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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Attendance Last Week
4:30 p.m. 27 9:30 a.m. 28

Offertory Last Week: \$2,425.00 Maintenance: \$70.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$10.00 Eastern Europe: \$5.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$693.00

**Second Collection This Week for
Catholic Relief Services**

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday March 13

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

Sunday March 14

8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

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

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Bill and Karen Geiger.

Monday March 15 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Paul Holubowsky requested by Irena Case.

Tuesday March 16 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday March 17 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday March 18 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For a Special Intention requested by Toni Clements.

Friday March 19 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday March 20

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

Sunday March 14

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

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

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

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-3/19 Stations of the Cross at **5:30 p.m.**

Question of the Week: How does the undeserved mercy God shows me inform the way I treat those who have wronged me or those whom I see as sinners?

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday evening during Lent at **5:30 p.m.** Please note the change in time.

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. Frederick McLachlan, SSE
Monday: Rev. Jerome Mercure
Tuesday: Rev. Christopher Micale
Wednesday: Rev. John Milanese
Thursday: Rev. Curtis Miller
Friday: Rev. Maurice Moreau, OFM, cap.
Saturday: Rev. Thomas Mosher

Counters for Monday, March 15, 2021
George Gardner
Gail Blasius
Marie Cookson

Schedules for March 20 and 21, 2021

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

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, March 16** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Lenten Evening of Reflections and Confessions: A Lenten Evening of Reflection and Confessions at St. Jude's Church on **Sunday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.** Fr. Lance Harlow, rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, will give a Lenten mission talk on St. Joseph. Eucharistic adoration will follow the talk, with the availability of confessions by Fr. Harlow, Fr. Zuccaro, and Fr. Naples. This will be an opportune time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation for Lent and to spiritually prepare for the Paschal feast of Easter.



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. — Jn 3:19-20

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Easter Flowers: There are envelopes in the lobby of the church for Easter Flowers. Your donation may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly. Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Wednesday, March 24 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 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.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: This weekend the second collection is for Catholic Relief Services to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Thank you.

Annual Catholic Men's Conference: The Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 27** via Zoom. The keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW in Vietnam and a lifelong Catholic. Other speakers include Bishop Coyne and Monsignor John McDermott. Registration and more information at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men

Vermont Catholic Book Club: A bus ride from hell to heaven...intrigued? Join in on this adventure as you read C.S. Lewis' classic novel, *The Great Divorce*. As we approach and celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, you are invited to reflect on the "Four Last Things": death, judgement, heaven, and hell. You will meet three times - each virtual session will feature a presentation and time for discussion. All are welcome - bring a friend! The first meeting will be **Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30pm**. Folks can register at vermontcatholic.org and find the link on the diocesan calendar.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will be held **Tuesday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Burlington.** At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The seating capacity for the Chrism Mass is 250. Registration is required to attend the liturgy in person, and can be done at <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/events>. The liturgy will also be live-streamed and available at <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass>.

Worldwide 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 Peter & Sheila Oprysko at 201-651-9367 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on
Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29



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If you experience regret, guilt, or grief after abortion, be assured that God's healing love and mercy are always available to the repentant heart.

For confidential, non-judgmental help, call (802) 658-4118, or visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.org

Soup Lunch: St. Peter's Church at 85 South Maple Street in Vergennes will be holding a Take-Out Soup Lunch on Sunday, March 21. They will be serving Chicken Noodle Soup filled with robust flavor and loaded with lots of chicken, carrots and noodles. They will also have a Vegetarian Vegetable Soup packed with lots of Veggies and flavor! There will also be fresh rolls and blondes for dessert. Cost is \$8/meal and will be serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call St. Peter's at 802-877-2367 to make a reservation.