

March 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 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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Attendance Last Week

4:30 p.m. 41 9:30 a.m. 31

Offertory Last Week: \$672.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$258.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$300.00

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday March 20

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

Sunday March 21

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.

Monday March 22 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday March 23 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday March 24 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday March 25 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday March 26 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For A Special Intention requested by Toni Clements.

Saturday March 27

4:30 p.m. For A Special Intention requested by Marie Cookson.

Sunday March 28

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Walter Meyer requested by Chris and Laurie Meyer

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

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-3/24 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

-3/26 Stations of the Cross at **5:30 p.m.**

Question of the Week: How can I sow the seeds of the kingdom of God? What seed can I plant this spring that can flower in due season?

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. Timothy Naples
Monday: Rev. Brian O'Donnell
Tuesday: Rev. Rogelio Organiza
Wednesday: Rev. Francis Prive
Thursday: Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE
Friday: Rev. Charles Ranges, SSE
Saturday: Rev. Donald Ravey

Schedules for March 27 and 28, 2021

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock
Mike New
9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell
Rodney Strong
EM: 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Buzzell

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

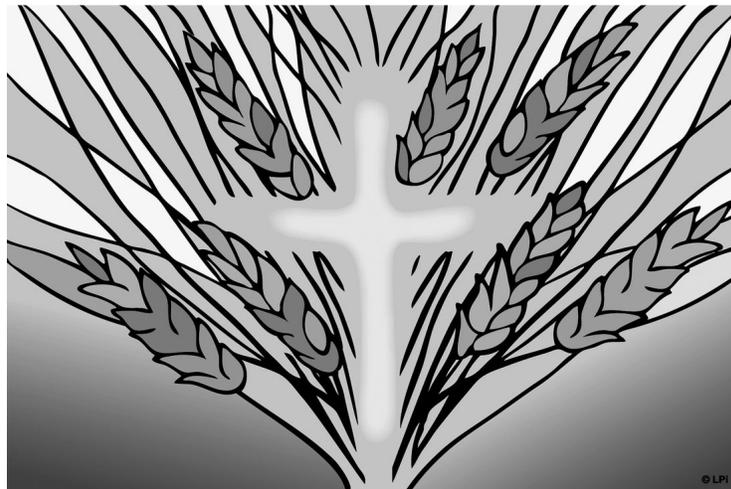
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| Holy Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Good Friday | 3:00 p.m. | OLMC |
| Good Friday (Ecumenical) | 3:00 p.m. | United Church |
| Good Friday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Vigil | 8:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | OLMC |
| Easter Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | OLMC |

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 Week and Easter Sign Up: Those attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday Afternoon or Evening Services, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday must register. The link for these services is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FACA62EAAF49-stjude3>. If you would like Marie to register you, please contact her at 482-2290 (St. Jude) or 425-2637 (OLMC).



“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” — Jn 12:24, 31-32

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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.

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

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.

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>.

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.

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.

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/>.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on

Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25