

March 28, 2021

The bulletin is also available online at stjudevt.org

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 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

Attendance Last Week
4:30 p.m. 25 9:30 a.m. 36

Offertory Last Week: \$1,911.85 Maintenance: \$452.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$40.00 Flowers: \$85.00
Initial Offering: \$10.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$390.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

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.

Monday March 29 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday March 30 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday March 31 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday April 1 7:00 p.m. (SJ) Holy Thursday

Friday April 2 7:00 p.m. (SJ) Good Friday

Saturday April 3

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday April 4

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) Easter Sunday.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) Easter Sunday.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) Easter Sunday.

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/904054FACA62EA_AF49-stjude3. If you would like Marie to register you,

please contact her at 482-2290 (St. Jude) or 425-2637 (OLMC). **MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE MANDATORY!!**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	OLMC
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

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:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Monday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations
Tuesday:	All Our Seminarians
Wednesday:	All Deceased Priests
Thursday:	Pope Francis
Friday:	Bishop Christopher Coyne
Saturday:	Rev. Matthew Rensch

Question of the Week: What cross do I find difficult to shoulder myself? Whose burden have I been unwilling to share? How can I help someone else and/or allow myself to be helped?

Good Friday: Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence. The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength" are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59. Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. Thank you.

Rice Bowls: Thank you for participating in the Lenten Rice Bowl Program. Seventy-five percent of your Lenten Rice Bowl offerings go to support the work of Catholic Relief Services worldwide, and 25% is used to alleviate poverty locally through Vermont Catholic Charities. ***Make sure to bring your rice bowls back to Church this week!***



*Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:
 "Hosanna!"*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
 Hosanna in the highest!"*

— Mk 11:9-10

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

Good Friday Ecumenical Service: Join us **Friday, April 2 at 3:00 p.m.** on Zoom to observe the Hinesburg Ecumenical Good Friday service with the United Church of Hinesburg. This long-running combined service includes sacred music, readings, and prayers from our two churches. Use the Zoom credentials below to login or join by phone on Friday:

***To join by computer, tablet or smart phone: <https://zoom.us/j/3085092306?pwd=TENNSkFIRGRyd1gzcGlkaktqWm1WZz09>

Meeting ID: 308 509 2306

Passcode: cz5D8W

To join by phone: Dial Toll-Free (877) 853-5257

Meeting ID: 308 509 2306

Passcode: 348991

***If you are planning on joining in, please contact Marie at the office and she will send you a copy of the program.

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

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>.

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](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) and find the link on the diocesan calendar.