

July 4, 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 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 24 9:30 a.m.: 69

Offertory Last Week: \$866.45
Peter's Pence: \$124.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$160.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday July 3

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For David Bullock requested by his Family.

Sunday July 4

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Lucille Doenges and Henry Gebo requested by Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Ronald Richard requested by the Parish Community.

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

Monday July 5 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday July 6 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For Shawn Coyle requested by the Parish Community.

Wednesday July 7 8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Gabriella Broglio.

Thursday July 8 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Friday July 9 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Rev. Raymond Doherty, SSE.

Saturday July 10

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Helen Parsons requested by Marie Cookson.

Sunday July 11

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Julia, John and Virginia Irish requested by Judy Laberge.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For David Bullock requested by his Family.

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

Calendar of St. Jude Events

-7/06 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

-7/13 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.

-7/17 Food Shelf Food Drive from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Question of the Week: How is Christ made manifest in me through my own weaknesses?

**Saint Jude's Nine Month Financial Summary -
07/01/2020 thru 03/31/2021**

- Offertory Income for this period was \$96,478 compared to \$107,720 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$11,241 or -10.4%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$126,402 compared to \$135,447 for the prior fiscal year comparable period, a decrease of \$9,045 or -6.7%.
- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of -\$23,329 for the 9 months ending 03/31/21 compared to a Net Gain of \$3,524 for the prior fiscal year comparable period.
- Uncommitted Cash available as of 03/31/2021 was \$152,076 compared to \$151,165 in 03/31/2020.



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" — Mk 6:2

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

Please pray for all priests in your daily prayers, especially the following this week:

Sunday:	Rev. James Lawrence
Monday:	Rev. Joseph Lively
Tuesday:	Rev. Steven Marchand
Wednesday:	Rev. Thomas Mattison
Thursday:	Rev. Msgr. Reid Mayo
Friday:	Rev. Msgr. John McDermott
Saturday:	Rev. Frederick McLachlan, SSE

Schedules for July 10 and 11, 2021

Lector:	4:30 p.m.	Mike New
	9:30 a.m.	Tom Giroux
EM:	9:30 a.m.	Mike Bullock

COVID Update: At this time all COVID protocols have been lifted. The Obligation for Mass attendance has resumed as of July 3 and 4.

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, July 6** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

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, July 6** in the St. Jude Parish Hall. If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@gmavt.net.

Food Shelf Food Drive: We will again be having a Hinesburg Food Shelf Drive to benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf on **Saturday, July 17 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**. They are especially in need of cleaning products for bathrooms and homes, laundry products, health and beauty aides and feminine care products.

Senior Bingo: Seniors, you are invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, July 13**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, July 7**. **Masks are welcome if you wish to wear one but are no longer required for the fully vaccinated.** You will be given a packaged complete meal to take home, provided no charge by Age Well. Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy and Ted Barrett at 453-3087 (leave a message) or email to tedbarrett79@gmail.com for reservations.

Seeking Donations for Children in Congo: Deadline for collecting clothes and funds will be Sunday, July 11th.

Thank you so much for your generosity so far! A friend and parishioner of St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington will once again be traveling back to his homeland in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in July to assist the children there. He will be bringing much needed clothes for children to be distributed there. If you recall, he did this in the summer of 2019. This year he will be going to his native province in the Diocese of Kindu. He is hoping for donations of new and gently used clothing items for children, including infants. Monetary donations are most welcome as well, as the cost of shipping these items is quite an expense. There are baskets labeled CONGO at both OLMC and St. Jude's to collect the items. For more information or to give a monetary donation please contact Tricia Sulva at majac@gmavt.net. Thank you kindly for helping once again in this cause!

Salvation Army Dinner: Thank you to everyone who donated food and monies for the Salvation Army Dinner on Wednesday. It was the perfect meal for a hot summer day. Thank you.

Totus Tuus: Totus Tuus is an energetic and fun Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Totus Tuus is one week long, with the grade school (grades 1-8) session during the day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and a session for high school students each evening. The week is led by our enthusiastic team of Totus Tuus missionaries! This program will be held at St. John Vianney in South Burlington on July 18-July 23. For more info, please call 864-4166 ext. 205 or email at sjvred@gmail.com. For other dates and locations, please visit www.vermontcatholic.org/totustuus.

Garden Flowers for Altar: We would love to have extra flowers from your garden to over the summer, please let us know and we will leave a bucket out in the lobby to receive decorate the altar on weekends. If you have some to spare them. Normally the flowers are arranged sometime on Friday so having them ready by late Thursday or early Friday morning is ideal. Notify Linda and Sue (call or text to 310-9286) if you can supply some for planning purposes; they would be most grateful. Thank you.

Musician Wanted: We are looking for a musician to help provide music for the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The knowledge of the Catholic liturgy is expected. If interested please contact Fr. Zuccaro at 425-2253, email at carmel@gmavt.net or see him after Mass.