

# August 18, 2019

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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 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

Liturgical Pub

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Aug. 18 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Aug. 18 11:00 a.m.** For Jackie Baker requested by her family.

**Sun. Aug. 25 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Aug. 25 11:00 a.m.** For John Ducey requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,413.00**  
**Maintenance: \$85.00**  
**Feast of the Assumption: \$10.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$125.00**

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Fidelis Agughara
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Ilayaraja Amaladass
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Julian Asucan
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Michael Augustinowicz
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Luke Austin
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Dwight Baker
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Justin Baker

Copies of the monthly calendar are available in the back.

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 19, 2019

Karen Doris  
Leo LaBerge  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: August 25, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Wanda & Vic Bean
	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell
	Lector:	Mike Cazayoux
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tom Reilly
		Wanda Bean

11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	Allison Croke
		Ethan Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min.:	David Croke
		Deena Miller

### Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

**Question of the Week:** When have I stood up for what is right? When would I be willing to do so?

**Daily Mass:** There will be NO daily Mass on **Monday, August, 19 at 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, August 20 and 22 at 5:15 p.m.** due to Fr. Cray being at St. Michael's for meetings.

**WARNING:** It has been brought to our attention that once again folks are receiving emails seemingly from Fr. Cray asking for donations of gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM!!** Fr. Cray would **NEVER** email or text folks asking for donations. If you receive an email that appears to be from him, please check the email address. Father's email is **[dgcraey@gmail.com](mailto:dgcraey@gmail.com)**. Anything other than that, is not him. We don't want folks being taken advantage of. If you are unsure about this, please contact Father or Marie directly. Thank you.

**Dishes in the Hall:** There are many dishes in the hall from parishioners who furnished food for recent funerals and memorial services. If you have furnished something recently, please stop into the parish hall and pick up your dish. Thank you.

**Family Faith Formation:** Our Family Faith Formation classes for St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel begin on **September 15**. We are still in need of teachers (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and aides (kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades). If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) or 482-2290, 425-2637.

**Bishop's Appeal:** We are 87.76% (\$20,270) to our parish goal of \$23,097 from 57 donors. (We are about \$2,800 from our parish goal.) We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work. We hope you will consider making a gift. To learn more visit: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org)

**Rosary:** The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's beginning at 4:10 p.m.

**Men's Discussion Group:** Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC the first Tuesday of each month at St. Jude's from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 3**. They discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow male Catholics from our parishes. If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at [mtn6@qmavt.net](mailto:mtn6@qmavt.net).

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **August 27 and September 10 and 24** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. **Classes will begin on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Vianney Church Hall in South Burlington and will meet every Wednesday evening except for holidays. Classes are free of charge.** If you are interested in joining, please contact Fr. Cray so he can get you registered through our parishes.

**Surviving Divorce:** An exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage will be starting soon.

*Surviving Divorce* features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help all to find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, beginning on **September 5 through November 21 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Peter Parish Hall, 85 South Main Street, Vergennes.** To register or for more information, contact Sharon McMullen at 802-877-6585 or email [SPSDLeader@gmail.com](mailto:SPSDLeader@gmail.com).

**Substitute Teachers Needed:** Rice Memorial High School is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. For more information and to fill out an application, please contact Jeff Maher, Assistant Principal at 862-6521 ext. 203.



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