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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 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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**Offertory Last Week: \$520.00**  
**Church in Africa: \$65.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$350.00**

**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

**Attendance Last Sunday:**  
8:00 a.m.: 19      11:00 a.m.: 22

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun. July 26 8:00 a.m.** For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.  
**Sun. July 26 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.  
**Sun. August 2 8:00 a.m.** For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.  
**Sun. August 2 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Charles Ranges, SSE
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Priestly and Religious Vocations
<b>Thursday:</b>	All Our Seminarians
<b>Friday:</b>	All Deceased Priests
<b>Saturday:</b>	Pope Francis

**A Prayer for Priests:** Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

### **Calendar of Events at OLMC:**

-8/20 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** What or whom have I overlooked in searching for the kingdom of heaven? How can I develop an understanding heart?

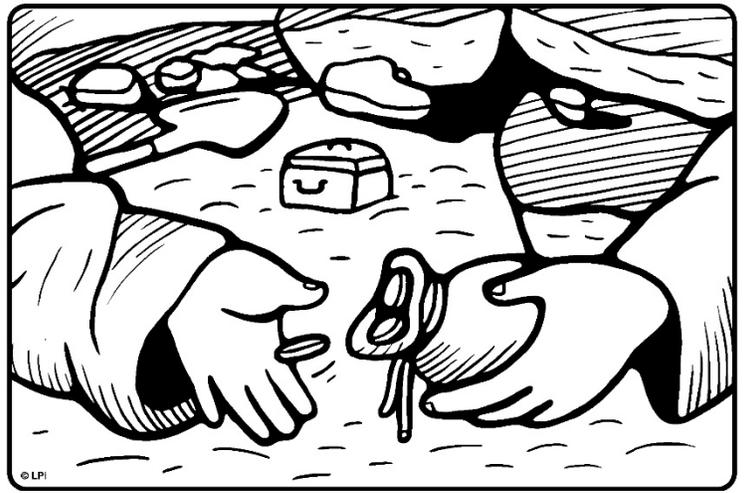
**Musicians Needed:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Charlotte is looking for musicians to help with the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Both Trina Bianchi, keyboard player at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and Al Teodosio, guitar player at the 11:00 a.m. have decided to retire. If anyone is interested in joining either choir, please contact Marie at [carmel@gmavt.net](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) or 425-2637.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** The 9:30 a.m. choir at St. Jude's will resume in the fall once the COVID-19 virus is better controlled.

**Registering for Mass Attendance:** Please remember to register if you are planning on attending Mass in the near future. With capacity being 58 for each Mass at St. Jude's and 33 for each Mass at OLMC, it is important that folks register. You can register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude> or contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). If you are planning on attending each week, please let her know and she will add your name so you don't need to register each week. She will automatically register you.

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. Donations supported the livestream of almost 200 faith activities in the following categories: 76 Mass and Liturgy, 79 Prayer, 18 Reflections & Talks and 10 Community Building. Many of these activities continue to be live-streamed. To make a gift visit: [www.bishopsappealvt.org](http://www.bishopsappealvt.org). The parish goal for Our Lady of Mount Carmel is \$23,097 of which \$12,005 (52%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

**Daily Rosary Apostolate:** The Diocese continues to offer a daily Rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck in leading each day. Interested in helping to lead? Email Valerie at [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org) with convenient times for you and when it is scheduled, Valerie will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you prefer, she can show slides for each mystery while you pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact Valerie at the above email address.

**World Marriage Encounter:** To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore - Rekindle - Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM. 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 \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwwmevtw.org/>



“**T**he kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” — Mt 13:44

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**The Word Among Us Magazine:** Because of the COVID-19 virus we have to remove all magazines from the church. If you would like a copy of the monthly The Word Among Us please let Marie know and she will mail you a copy.

**Saint Joachim and Saint Anne—July 26 Feast Day:** In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names *Joachim* and *Anne* come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died. The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people. The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past. Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

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