

November 29, 2020

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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 – First Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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Offertory Last Week: \$507.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$100.00

Online Giving Last Week: \$350.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Sunday:

8:00 a.m.: 14 11:00 a.m.: 11

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Nov. 29 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Nov. 29 11:00 a.m. For Regina Plunkett Dowling requested by Kim Thomas.

Sun. Dec. 6 8:00 a.m. For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

Sun. Dec. 6 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:

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| Sunday: | All Our Seminarians |
| Monday: | All Deceased Priests |
| Tuesday: | Pope Francis |
| Wednesday: | Bishop Christopher Coyne |
| Thursday: | Rev. Charles Ranges, SSE |
| Friday: | Rev. Donald Ravey |
| Saturday: | Rev. Matthew Rensch |

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.

Counters for Monday, November 30, 2020

Linda Savalli
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Lectors for Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. Mike Cazayoux
11:00 a.m. Colleen Armstrong

Calendar of Events at OLMC:

-12/15 Eucharistic Adoration at 5:45 a.m.

Question of the Week: How can I give control over to God?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is **Tuesday, December 8**. Mass will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and St. Jude at 7:00 p.m. Because of this Feast Day there will not be a 5:15 p.m. Mass at OLMC.

UPDATE: Contact Tracing and Registering for Mass

Attendance: Beginning this weekend, we need 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.**

Congregating in Entryway and Back of the Church: Please **DO NOT** congregate in the entryway and back of the church before or after Mass, blocking parishioners coming in or leaving after mass. Thank you.

Message from Fr. Zuccaro: As we move into these uncertain winter months, I want you to know that we at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. If you are unsure about attending Sunday Masses during this time of pandemic, simply call the rectory, and I or a minister in the Church will meet you at the church to offer Holy Communion. I am also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these difficult times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Watch Mass online if you don't feel safe coming to Mass, and join in the online offerings that our parish and diocese offer. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing for me as a parish priest.

Advent Evening of Reflections and Confessions: An Advent Evening of Reflection and Confessions at St. Jude's Church on **Sunday November 29 at 6:00 p.m.** Fr. Lance Harlow, rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, will give an advent mission talk on devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. 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 Advent.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Friday, December 4** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

--Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Tuesday, December 15** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Senior Bingo: Due to the new restrictions set out by the State of Vermont, Senior Bingo is suspended immediately until further notice.



“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

— Mk 13:35-36

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Giving Tree: The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Giving Tree is up with wishes from 13 children, ages 5 months to 16 years old. In this difficult year for so many people, we are starting early for parishioners to have more time to shop and return their wrapped gift, with ornament attached, to the church on or before **Sunday, December 13**. Thank you in advance for bringing the joy and love of Christmas to a child in our community. If you have questions, please call 425-3252 or 425-2382.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. To make a gift visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org. The parish goal for Our Lady of Mount Carmel is \$23,097 of which \$15,975 (69%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.” It's with great joy and excitement that we welcome Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. Jesus is God's greatest gift to mankind. He is the perfect present received every Christmas. John 3:16 - *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”*— serves as a reminder of God's love and the sacrifice made on our behalf. Along with celebrating God's wonderful gift, Advent is a time when we enjoy giving a little more. It is an opportunity to give a little more of our time, a little more of our love and a little more of the gifts we've received from God. So we invite you, this Advent season, to join your brothers and sisters in Christ with a *Christ Our Hope* campaign commitment. Remember your gift will make a difference as we address our needs at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. But don't forget it will also support the many needs of those most vulnerable among us, while enhancing our ability to educate others. Please return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make your gift.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's—Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations. In the event of Mass cancellation at St. Jude, Fr. Zuccaro will offer morning Mass at OLMC at 8:00 a.m. Please use common sense and discretion if desiring to attend.

Advent Appeal -2020: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge.

Help people like Molly and Jimmy keep the heat on. Molly and Jimmy have a 10 year old daughter and were excited to welcome a new baby. Unexpectedly, Molly lost her job due to COVID-19 while Jimmy's hours were reduced. They were out of fuel. We helped with a fuel delivery and provided a food card to ensure the family had heat and food so they could focus on welcoming their new baby. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a need family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at

www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

Winter Coat Drive: Every year many of our local children find themselves without proper winter clothing to allow them to stay warm enough to endure, let alone enjoy, a Vermont winter. The Charlotte-Shelburne-Hinesburg Rotary Club wants to change that. From now through **November 30**, CSH Rotary is collecting new and like-new jackets, hats, mittens, boots, and gloves in both adult and children's sizes to distribute to the schools in Charlotte, Shelburne, and Hinesburg. School liaisons will provide the properly sized clothing to children in need so they may warmly and safely enjoy a Vermont winter.

Please look in your hearts and your closets and consider donating what clothing or money you may be able to for this effort. To donate cash at the drop off locations, please make checks payable to "CSH Rotary Club." This is greatly appreciated so that we can fill in gaps in the end. Drop off locations include the Shelburne Town Offices, the Hinesburg and Charlotte Libraries, Adirondack Audiology (Marsett Road and Route 7), and the Law Office of Richard J. Fox PLLC (181 Falls Road in Shelburne). For additional information, please contact charlotteshelburnerotary@gmail.com.