

May 2, 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 – 5th Sunday of Easter

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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Attendance Last Week:
8:00 a.m.: 21 11:00 a.m.: 10

Offertory Last Week: \$1,330.00 CRS: \$500.00
Home Missions: \$110.00 Holy Land: \$20.00
Easter: \$125.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday May 1

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Virginia Chicoine requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sunday May 2

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Healing of Edward Zuccaro requested by Toni Clements.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Molly Parent requested by Marsha Casey.

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

Monday May 3 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday May 4 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday May 5 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday May 6 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday May 7 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday May 8

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Raymond Cote requested by his wife, Helen.

Sunday May 9

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) In Thanksgiving for the birth of Kallie Elizabeth requested by her grandparents, Brian and Monique Bouchard.

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

Calendar of OLMC Events:

-5/04 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at 5:45 p.m.
-5/09 May Crowning at 8:00 a.m.

Question of the Week: In order to flourish and bear fruit, the vine needs to be pruned. What in me needs to be pruned so that I can bear fruit to the fullest extent possible?

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

Sunday: Bishop Christopher Coyne
Monday: Rev. James Zuccaro
Tuesday: Rev. Fidelis Agughara
Wednesday: Rev. Llayaraja Amaladass, HGN
Thursday: Rev. Julian Asucan
Friday: Rev. Michael Augustinowitz
Saturday: Rev. Luke Austin

Counters for Monday, May 3, 2021

Theresa Aube
Gail Blasius
Marie Cookson

Schedules for May 9, 2021

Lector: 8:00 a.m. Mike Cazayoux
11:00 a.m. Tricia Sulva

Feast of the Ascension: The Feast of the Ascension is **Thursday, May 13.** Mass times are 7:00 a.m. at OLMC and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

COVID Update—Phase 3 for All Parishes: Effective immediately: Contact Tracing (people registering and signing in when coming to mass) no longer needs to take place. The capacity limits are still in effect as well as social distancing and masks.

OLMC Charlotte 3rd Quarter Financial Summary--3/31/21:

- Total Offertory Income for the nine months ended 3/31/21 was \$62,618 compared to \$76,622 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of (\$14,005) or -18.3%.
- Gifts & Bequests Income for the first nine months of FY 2021 was \$18,230 compared to \$15,700 for the same period for FY 2020, an increase of \$2,530 or 16.1%.
- During the 3rd Quarter OLMC received a \$5,602 Capital Campaign Distribution from the Diocese.
- Operating Expenses were \$80,161 for the period versus \$103,474 for the prior year comparable period, a reduction of \$23,313 or -22.5% resulting from reductions in the Expense categories of Compensation & Benefits, Contributions & Assessments, and Professional Fees, with level Utilities Expenses.
- Net Income for the nine months ended 3/31/21 was \$7,289 compared to a Net Loss of -\$8,323 for the prior year comparable period.
- Total Cash at 3/31/21 was \$171,355 versus \$161,930 at 3/31/20.

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, May 4** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

***St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Friday, May 7** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

OLMC Workday: OLMC will have a workday on **Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** (The rain date will be Saturday, May 29.) There are a variety of chores to be done. If you are willing to help out please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email to carmel@gmavt.net. We need your name in the event that the workday is canceled due to inclement weather.



“**R**emain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” — Jn 15:4-5

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May Crowning at St. Jude and OLMC: We will be doing a May Crowning at St. Jude's on May 8 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on May 9 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. This is in honor of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. May is the month of Mary.

Confirmation: We have 15 students from St. Jude (6) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (9) who will be confirmed this **Thursday, May 6** at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this time.

First Communion: This year due to the pandemic, we only have 1 student who will be making his First Communion. First Communion will take place at St. Jude's 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, May 16.** Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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 you or someone you know is interested or would like more info, please contact Fr. Zuccaro at 425-2253, email at carmel@gmavt.net or see him after 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, May 4 in the St. Jude Parish Hall. **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED!!** If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@gmavt.net.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on Thursday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE due to the Feast of the Ascension Mass time.) To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HINESBURG. We ask that appointments be made if possible as we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins due to the coronavirus. **It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.

Stress-Free Retirement Planning: Please join us for an informative Webinar *Stress-Free Retirement Planning* sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan will provide his expertise on **Monday, May 3rd** at 7 PM on Zoom. Open to the public; pre-registration is required at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rROHg8c-Q4avXNqEylO0wg

New Diocesan Protocols for the Churches

These are the new protocols the Diocese is now allowing. Those in red are the ones we are limiting at this time and are at the discretion of the Pastor.

- Contact Tracing (people signing in when arriving for Mass) NO LONGER NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE. **We will continue to count the number of folks attending so we can be sure we do not go over our capacity. (33 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 77 at St. Jude.)**
- Allowing up to 5 singers, physically distanced and wearing masks (when not singing), only when the space where the musicians will be permits the necessary physical distancing (MINIMUM 6 feet between and all around each singer).
- Allowing for instrumentalists, physically distanced and wearing masks, except for wind and brass instruments (still prohibited).
- Allowing for missalettes/hymnals in the pews again. Materials may be handed out before/after Mass by ushers. **Missalettes will be handed out for parishioners to take. PLEASE take this home with you...DO NOT LEAVE IN THE PEWS.**
- Opening of chapels, cry-rooms, etc. with capacity limits posted at door
- Resumption of normal duties for altar servers (masked, physically distanced where possible, etc). **At this time we are limiting the use of Altar Servers.**
- No more “communion” after Mass – in parking lot or at door. Communion needs to be connected to Mass, except in the ordinary cases of pastoral visits to the sick, homebound, etc. as indicated in ritual books. Pastors may request permission to continue this practice if they feel it’s necessary, but it’s on a case-by-case basis. Note: in this phase, OUTDOOR MASSES are still permitted at the discretion of the pastor.