

August 29, 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 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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Attendance Last Week:
8:00 a.m.: 21 11:00 a.m.: 30

Offertory Last Week: \$499.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$410.00

Second Collection This Week for Haiti
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday August 28

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

Sunday August 29

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Arnold Gratton requested by his wife, Janice.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Shawn Coyle requested by the Parish Community.

Monday August 30 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by Marie Cookson.

Tuesday August 31 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Wednesday September 1 (OLMC)

Thursday September 2 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Friday September 3 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday September 4

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sunday September 5

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Raymond and Marie Laberge requested by Judy Laberge.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Eunice and Julius Fappiano requested by the Family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Joseph and Catherine Nolan requested by Kathy Nolan and Family.

Calendar of OLMC Events:

-8/31 Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions at 5:45 p.m.

Question of the Week: What will I do this week to put God’s word into action? Has God’s word truly penetrated my heart?

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

Sunday: Priestly and Religious Vocations
Monday: All Our Seminarians
Tuesday: All Deceased Priests
Wednesday: Pope Francis
Thursday: Bishop Christopher Coyne
Friday: Rev. Justin Baker
Saturday: Rev. Albert Baltz

Counter Schedule for August 30, 2021

Anne Donegan
George Gardner
Marie Cookson

Schedules for September 5, 2021

Lector: 8:00 a.m. Mary Tierney
11:00 a.m. Bill Geiger

EM: 8:00 a.m. Rose Bernier
11:00 a.m. Tom Reilly

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, August 31** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Special Collection This Week for Haiti: Bishop Coyne, following the request of the USCCB, is asking parishes to take up a special collection this weekend to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Haiti following the recent devastating earthquake and hurricanes. There are special collection envelopes available in the lobby for this collection. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE PARISH, NOT CRS. Thank you.

Faith Formation: Our Faith Formation Classes (Religious Ed) will begin in September. We will be meeting in person once a month. These classes include Mass, catechesis for students and for adults. The expectation is that parents attend these monthly classes if their children are enrolled in the program. If you have a child or grandchild who has not been part of our program in the past and you would like to enroll them, please contact Marie Cookson at marietcookson@aol.com so that you can be added to our mailing list.

Confirmation Program: As we implement the Diocesan Confirmation Plan, 6th and 7th grade candidates will be preparing for confirmation in the 2021-2022 school year. This preparation is designed to help candidates learn more about their faith, our Catholic Church and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The process is intended to help the candidate become more receptive to the Holy Spirit and actively live out the mission of the Church in their lives.

Sacramental Prep: The preparation process for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion involves participating in the parish's first and second grade religious education classes. Both sacraments are celebrated during the second grade year.

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, September 7** 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.



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." — Mk 7:14-15

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Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, September 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** 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. **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.**

**It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is 61% (\$13,289) to our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$21,942. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Anchor Award: The Anchor Award is the highest award bestowed by the Vermont Knights of Columbus. Father Tim Naples, pastor of St. John Vianney Parish, South Burlington, has been chosen as this year's recipient, in recognition of his pastoral work, and seven years of fraternal work as State K. of C. Chaplain. The formal dinner for the honorary bestowal of the Anchor Award is **September 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Delta Conference Center (Formerly Doubletree Hotel). Tickets are \$40. Menu and registration information for anyone who wishes to attend can be found by going to www.KofCVT.org, going to "Events" in the menu, then clicking on the September 3 Anchor Award Banquet event. Contact information on the same website is available for questions. Congratulations to Fr. Naples on this award!!

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.

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, September 14**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, September 8**. **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.

Praying the Rosary: The Diocese is looking for volunteers to lend their voice for a recording of the Rosary for Life. These recordings will be aired on Facebook throughout the months of October and January to pray for all lives from conception until natural death. Each slide has a specific meditation prior to each Hail Mary. Each prayer has a separate slide so all you need to do is read what is in front of you! All people will see when it is aired are the slides that have been created especially for this Rosary and they will hear us praying. If you would like to record a Rosary please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BACA92EA2F58-lenten1>

RCIA: Have you or someone you know been pondering what it means to be Catholic? Been yearning to know more about our faith? Been desiring to be welcomed into the sacraments of initiation? Very soon, we will begin preparing for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at St John Vianney, and you are invited to join. They will begin with an introduction to the faith during the month of September, meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church hall, viewing videos from the Augustine Institute called "The Search." All are welcome to join during these sessions. They will then transition to a period of more focused instruction during the month of October, with meetings at the same time and place. Do you feel called to help make Christ's message to the world known and communicate his grace to others? They are also looking for people who are ready to give the candidates evidence of the spirit of the Christian community and welcome them into personal conversation and community gatherings. If you would like to journey either as a Catechumen or as a team member, please contact Connie St. John Vianney Parish at x 204 or at SVGoodNews@gmail.com, or speak with your local pastor.

St. Nicholas Project: The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 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 \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Peter & Sheila Oprysko at 201-651-9367 or visit them at <https://www.mevt.org/>. Jesus is the living bread. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Learn how to have a holy marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman Presentation: You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman **on Sunday, October 10, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3 at VermontNewman@gmail.com