

April 24, 2022

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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 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)***

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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Offertory Last Week: Easter: \$1,622.00
Holy Land: \$28.00 Easter Flowers: \$30.00
Initial Offering: \$20.00 Catholic Relief Services: \$63.00

Second Collection This Week for Home Missions
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:

Good Friday: 11

8:00 a.m. 29 11:00 a.m. 36

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday April 23

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Sharon Therrien and Linda Wright requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sunday April 24

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Anne Pidgeon, Yvonne Gebo and Edward Pidgeon requested by Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Ryan Casey requested by friends of Aunt Barb.

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

Monday 8:00 a.m. April 25 (SJ) For Louella Clark requested by her husband, Fletcher.

Tuesday 5:15 p.m. April 26 (OLMC)

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. April 27 (OLMC) For All Souls

Thursday 5:15 p.m. April 28 (OLMC)

Friday 8:00 a.m. April 29 (SJ) For Rev. Richard Tinney requested by the Parish Communities.

Saturday April 30

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Virginia Choicoine requested by Joanne and Lee Cross.

Sunday May 1

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Paul Casey requested by his wife, Marsha.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Soledad Lucido

Calendar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Events

-04/26 Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at 5:45 p.m.

-04/27 Salvation Army Dinner

-04/30 OLMC Work Day at 9:00 a.m.

-05/01 Food Shelf Sunday

-05/01 Family Faith Formation at St. Jude at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: What wounds in my community can I help make whole? How will I do this?

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

Sunday: Rev. Kevin Chalifoux
Monday: Rev. Roger Charbonneau
Tuesday: Rev. Thomas Aquinas Chinnappin,
HGN
Wednesday: Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Thursday: Priestly and Religious Vocations
Friday: All Our Seminarians
Saturday: All Deceased Priests

Schedule of Counters: **Monday, April 25, 2022**
Gail Blasius
Lee Cross
Marie Cookson

Schedules for May 1, 2022

Lector: **8:00 a.m.** Mary Tierney
11:00 a.m. Ray Curtis

EM: **8:00 a.m.** Rose Bernier
11:00 a.m. Eileen Curtis

Thank You: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday such meaningful and sacred times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, musicians and singers, ushers, decorators, and Liturgy Committees.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Join us next **Sunday, April 24 at OLMC from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m.** This event includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Adoration and Confession.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession on **Tuesday, April 26** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

OLMC Work Day: The OLMC parking area needs some TLC and we would appreciate your HELP! Please consider donating your time to help repair the winter plowing damage to our church parking area. The snow is gone, mud season is almost gone but our parking area has lots and lots of stone piles which need to be pushed back to the parking area. Our plan is to meet **Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m.** and hopefully be done by 11:00 a.m., if we can get enough help. Please bring flat bottom shovels, leaf and lawn rakes, wheelbarrows or power rake equipment if you have them. If we cannot get it done, we will need to pay our landscapers to accomplish this task. As you know our annual finances are down substantially and any reduction of expenses is always helpful. In case of rain, the following Saturday, May 7, is the backup date. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Marie at carmel@gmavt.net so she can contact you in the event we need to reschedule. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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, April 26**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, April 20**. 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.



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

— Jn 20:28-29

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Food Shelf Weekend: Next Sunday, **May 1**, we will again be collecting items for the Charlotte Food Shelf. Items needed are creamed soups, chicken noodle and vegetable beef soups, crackers of all kinds, spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles, vegetable oil, healthy children's cereals—hot and cold, and canned chicken. Please bring items to Mass with you.

Salvation Army Dinner: We are beginning the Salvation Army Dinners once again. Our next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for **April 27**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Bread, Desserts and Milk or Bottled Water. **We need enough food to feed approximately 50 people.** Sign Up link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094DA4A62FA7FC1-salvation>. Food donations need to be at the church by **1:00 p.m. on April 27**. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or marietcookson@aol.com.

Rice Bowls: Thank you for participating in the Lenten Rice Bowl Program. Seventy-five percent of your Lenten Rice Bowl offerings go to support the work of Catholic Relief Services worldwide, and 25% is used to alleviate poverty locally through Vermont Catholic Charities. **Make sure to bring your rice bowls back to Church this week!**

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle (by the Tabernacle) is lit at all times. Parishioners can now have the candle lit in memory of someone or for someone. Each week the intention will be listed in the bulletin along with the name of the person who has requested the intention, if they so desire. We are asking for a monetary donation of \$5.00 or whatever you are able to give. If you are interested in having an intention, please contact Marie at 802-425-2637 or via email at carmel@gmavt.net.

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Mission Trip: Please donate to Julie Sulva's mission trip to Denver this summer through Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Julie and her family are parishioners of OLMC. Missionaries are at college during the school year but during the summer they will be living a Catholic life and being missionaries, doing service work and evangelization through their jobs and on the weekends. Julie will be working on projects with 30 other students for 10 weeks in Colorado. Donations can be made out to the parish and "FOCUS Julie" in the memo or you can donate through the online link: http://www.focusonline.org/site/Donation2?df_id=5483&5483.donation=form1&set.custom.Fund_ID=86475. Thank you.

Home Mission Collection: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, May 5 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.

Disposing of Old Palms: If you are disposing of past years' palms they should either be burned or buried. Please do not throw in the trash. If you would like us to dispose of them, please leave them in the box in the vestibule. Thank you.

Rice Memorial High School Flower Sale: The Rice Parent Organization is having a **Mother's Day Claussen's Flowers Fundraiser** to raise money for activities and treats for teachers and students and they would love your support! If you would like to order flowers (annuals, perennials, herbs and hanging baskets), please email Elke Rainville at: ganderainville@gmail.com or you can get an order form at the Rice front office. Orders are due by Wednesday, April 27. The flowers will be delivered to RMHS during the week of May 2. Thanks for supporting the Rice Parent Organization!

Universal Synod: You are invited to participate in the ongoing parish and Diocesan process of the Synod of Bishops scheduled for October 2023 in Rome. In recent times, "synods" of bishops have happened at least every ten years in Rome, where representative bishops throughout the world have met to discuss an issue, theme, or goal that is important to the worldwide church. The 2023 Synod will be larger in scope, and it is asking all Catholics, parishes and Dioceses, worldwide to share their perspective on three themes".

1. Communion
2. Participation
3. Mission

These three themes are indicated by the word "Synodality". Please see the survey created by the Burlington Diocese for all Catholics living in Vermont. The survey link is <http://vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod>. As you will notice, it is expected that a wide range of opinions will be expressed among answers to the various questions. Nonetheless, you are encouraged to focus your responses, giving just a paragraph on the point or observation that seems most important to you or if you feel compelled to speak to every single question you may come up with one or two sentences per question. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Zuccaro or Marie.

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If you or a loved one is interested and would like to learn more or schedule a tour, please contact us at the numbers provided.

Respect Life

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end.'

