

# December 25, 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 - The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

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**Offertory Last Week: \$696.00   Maintenance: \$140.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$35.00  
Immaculate Conception: \$50.00  
Online Banking: \$397.00**

**Attendance Last Week:  
8:00 a.m. 29   11:00 a.m. 16**

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

**Saturday December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:00 p.m. (Old Lantern) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.  
7:00 p.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.  
10:00 p.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sunday December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

**Monday December 26 NO MASS**

**Tuesday December 27 NO MASS**

**Wednesday December 28 NO MASS**

**Thursday December 29 NO MASS**

**Friday 8:30 a.m. December 30 (S)** For Joseph and Mary Fitzgerald requested by Michelle and Bill Bessette.

**Saturday December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE**

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the repose of the souls of Celinda and Emmanuel Nadeau requested by Marie Cookson.

**Sunday January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the souls of Paul and Helen-Mary Danyow requested by Bob and Denise Danyow.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

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

## Calendar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Events

**Daily Mass: Beginning Monday, November 28 the daily Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will begin at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m.**

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

Sunday:	Rev. Bernard Gaudreau
Monday:	Rev. William Giroux
Tuesday:	Rev. Scott Gratton
Wednesday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Thursday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations
Friday:	All Our Seminarians
Saturday:	All Deceased Priests

**Holiday Mass Schedules:** The holiday schedule is as follows:

**New Year's Eve and Day:**

Saturday, December 31 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude  
Sunday, January 1 at 8:00 a.m. at OLMC  
Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude  
Sunday, January 1 at 11:00 a.m. at OLMC

**Daily Mass:** There will be **NO** daily Mass this **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 26 through December 29** due to Fr. Zuccaro being away.

**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession:** There will **NOT** be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at OLMC this Tuesday, **December 27** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

**Snow Shoveling Help Needed:** We are in need of someone to shovel the walkways at OLMC. This includes the church, hall and rectory. Snow shoveling must be done before the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays, the 5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and after significant storms. If interested, please contact Fr. Zuccaro at 802-425-2253 or email at [jzuccaro@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:jzuccaro@vermontcatholic.org).

**Help Needed:** We are looking for help with the clean up of the Christmas Eve Mass at the Old Lantern. On **Monday, December 26** at 9:00 a.m. we need help in cleaning up and breaking down. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 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](http://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.

**Food Shelf Weekend:** Food Shelf Sunday will be **January 8**. Items requested from the Charlotte Food Shelf are kid-friendly soup and crackers, creamed soups, baked beans, apple sauce, spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars are best), egg noodles, and hot chocolate mix. As always, financial donations are always welcome.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** We are at 76% (\$16,679) of our parish goal of \$21,942. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. Your generosity supports so many ministries that impact our parish, such as religious education programs. If you have not yet donated, won't you please consider doing so this week? Please visit [bishopsappeal.org](http://bishopsappeal.org) to learn more. Thank you.



**T**he angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Lk 2:10-12

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, December 27**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, December 21**. Due to the increased numbers of COVID 19 in our area, we ask that everyone again wear a mask while at Senior Bingo. Free masks will be available if you need one. If you have symptoms, have been recently exposed and/or are feeling ill, please stay home. Thank you!! If you are a newcomer to our event, please call the week before that you are attending, so that enough Grab and Go Meals can be ordered. 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](mailto:tedbarrett79@gmail.com) for reservations.

**Totus Tuus:** Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, are you looking for a fun and exciting summer experience for those special children in your life that will enrich their faith AND serve as a stocking stuffer this Christmas? Consider giving "The Gift of Totus Tuus"! Our diocesan-wide summer program has special "Save-the-Date" cards on the table in the lobby. These sponsorship cards include the dates and locations of the Summer 2023 Totus Tuus sessions. They also include a "Gift tag" where you can write your name and the name of the child you would like to sponsor. They are designed to be placed in stockings or greeting cards so that you can let that special child in your life know that you will be registering them for Totus Tuus this coming summer.

**Christmas Flowers:** There are collection envelopes in the back of the church for the Christmas flowers. Your donations may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly. Thank you.

**Surviving Divorce Support Group:** For the newly separated and divorced, as well as for those still struggling with issues many years later, you are invited to join in *Surviving Divorce*. Together you will help each other answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing from the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The twelve-week program will begin **Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center at St. John Vianney, 160 Hinesburg Rd., So.**

**Burlington.** A \$25 materials fee is requested to help with the cost. Accommodations are possible if the fee is a hardship at the time of pre-registration. For more information, contact Deacon Josh McDonald at [jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org).

**Bingo at St. Peter's Church:** Please join them for Bingo on **Saturday, January 7, at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes.** Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose and St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs and the upcoming trip to Rome.

--Next Bingo will be **Saturday, January 14.** See above info. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

**Diocesan Marriage Day Mass:** Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023, who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass, are invited to the Mass on **February 5, at the 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington.** Recognition is given to those celebrating marriages 5, 10, 15, 20...50, 51, or more. Registrations will be accepted through **January 27, 2023**, by contacting Nicole Hamilton at [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org), or calling 802-6110, ext. 1131. Please provide the information of the Catholic parish married, parish presently attending, and the anniversary being celebrated.

**2023 Collection Envelopes:** We have run into a bit of a problem with the 2023 collection envelopes and they are delayed in arriving. They will hopefully be here in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, we ask that you place your donation in an envelope with your name on it. We apologize for the inconvenience.



"The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life