

March 9, 2025

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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 Lent

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

minimal quarreling.

Father John Muir
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Offertory Last Week: \$331.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$95.00

Online Banking:
Offertory: \$122.00 Maintenance: \$20.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Second Collection Next Week for Black & Native American Missions

Attendance Last Week:
8:00 a.m.: 28 11:00 a.m.: 10

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday March 8 (SJ) 4:30 p.m. For the Sick requested by Helene Martel.

Sunday March 9

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of George Dodson requested by the Parish Communities.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Claire Carlin requested by Dan and Roxanne Smith and family.

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

Monday March 10 (SJ) 8:30 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Cecile Auger requested by Claire Auger.

Tuesday March 11 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m. For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Wednesday March 12 (OLMC) 8:30 a.m.

Thursday March 13 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Aldege Rocheleau requested by Thomas and Brenda Forsyth.

Friday March 14 (SJ) 8:30 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Carl Lavalée requested by his wife, Anna.

Saturday March 15 (SJ) 4:30 p.m. For the repose of the souls of Francis and Grace Casey requested by Dennis and Peggy Casey.

Sunday March 16

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Jeannette and Claude Thibault requested by Gisele Thibault.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For a Special Intention.

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

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of Will Dubuc requested by his family.

Calendar of Events:

-03/09 Family Faith Formation at St. Jude's at 9:30 a.m.

-03/11 Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at 5:45 p.m.

-03/16 RCIA at 2:00 p.m.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Thomas Mattison
Monday:	Rev. Msgr. Reid Mayo
Tuesday:	Rev. Frederick McLachlan, SSE
Wednesday:	Rev. Jerome Mercure
Thursday:	Rev. Christopher Micalé
Friday:	Rev. John Milanese
Saturday:	Rev. Curtis Miller

Schedules for March 16, 2025

Lector:	8:00 a.m.	Mary Tierney
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Reilly
EM:	8:00 a.m.	Judy Laberge Dcn. Patrick Leduc Wanda Bean
	11:00 a.m.	Dcn. Patrick Leduc Tom Reilly

Bishop McDermott Visit: Please join us in welcoming Bishop McDermott who will be celebrating the **4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 15** at St. Jude's. Light refreshments will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession on **Tuesday, March 11** at OLMC following the **5:15 p.m. Mass**.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held **Friday, March 14** at St. Jude's at **6:00 p.m.** All are welcome.

RCIA: RCIA Classes have begun at St. Jude's. The next class will be **March 16** at **2:00 p.m. at OLMC**. (Please note the change in time and location.) This is open to any adults who has never been baptized or who was baptized but not confirmed, or anyone who is Catholic or of any faith interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. This includes a video series and a teaching component along with a workbook. Please contact Fr. Zuccaro or the parish office if you are interested in learning more.

The Rosary: The Rosary will be said before the **11:00 a.m. Mass** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel beginning at **10:30 a.m.** each Sunday. All are welcome.

Lenten Projects: Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. During this Lenten season we have a few projects for folks to participate in.

--We will be collecting for the Food Shelf with our "**Feed a Neighbor for a Day**" bags. Fill the grocery bag(s) with food items for three meals-breakfast, lunch and dinner for a family of 4.

--We are collecting a variety of items for **St. Joseph's Residential Care Facility in Burlington**. Items requested include shaving cream, disposable razors, writing paper, envelopes, stamps, floor gripper socks (large & extra large sizes).

--**Rice Bowls:** Pray for, fast in solidarity with, and give support to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. Cardboard "rice bowls" are available in the lobby. 75% of funds collected go to Catholic Relief Services, 25% stays in our diocese.



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

— Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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Lenten Penance Service and Reflections: There will be a Lenten Penance Service with reflections on **Sunday, March 30** at **3:30 p.m. at St. Jude**. Reflection will be given by Msgr. Richard Lavalley. All are welcome.

St Jude Bingo - Not Just for Seniors EVERYONE is invited to a fun and friendly morning of FREE bingo games in the parish hall, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. The next bingo is **Tuesday, March 11**. There is no charge to play, and ALL ages are welcome - including kids and grandkids. Prizes (non-monetary) are provided by St Jude's, and players wrapped items donated to the prize table are appreciated. Complimentary snacks and hot/cold beverages are available all morning. We hope to see you soon - bring a friend! No need to register - just come ready to play. Call Ted Barrett at 802-453-3087 for more info.

Annual Diocesan Men's Conference: The 2025 VT Catholic Men's Conference is open for registration! The conference will take place on **Saturday, March 22, at Our Lady of the Angels in Randolph**. This year we are very excited and incredibly blessed to have Fr. Yvon Royer as the keynote speaker! Fr. Royer is the newly appointed Vicar General for the Diocese, and is currently serving at St. Francis Xavier Parish and School in Winooski. In conjunction with the Jubilee Year of Hope that Pope Francis has called for, Father will be speaking about Hope and connecting it with the role of men as husbands, fathers, and brothers. To register please go to:
<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-mens-conference-2/>

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***Did you know you can use Formed for at home on-line RCIA instruction? If you are interested in learning more about the faith, please contact Fr. Zuccaro.

Totus Tuus 2025: Totus Tuus 2025 registration is now open. This program is a high energy Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through games, evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. This is open to students (Grades 1-8) during the day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In the evening, high school students will have fellowship with the missionaries with a meal, formation and fun! This event will be held on:

--June 15-20 at Bristol/Vergennes Parishes

--July 13-18 at St. John Vianney Parish in So. Burlington.

To register please go to vermontcatholic.org/totus-tuus.

The program is also looking for seniors in high school or college students to be missionaries for this program. If interested in helping out, please contact Daniel Lacourrege at dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org.

Marriage Enrichments by Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Just as driving a car without routine maintenance can lead to problems, a marriage needs attention to stay on track. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is an enrichment, where husbands and wives (and Priests/Religious) build skills and learn how to be the best spouse they can be. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is not counseling. The Experience consists of presentations followed by private time between spouses. A WWW Weekend (Non-Residential) will be **March 21-23 at Mater Christi School in Burlington**. Apply for this weekend at WWME.org or contact Gary and Lynn Root at 802-456-8114, vtroot@togethr.net.

Diocesan Lay Formation Program: The Diocesan Lay Formation program seeks to form laity to assist in leadership roles in their parishes. For example: in serving as RCIA leaders, Catechists, Pre-Cana, leading evangelization efforts, facilitating adult formation, and helping build vibrant parishes, etc. Key to this formation is inspiring and equipping the laity to serve and evangelize their parishes and communities as missionary disciples. This is a 2-year program that meets one Saturday a month in person, with additional formation taking place via online courses. Registration deadline is **May 15, 2025**. Applications can be found at vermontcatholic.org or contacting Deacon Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Steubenville East 2025: Registration for Steubenville East is now open. This event will be held on July 25-27 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Early registration is \$360 until May 1. After that the cost is \$375. Registration forms for students and chaperons is <https://paperwork.lifeteen.com/c/V5X3>. If you are registering as a chaperone, please register as "Adult Chaperone" and not a "Volunteer". If you have any questions please contact Isaac Desranleau at Idesranleau@vermontcatholic.org.



27th Annual Hinesburg Artist Series Concert: The Hinesburg Artist Series presents its 27th Annual Concert on **Sunday, March 16 at St. Jude's Church** with performances at **2:00 and 4:30 p.m.** The South County Chorus and the HAS Orchestra will perform the Faure Requiem, selections from Handel's Messiah, and other choral offerings. Featured guest soloists will be soprano Amy Frostman and baritone David Rugger. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance with a credit card at

[HinesburgArtistSeries27thAnnualConcertTickets](#). Tickets may also be purchased in advance from a South County Chorus member or at the door.

Vocation Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You have created us for a definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for all of us in this life and to respond with a generous 'yes.'

May men respond courageously to Your call to be good and holy priests.

May women accept trustingly in Your call to consecrated life.
Bless us with devoted deacons, holy marriages and strong families.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"

(The Gospel of Life 28).

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont In re Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont, Case No. 24-10205-HZC

Claims Notice for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Others With Claims Against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, a Catholic parish, or Catholic school within the geographic area of the Diocese, or have any claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **April 4, 2025**.

For more diocesan information: visit vermontcatholic.org

*For the bankruptcy docket: visit
<https://case.stretto.com/dioceseforburlington>*

*For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont
information: visit vtb.uscourts.gov*

*For advice about your rights: **contact an attorney***