

# October 18, 2020

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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 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,386.00**  
**Maintenance: \$36.00 Fuel: \$640.00**  
**Priest Benefit Fund: \$25.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$645.00**

**Second Collection This Week for World Mission Sunday**  
**Second Collection Next Week for Priest Benefit Fund**

**Attendance Last Week:**  
**4:30 p.m. 24 9:30 a.m. 57**

**JULY 1<sup>st</sup> THRU AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> two months of the new fiscal year)**

**Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections**  
**amounted to \$22,312 this year compared to**  
**\$24,901 last year, a decrease of \$2,589 or -**  
**10.4%**

**Total Donations including Gifts, etc.,**  
**amounted to \$28,996 this year compared to**  
**\$28,759 last year. Gifts to the parish more**  
**than doubled over the period.**

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

- Sat. Oct. 17 4:30 p.m.** For Michael and John Miner requested by Jean Miner.  
**Sun. Oct. 18 9:30 a.m.** For Arnold and Janice Gratton requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.  
**Fri. Oct. 23 8:00 a.m.** For Kay Hilliker requested by her sister, Peggy Cioffi.  
**Sat. Oct. 24 4:30 p.m.** (No Intention)  
**Sun. Oct. 25 9:30 a.m.** For Dan Giroux requested by his family.

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

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| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Rev. John Hamilton           |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Rev. John Hammond, OSB       |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Rev. Lance Harlow            |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Rev. Jay Haskin              |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Rev. Paul Houde              |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Rev. Thomas Houle, OFM, cap. |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Rev. Richard Iaquinto, OSB   |

### **Counters for Monday, October 19, 2020**

Linda Savalli  
Karen Fox  
Marie Cookson

**Lector for Weekday Masses for Oct. 19 through Oct. 23**  
Mickey Wetzel

**Lectors for October 24 and 25, 2020**  
**4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock**  
**9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell**

**Question of the Week:** When I am reminded that everything is a gift from God, how do I respond? Do I fudge on what belongs to God as many fudge on what they owe to Caesar?

### Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 10/26 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 10/31 & 11/01 Remembrance Weekend at all Masses
- 11/01 Family Faith Formation Parent Meeting at 10:45 a.m.
- 11/03 Men's Discussion Group
- 11/06 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

**Registering for Mass Attendance:** Those attending the weekend masses at St. Jude's no longer need to register. However, those attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunday masses must register. You can register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude> or contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) if you want her to register you.

**PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

**Family Faith Formation:** This year due to the pandemic our Family Faith Formation will be done at home with periodic in-person sessions in small groups. Information has been sent out to families who have had students in our program. If you are new to the program or have a kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade student or were not able to attend the registration meeting, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com), 482-2290 or 425-2637 and a time can be set up for you to pick up all materials.

**Confessions:** Fr. Zuccaro will now be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. This is in addition to the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Confession time at St. Jude's and confessions by appointment.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m.** in honor of Respect Life month and the month of the Rosary. All are welcome.

**Autumn Raking:** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 a.m.** for the annual raking of the cemetery and parish grounds at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at [carmel@gmavt.net](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) or at 425-2637 so we know who to contact in the event of bad weather. Inclement weather date will be October 31. Please bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers if available.

**Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: Proverbs 19:17:** *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."* The *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign offers the opportunity to serve the most vulnerable among us. A portion of your gift will help fund an endowment for Catholic Charities, an organization that has aided individuals and families throughout the state for 91 years. Chances are you know someone who's benefited from the work Catholic Charities provides. Please prayerfully consider how you may help this worthy cause, while also supporting our needs at St. Jude Parish. Remember 60% of your donation will help us address our need to fund the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to fund a new Parish Maintenance Account for high ticket items, supplement the offertory loss during the COVID-19 shut down and create a Parish Investment Account. The success of this campaign does not rest on the backs of a few, but it's our responsibility. Working together as one, we will reach our goal. To stay current with all campaign news, please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/>.



*"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*

— Mt 22:19-21

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**The Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. To make a gift visit: [www.bishopsappealvt.org](http://www.bishopsappealvt.org). The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$16,223 (66%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Your marriage belongs to God. Bring God into your marriage on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting on November 2 - 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit us at <http://www.wvme.org/>

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