

February 20, 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 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 40 9:30 a.m.: 43

Offertory Last Week: \$788.00
Online Banking: \$-0-

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday February 19

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For John Barrett requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.

Sunday February 20

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Patricia King requested by the St. Jude Community.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Sue Haman requested by the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community.

Monday 8:00 a.m. February 21 (SJ)

Tuesday 5:15 p.m. February 22 (OLMC)

Wednesday February 23 (OLMC) NO MASS

Thursday 5:15 p.m. February 24 (OLMC)

Friday 8:00 a.m. February 25 (SJ)

Saturday February 26

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For David Bullock requested by his family.

Sunday February 27

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Yvan Plouffe requested by the OLMC Parish Community.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Ortho & Susan Emmons and Bernard & Theresa Emmons requested by Helen Cote.

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

Calendar of St. Jude Events

-2/22 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.

-3/04 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at 8:30 a.m.

-3/06 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: Who has hurt me to whom I can give mercy? How can I go about giving mercy, giving life, to them?

COVID Update: While Catholics parishes do not have any mandatory facemask policies at this time, we strongly encourage those attending Masses to wear face masks. Thank you.

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** Mass this **Wednesday, February 23** due to Fr. Zuccaro being away.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st half of Fiscal Year Ending - 12/31/2021

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-3,605 during the six months of the 12/31/2021 compared to a Net Loss of \$-15,523 for the six months ending 12/31/2020, an improvement of \$11,918.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$147,080 compared to \$155,026, a decrease of \$-7,946 or -5.1%.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Jerome Mercure
Monday:	Rev. Christopher Micale
Tuesday:	Rev. John Milanese
Wednesday:	Rev. Curtis Miller
Thursday:	Rev. Maurice Moreau, OFM, cap.
Friday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Saturday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 21, 2022
Cyndy Marshall
Grace Link
Marie Cookson

Schedules for February 26 and 27, 2022

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. Joanne & Lee Cross
9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Dawn Griswold
9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell

EM: 4:30 p.m. Kelly Rohan-Cooley
9:30 a.m. Doug Taff

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 2.** Mass and distribution of the ashes will be held at **OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m.** This is a great way to begin the Lenten season.

Looking for Greeters and Lectors: We are in need of Greeters for both Masses and Lectors for the 4:30 p.m. Mass. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Fr. Zuccaro know after Mass or contact Marie at 802-482-2290 or by email at stjude@gmavt.net. Thank you.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession on **Tuesday, March 1** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, February 22 due to Fr. Zuccaro being away. There will be confession following the Mass on February 22.

Communion on the Tongue: For those who choose to receive Communion on the tongue, we ask as a courtesy to others, you wait to receive till the end of the line. Thank you.

2021 Contributions: Because of the new changes in itemized deductions, most people will be unable to deduct their 2021 contributions on their tax return. If you would like a copy of your contributions for 2021, please call the church at 802-482-2290 or email at stjude@gmavt.net and one will be mailed to you.



“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” — Lk 6 : 3 8

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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 802-482-2290 or via email at stjude@gmavt.net.

Paschal Candle: This year we will be purchasing a wax Paschal Candle for Easter instead of the oil candle we have been using. If anyone would like to contribute toward the cost of the new candle in memory of loved ones, please contact Marie. The Paschal Candle is lit at the Easter Vigil, during the Easter Season and for baptisms and funeral throughout the year.

Mass Intentions: Did you know you could request a Mass for someone, deceased or living or for a special intention? If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact Marie at the office at 802-482-2290 or via email at stjude@gmavt.net. Tell her who you would like to have the Mass for. Mass cards are also available for you to send to the family of a deceased person or to the person you would like the mass for (living). The usual stipend for a mass is \$10 and masses can be requested for the weekend or weekday.

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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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, February 22**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, February 16**. **Masks and social distancing are required.** 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

40 Hours Devotion at St John Vianney Church: You are invited to help start Lent off with renewed devotion! One of the three pillars of Lent is prayer, and to offer an extra opportunity for meditation and contemplation, St John Vianney Church will host 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer. There are Masses, a penance service, and other special devotions planned during the 40 Hours. Adoration will begin after the **5:30 p.m. Mass on Thursday, March 3** and continue until Benediction at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 5, so please consider when you might be able to come and spend an hour with our Lord. We are in need of two people for each shift, especially during the overnight hours which are traditionally difficult to cover. Spread the word to friends and family! To sign up for a shift, you can go to the website, <https://stjohnvianney.vermontcatholic.org/> under News & Events/40 Hours Devotion, (or go right to signup.com/go/kQgjWBp). For more information, contact Connie McDonald in the office at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com

Diocesan Men's Conference and Retreat: The Diocese will hold their annual Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels in Randolph**. The theme this year is "**Band of Brothers**". The deadline to register is **March 4**. For more information or to register please go to vermontcatholic.org/men.

Diocesan Women's Retreat: *The Heart of Prayer-Our Living Relations With God* There will be a Women's Retreat on **Saturday, April 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Parish in Randolph**. This is for women who were unable to attend the one given in November, 2021. Key Note Speaker will be Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of Attendees. Deadline for registration is **March 11 with \$30 payment**. There will be a wait list in event of cancellations made prior to the retreat. Contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110, ext 1131 to register or for more information.

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 there 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.mevtw.org/>. For those wishing to participate in a virtual experience, there is one beginning on March 9, 2022. It will be on seven Wednesday evenings (concluding on April 20) from 7:00 PM to about 9:00 PM. To apply, contact Jimmy & Bernice Acevedo at 877-697-9963 or visit bq-wwme.org.

Ash Wednesday Collection: There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. Donations can be made through the Diocesan website at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/>; by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or by contributing to the collection at Mass on Ash Wednesday. Those who have collection envelopes will find an envelope in their box.

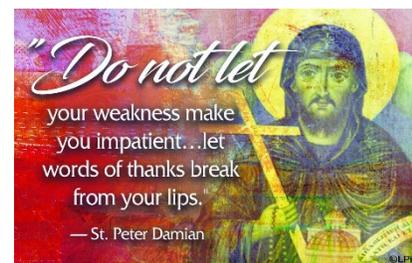
Universal Synod: You are invited to participate in the ongoing parish and Diocesan process of the Synod of Bishops scheduled for October 2023 in Rome. In recent times, "synods" of bishops have happened at least every ten years in Rome, where representative bishops throughout the world have met to discuss 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.

Respect Life

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do', but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you. God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."



Guidelines for Lent:

--The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.

--Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

--The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.

--**Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.

--The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

--Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.

--Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes

The following guidelines have been issued for the Diocese of Burlington concerning the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday:

- Imposition of ashes happens in the normal way, with the minister sanitizing hands before and after the ritual. Minister and participant MUST both wear masks.
- Those not comfortable with physical contact, but still want ashes may approach the minister AFTER the Mass/service, where the minister will impose ashes by sprinkling a small amount over the top of the head.

The faithful are reminded that there is **NO OBLIGATION TO RECEIVE ASHES** even if they attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes are an external sign of the interior disposition to contrition and penance. What is important is fostering the interior disposition.