

October 22, 2023

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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 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, **"Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."** This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— *Father John Muir*

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Offertory Last Week: \$976.00 PBF: \$374.00
Fuel: \$25.00
Online Banking: \$20.00

Second Collection This Week for World Mission Sunday

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 36 9:30 a.m. 80

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday October 21 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Joe Genest requested by his wife, Rosalie.

Sunday October 22

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Arnold Gratton requested by his wife, Janice.

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

Monday October 23 (SJ) 8:30 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Kay Hilliker requested by her sister, Peggy Cioffi.

Tuesday October 24 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday October 25 (OLMC) 8:30 a.m.

Thursday October 26 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Friday October 27 8:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Thomas Dunn requested by Michelle and Bill Bessette.

Saturday October 28 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Grace Link requested by the Parish Communities.

Sunday October 29

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Dan Giroux requested by the Family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Archbishop Christopher Coyne and his intentions.

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle this week is for a special intention requested by Joanne and Lee Cross

Calendar of Events:

-10/24 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.
-11/04-05 Remembrance Weekend at all Masses
-11/04-05 Food Shelf Weekend
-11/05 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday:	Rev. James Butts, SDV
Monday:	Rev. Cyrain Cabuenas
Tuesday:	Rev. Richard Calapan
Wednesday:	Rev. Gregory Caldwell
Thursday:	Rev. Michael Carter, SSE
Friday:	Rev. Roger Charbonneau
Saturday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty

Schedule for Counters for October 23, 2023

Nicole Cookson
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Schedules for October 28 and 29, 2023

<u>Greeters:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Dawn Griswold
	9:30 a.m.	Laurie Meyer
<u>Lector:</u>	4:30 p.m.	David Pearson
	9:30 a.m.	Chris Meyer
<u>EM:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Dcn. Patrick Leduc
	9:30 a.m.	Doug Taff
<u>Hospitality:</u>	9:30 a.m.	Ted & Kathy Barrett

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession on **Tuesday, October 24** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

October is Respect Life Month: October is Respect Life Month. We are holding a Diaper Drive. We are looking for Diapers, sizes 5-7, and gift cards from Walmart, Once Upon a Child, Gas Cards, Food Cards and Amazon Cards. Please leave diapers in the box in the lobby and put gift cards in the collection basket. Thank you.

Tootsie Roll Drive: The Knights of Columbus from South Burlington wish to thank the parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes for their generous contribution to their 2023 Tootsie Roll Drive. They collected \$365 at the two churches recently. This money will be donated to a charity that deals with mentally challenged people. It typically goes to Special Olympics and/or the Howard Center. Thank you.

Autumn Raking: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 4 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 marietcookson@aol.com or at 425-2637 so we know who to contact in the event of bad weather. Inclement weather date will be November 11. Please bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers if available.

Looking for Crafters: St. Jude's will be having a Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We are looking for crafters. If you are a crafter and are interested in purchasing a space at this Craft Fair, please contact Marie at mcookson@vermontcatholic.org and an application form and info will be sent to you. 75% of items sold **must** be handmade.



“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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Senior Bingo: All Seniors (60+) and care companions (any age) are invited to a relaxed and fun morning of free bingo in the St. Jude Parish hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The next bingo is **Tuesday, October 24**. Prizes are provided by St. Jude's. Complementary snacks, hot coffee, tea and bottled water are available all morning. The mask requirement has been lifted. However, we continue our safer seating arrangement, and please wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. If you are a newcomer, to reserve a Grab and Go packaged full meal** contact Ted and Kathy Barrett at 802-453-3087 (leave a message) or email tedbarrett79@gmail.com by the Wednesday before the following bingo day.

****Please note:** Meals are provided by Age Well, for a suggested donation of \$5.00 per meal now that pandemic funding has ended. We hope to see you soon.

Masses for the Healing of Addictions: Fr. Lance Harlow will now be dedicating his first Saturday Masses (8:30 a.m. at **St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury**) exclusively to the honor of Our Lady of LaSalette, Reconciler of Sinners, for the following intentions which affect almost all of us:

- Healing of those addicted to drugs
- End of drug trafficking in our communities
- The repose of the souls of those who have died from drug overdoses.

Fr. Harlow is inviting parishioners throughout the Diocese of Burlington to submit names of family members or communities afflicted by drugs and he will pray for them at those Masses once a month. **Please note: No names will be mentioned at the Mass. Please don't send any money.** Please feel free to submit names to Fr. Harlow at corpuschisti@vermontcatholic.org and he will pray for your loved ones and ask Our Lady to do the same.

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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.

Help Needed: We are in dire need of greeters and lectors for weekend masses and counters for our parish. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Marie at mcookson@vermontcatholic.org.

Remembering Our Deceased: We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased family members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book will be available in the lobby of the church beginning **Wednesday, November 1**.

Women's Retreat: The Diocesan Women's Retreat has been scheduled for **October 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Williston**. Keynote speaker is Sr. Mary Dreger, FSE. The theme of the retreat is "The Eucharistic Life: Bread of Life & Bread for Others". Registration fee is \$30, lunch included. To register go to <https://vermontcatholic.org/event/annual-fall-vermont-catholic-womens-retreat-2023/>

Back From the Dead: *Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk* is a candlelit guided evangelization drama through Resurrection Park. A guide will lead groups through a portion of Resurrection Park cemetery while encountering actors playing the roles of various saints and martyrs. Along your walk you will meet such saints as St. Cecilia, St. Edith Stein and Blessed Miguel Pro who come alive to tell their stories. All are welcome! We invite those interested to join us on **Saturday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. John Vianney Parish Hall in South Burlington. Refreshments will be available. For more information contact Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org.

Catholics in Recovery: Catholics in Recovery is a group that welcomes all Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. For more info, please visit www.catholicinrecovery.com.

White Christmas Tour: VT Christian Music is excited to announce their Christmas 2023 show featuring the White Christmas Tour with Ben Laine and The Band Jaren on **December 9 at 7:00 p.m.** This will be the perfect Family-Friendly evening. Hosted by Vibrant Church, 2025 Williston Rd., So. Burlington. Tickets: VIP @\$20/each--\$15 each through 10/20; General Admission @ \$12 each/\$10 each through 10/20; Children 7 and under at FREE. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$5 more.

FreeWill: The VT Catholic Community Foundation's partnership with FreeWill will be hosting a hybrid informational meeting on **Oct. 24 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** about FreeWill and Estate Planning in person at the Chancery, 55 Joy Drive, So. Burlington, and via Zoom. Registration is required at <https://vtcatholicfoundation.org/events-1>.

2023 Bishop's Appeal: The Bishop's Annual Appeal has begun. To learn more about this Appeal or to make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org. We are at 94% (\$22,070) of our parish goal of \$23,502. The appeal supports so many ministries that help our parish, including emergency aid to households in financial crisis, religious education training, vocations, Catholic schools and so much more. Please help us reach our goal.

World Mission Sunday: This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move**". On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

Let's Play Bingo: The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus have restarted a monthly bingo at the St. John Vianney Parish Center on Hinesburg Road in So. Burlington. The bingo is held on the third Thursday of each month with a chance of winning a \$1000 jackpot. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the first game begins at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the winner take all game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.

Catholic Variety Show: Back by popular demand, The Challengers for the Catholic Faith presents: The Catholic Variety Show on **Friday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the McCarthy Arts Center at St. Michael's College**. A family-friendly evening of performances by our own Diocesan Priests – from Juggling to Comedy to Mozart. This event is a benefit show for our Seminarians. Last year they sold out so get your tickets early at VTChallengers.org.



"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop

Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.