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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 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,181.00 All Saints: \$240.00 Maintenance: \$457.00 All Souls: \$20.00 Hinesburg Food Shelf: \$25.00 Online Banking: \$320.00

Second Collection Next Week for Campaign for Human Development

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday November 11 (SJ)
4:30 p.m. For Archbishop Christopher Coyne and his intentions.

Sunday November 12

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Freda Tabor Grassley requested by the family. 11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Monday November 13 (SJ) 8:30 a.m. For All Souls.

Tuesday November 14 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday November 15 (OLMC) NO MASS

Thursday November 16 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Friday November 17 8:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by Marie Cookson.

Saturday November 18 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Joe Genest, Sr. requested by Donna Mead.

Sunday November 19

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Deceased Priests of Our Diocese.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Norma Giroux requested by her husband, Gene. 11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Marian Candle: The Marian Candle this week is for the Bergeron Family requested by Barbara and Bradley Gile.

Calendar of Events:

- -11/13 Bible Study Group at 6:30 p.m.
- -11/14 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.
- -11/28 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance Last Week: 4:30 p.m. 27 9:30 a.m. 86 All Saints: 35 Please pray for all priests in your daily prayers, especially the following this week:

Sunday: Rev. Msgr. Michael DeForge

Monday:Rev. James DodsonTuesday:Rev. Francis EksterowiczWednesday:Rev. Richard Eneji, CSSp

Thursday: Rev. John Feltz
Friday: Rev. Patrick Forman
Saturday: Rev. Henry Furman

Schedules for November 18 and 19, 2023

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. Theresa Aube

9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Heidi St. Peter 9:30 a.m. Rodney Strong

EM: 4:30 p.m. Theresa Aube

Dcn. Patrick Leduc

Peggy Cloffi 9:30 a.m. Doug Taff

Dcn. Patrick Leduc

Tom Buzzell

Hospitality: 9:30 a.m. Paulette & Mark Noyes

Holiday Mass Schedule: The holiday schedule is as follows **Thanksgiving:** Thursday, Nov. 23 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC **Immaculate Conception:**

Friday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m. at OLMC Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern

Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

Sunday, December 31 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Monday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

Please note that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are on Sundays. Attending one mass on Sunday does not fulfill the obligation of the other mass. Also, because of the multiple masses on December 24 (morning and evening), there will be **NO** 11:00 a.m. Mass that Sunday.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will NOT be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, November 14 following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish due to Father Zuccaro being away on retreat. Confession will be offered.

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 is available in the lobby of the church.

Advent Bible Study: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre: Week 2: The New Ark: Remember the ark of the covenant from the Old Testament which bore God's presence to the Israelite people? That sacred, untouchable ark was a mere prefiguration of Our Blessed Mother who bore God's presence to the entire world by bearing Jesus in her womb. In this session, Dr. Pitre explains what this means for Mary's life and Assumption into Heaven. This group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Jude hall beginning November 6 through December 18. All are welcome.



The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you."

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Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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.

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.

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.

Advent Appeal – 2023: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the 29th Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge.

Help Mary and Dan keep their lights on. Mary and Dan are retired and raising their 17-year-old grandson. Dan had recently had some medical issues and with additional medical expenses along with the fuel cost of transportation while visiting him in hospital they had an outstanding utility bill which they could not cover. Vermont Catholic Charities helped with the utility bill and provided VISA cards to offset Mary's travel expenses. Mary said, "It has been a difficult month, and this financial support has given me hope for our future."

Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give on online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

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 96% (\$22,601) 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.

Bulletin Advertising: Christopher Guldager from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our churches in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin. For more information, please contact Christopher at 614-325-3802 or email at CGuldager@4Lpi.com.

Paul J. Kim: The Catholic Center at UVM and Catholic Student Association at UVM would like to invite everyone to an evening presentation by Paul J. Kim, an international speaker and songwriter on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Maple Ballroom at the Davis Center at UVM. The event is free but tickets are required for admittance. Tickets can be acquired at https://uvmcatholic.com/paul-j-kim, For more information about Paul Kim visit https://www.pjkmusic.com. If you have any questions, please contact the Catholic Center at catholiccenteruvm@gmail.com



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, November 14. 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.

Kids at Christmas: After consulting with the area schools, it has been decided not to do the Kids at Christmas Program in the traditional way again this year. We will be collecting gift cards instead. These gift cards can be from any place including supermarkets, Walmart, Target, Kohl, Old Navy, etc. and gas cards to help the families. We will still have the Mitten Tree and will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks. If you would like to donate gift cards, please put in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or mail the gift cards to St. Jude Parish, PO Box 69, Hinesburg, VT 05461. The gift cards will be distributed to the schools on December 11 so cards need to be at the church by Sunday, December 10. Thank You.



LOOKING FOR A MUSICIAN TO HELP WITH MUSIC AT THE 11:00 A.M. MASS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT FR. ZUCCARO AT 802-425-2253 OR SEE HIM AFTER MASS.



"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Living Radical Solidarity"

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.