

December 10, 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 – Second Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

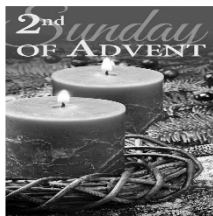
— *Father John Muir*

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,775.50 Maintenance: \$731.00
Food Shelf: \$25.00 Christmas Flowers: \$10.00
Online Banking: \$150.00

Second Collection This Week for Religious Retirement

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 33 9:30 a.m. 77



MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 9 (SJ)

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

Sunday December 10

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the souls of Anne Pidgeon and John Pierce requested by Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Roger Strong, Jr. requested by his family.

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

Monday December 11 (SJ) 8:30 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Alida Navarro requested by Ben Slattery.

Tuesday December 12 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m. For the deceased priests of Mount St. Mary Seminary.

Wednesday December 13 (OLMC) 8:30 a.m.

Thursday December 14 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Friday December 15 (SJ) 8:30 a.m.

Saturday December 16 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Grace Link requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Sunday December 17

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 souls of Robert and Mary O'Brien requested by John and Cathy O'Brien.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Bill Posey requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

Calendar of Events:

- 12/10 HAS Concert at 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.
- 12/11 Advent Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- 12/12 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.
- 12/14 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12/17 Advent Penance Service & Reflections at 3:00 p.m.

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

Sunday: Rev. Raj Kumar Madri, HGN
Monday: Rev. Steven Marchand
Tuesday: Rev. Thomas Mattison
Wednesday: Rev. Msgr. Reid Mayo
Thursday: Rev. Msgr. John McDermott
Friday: Rev. Frederick McLachlan, SSE
Saturday: Rev. Jerome Mercure

Counter Schedule for December 11, 2023

George Gardner
Anne Donegan
Nicole Cookson

Schedules for December 16 and 17, 2023

<u>Greeters:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Theresa Aube
	9:30 a.m.	Laurie Meyer
<u>Lector:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Heidi St. Peter
	9:30 a.m.	Chris Meyer
<u>EM:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Mike Bullock Dcn. Patrick Leduc Peggy Cioffi
	9:30 a.m.	Stephanie Buzzell Dcn. Patrick Leduc Tom Buzzell
<u>Hospitality:</u>	9:30 a.m.	The Donegan Family

Holiday Mass Schedule: The holiday schedule is as follows:

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 be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession on **Tuesday, December 12** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Christmas Flowers: There are collection envelopes in the lobby of the church for the Christmas flowers. Your donations may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly. Thank you.

Advent Booklets: There are Advent Booklets, "A Time of Holy Listening" available in the lobby of the church. Please feel free to take one for yourself and one or two for a friend or family member.



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." — Mk 1:4, 6-7 a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Advent Bible Study: Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God with Dr. Brant Pitre: Week 6: Mother of Sorrows:

Sometimes Mary can seem like an unreachable, unrelatable figure. A sinless woman with a perfect son—what could she know of the troubles we are facing? In this session, we will gain a fuller understanding of the deep suffering Mary experienced in her life which qualify her, next to Jesus, as someone we can run to for compassion and strength. 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.

Advent Penance Service and Reflection: There will be an afternoon Advent Penance Service with reflection talk on **Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude's** with Adoration and Confession. Reflection talk on Mary and Advent with Msgr. Richard Lavalley. Msgr. Lavalley and Fr. Zuccaro will be available for confession following the talk.

***Other Confession times are **Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude; Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. at OLMC and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. at St. Jude's.**

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Knights of Columbus Scholarships Available for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications will be available beginning in JAN 2024. See details at this link: [KofCScholarships](https://www.kofc.org/scholarships)

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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.

Retirement Fund for Religious: *Support a lifetime of service!!* Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25, 000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

Hinesburg Artist Series Concert: The Hinesburg Artist Series will present its annual holiday concert with performances at **2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude's on Sunday, December 10.** The concert will feature the South County Chorus and the Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick. The featured guest artist will be cellist Jiwon Lee. The concert is free, but donations to HAS are welcome and folks are encouraged to bring something for the food shelf.



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, December 12.** Prizes are provided by St. Jude's. Complementary snacks, hot coffee, tea and bottled water are available all morning. 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.

Pickleball: Free weekly Pickleball is coming to St. Jude's starting **December 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Any skill level is welcome. They'll show you how if you have never played before. Contact Ted Barrett at tedbarrett79@gmail.com if you are interested. Equipment will be provided.

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 97% (\$22,805) 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.

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.

St. Jude Craft Fair: Thank you to everyone who donated food and drinks and who attended the St. Jude Craft Fair. It was a success in spite of the weather. A special thank you to Lisa Boutin, Ted and Kathy Barrett and Paulette Noyes for their help for this event.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **HINESBURG.** We ask that appointments be made if possible as we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins.



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.



"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

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.