

December 24, 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 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, **"But she was greatly troubled at what was said."** An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, **"Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."**

— Father John Muir

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,133.00 Maintenance: \$20.00
Christmas: \$50.00 Flowers: \$370.00
Online Banking: \$200.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 37 9:30 a.m. 75



MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 23 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Mary Gordon requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sunday December 24

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the souls of Alfred and Yvonne Gebo requested by Irene Pierce.

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

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) NO 11:00 A.M. MASS!!

Sunday December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. (Old Lantern) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

7:00 p.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

10:00 p.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Monday December 25 (SJ) CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Tuesday December 26 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday December 27 NO MASS

Thursday December 28 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Friday December 29 (SJ) 8:30 a.m.

Saturday December 30 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the souls of Joseph and Jeannine Cote requested by Helen Cote.

Sunday December 31

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the souls of Paul and Helen-Mary Danyow requested by the Danyow Family.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

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

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of Roger Strong, Jr. requested by the family.

Calendar of Events:

- 1/04 Red Cross Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 1/05 Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions at 9:00 a.m.
- 1/06 & 07 Food Shelf Weekend
- 1/07 Family Faith Formation Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Brian O'Donnell
Monday:	Rev. Rod Oliver
Tuesday:	Rev. Rogelio Organiza
Wednesday:	Rev. Francis Prive
Thursday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Friday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations
Saturday:	All Our Seminarians

Schedules for December 30 and 31, 2023

<u>Greeters:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Donna Shepardson
	9:30 a.m.	Charlene Van Sleet
<u>Lector:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Dawn Griswold
	9:30 a.m.	Rodney Strong
<u>EM:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Theresa Aube
	9:30 a.m.	Doug Taff
<u>Hospitality:</u>	9:30 a.m.	NO COFFEE HOUR

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 **NOT** be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on December 26. However, Confession on that day will be available.

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass this **Wednesday, December 27.**

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.

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.



And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

— Lk 1:35

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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](#)

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. **NO SENIOR BINGO ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26.** The next bingo is **Tuesday, January 9.** 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.

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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.



Men's "COR" Formation: Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. "Cor" is Latin for Heart. Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation is held on the third Saturday of the month. The next COR Formation is **January 20 at 10:00 a.m.** at **St. John Vianney Church Basement, Hinesburg Rd., So. Burlington.** Coffee and refreshments provided by the Knights of Columbus. All men are welcome.

As we draw near to the feast of our Lord's Nativity, may the blessings and joy of Christ our Savior be with all of you and your families this Christmas, and in the New Year. May God bless all of you.

*In Christ,
Fr. Zuccaro and everyone at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.*



Let's Play Bingo: The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus are offering a monthly bingo at St. John Vianney Parish Center, Hinesburg Road, So. Burlington. The Bingo is held on the third Thursday of each month with a chance to win a \$1000 jackpot. The next Bingo is scheduled for **January 18. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the first game begins are 6:30 p.m.** Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive two free game sheets for the winner take all game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



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.



“O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-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.