

February 25, 2024

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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 Lent***

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

*Father John Muir*  
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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,829.00    Maintenance: \$210.00**  
**Ash Wednesday: \$306.00**  
**Black & Native American Missions: \$364.00**  
**Online Banking: \$230.00**

**Second Collection Next Week for Church  
In Central and Eastern Europe**

**Attendance Last Week:**  
**Ash Wednesday: 53**  
**4:30 p.m. 34    9:30 a.m. 62**

### **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

#### **Saturday February 24 (SJ)**

**4:30 p.m.** For the Intentions of Joanne and Lee Cross.

#### **Sunday February 25**

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

**9:30 a.m. (SJ)** For repose of the soul of Deanna LeClair Russell requested by Cora LeClair.

**11:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For the repose of the soul of Anne Pidgeon, Alfred Gebo and Elaine Saltus requested by Irene Pierce.

**Monday February 26 (SJ) 8:30 a.m.** For an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

**Tuesday February 27 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.**

**Wednesday February 28 (OLMC) 8:30 a.m.** For all life from conception to natural death.

**Thursday February 29 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.** For the Election of a New Bishop of Burlington.

**Friday March 1 (SJ) 8:30 a.m.** For the repose of the soul of Bertha Rondinelli requested by Mabel Ita Brown.

#### **Saturday March 2 (SJ)**

**4:30 p.m.** For the repose of the souls of Elinor and Charles Lucia requested by the Family.

#### **Sunday March 3**

**8:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For the repose of the soul of Joe Bean requested by the Parish Community.

**9:30 a.m. (SJ)** For repose of the soul of James Bullock requested by the St. Jude Parish Community.

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

#### **Calendar of Events:**

-2/27 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.

-3/01 Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

-3/01 Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

-3/10 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Victor Cruz, HGN
<b>Monday:</b>	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Priestly and Religious Vocations
<b>Wednesday:</b>	All Our Seminarians
<b>Thursday:</b>	All Deceased Priests
<b>Friday:</b>	Pope Francis
<b>Saturday:</b>	For a New Bishop for the Diocese

**Schedule for Counters: February 26, 2024**

Linda Savalli  
Nicole Cookson  
Marie Cookson

**Schedules for March 2 and 3, 2024**

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Joanne & Lee Cross
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Charlene Van Sleet

<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Mike Bullock
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Tom Giroux

<b><u>EM:</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Joanne Cross
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Dcn. Patrick Leduc

<b><u>Hospitality:</u></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Ted & Kathy Barrett
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**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession:** There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession on **Tuesday, February 27** at OLMC following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

\*\*\*St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions for First Friday on **Friday, March 1** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening during Lent at St. Jude's at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**Lenten Projects:** Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. During this Lenten season we have a few projects for folks to participate in.

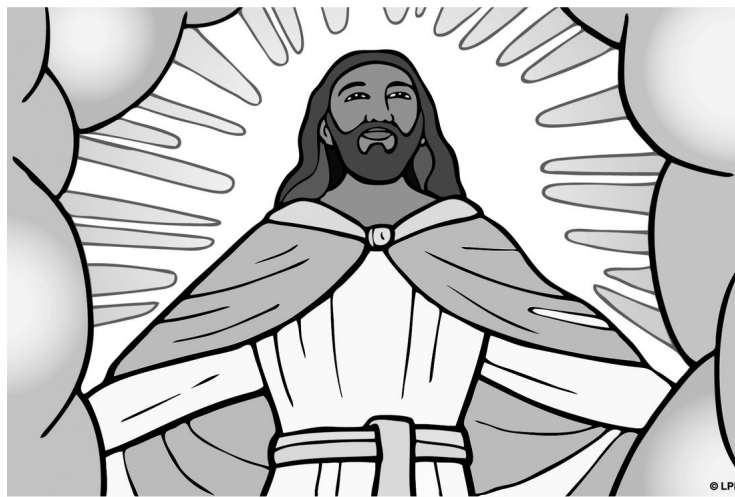
--We will be collecting for the Food Shelf with our "**Feed a Neighbor for a Day**" bags. Fill the grocery bag(s) with food items for three meals-breakfast, lunch and dinner for a family of 4..

--We are collecting a variety of items for **St. Joseph's Residential Care Facility** in Burlington. Items requested include shaving cream, disposable razors, writing paper, envelopes, stamps, floor gripper socks (large & extra large sizes).

--**Rice Bowls:** Pray for, fast in solidarity with, and give support to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. Cardboard "rice bowls" are available in the lobby. 75% of funds collected go to Catholic Relief Services, 25% stays in our diocese.

**Lenten Penance Service with Adoration:** There will be a Lenten Penance Service with Adoration on **Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude.** All are welcome.

**The Rosary:** During Lent the Rosary will be said before the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel beginning at 10:30 a.m. PLEASE NOTE: It will **NOT** be said on Sunday, March 3.



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. — Mk 9:2-3

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** During Lent Fr. Zuccaro will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation after every weekday Mass, following the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, before and after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening at St. Jude's and after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The next bingo is **Tuesday, February 27** 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](mailto: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.

### FORMED

**FORMED.org** is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies at **NO** cost to you. Visit **FORMED.org** to learn about these resources. To log in, go to **FORMED.org**, click "Sign up as a parishioner", enter "Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Charlotte, VT. Register your name, email, and your own password to create an account. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marie.

\*\*\*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.

**Lenten Retreat Day:** A Lenten Retreat Day for anyone who works for or ministers in the parish including: administrative assists, bookkeepers, religious education leaders, catechists and aides, music directors, musicians and singers, parish volunteers including greeters, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, counters, parish and finance councils and other parish staff. The Retreat in our area is scheduled for **March 13 at St. Andrew Parish in Waterbury, VT from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This event is free but pre-registration is required. If you are interested in going, please contact Marie at 802-482-2290 or [mcookson@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:mcookson@vermontcatholic.org) and she will send you the link to register.

**Catholic Men's Conference:** The Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church in Randolph.** The theme of the Conference is "Band of Brothers". Keynote speaker will be Dcn. R J Dourney. Registration fee: Adults over 18/\$30; College Students/\$15; Young Adults 18 and under/Free with a paid accompanying adult. Register at: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-mens-conference/>

**Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass will be held on **Monday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington.** At this special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Free parking is available along Elmwood Avenue and pay lots/garages are near the Cathedral (first two hours are free in city-owned parking garages). Carpooling is highly encouraged. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

**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](#)

**Pickleball:** Free weekly Pickleball has started at St. Jude's every **Friday afternoon 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](mailto:tedbarrett79@gmail.com) if you are interested. Equipment will be provided.



"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent  
[usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](https://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

## 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.

## 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.