

November 29, 2015

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers 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 –First Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Jesus instructs his disciples to take this posture of confidence in the midst of a terribly disturbing situation. Describing his second coming, Jesus says that on seeing this event unfold, "People will die of fright." And yet the disciples are supposed to be pillars of strength. While others cower in fear, the Lord's followers are somehow immune, with heads raised high. Why? Well, presumably, because those who follow Christ--those who earn the distinction of being disciples--have nothing to fear. On the contrary, when they have to "stand before the Son of Man," it will be a happy occasion. But here's the catch: "disciple" is more than an empty title. If we want to be counted among this confident crew, there are a few things for us to do. Today's Gospel spells out these tasks, which are all perfect things to pursue during Advent.

First, we have to make sure that our "hearts do not become drowsy." We are called to stay awake in a spiritual sense, not allowing "carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life" to numb us. We need to avoid whatever might reduce our ability to recognize and relate to Jesus, because we don't want his appearance to catch us "by surprise like a trap." Advent is an ideal time to examine our lives to determine what activities, priorities, or pastimes might be putting our hearts to sleep. Secondly, we need to pray. We need to ask Jesus himself for "the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." We can't do it alone. But with Christ's help, we can be true, fearless disciples.

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Readings for the Week of November 29, 2015

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,507.00 Maintenance: \$35.00
Priest Benefit: \$10.00
Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal: \$387.00
Electronic Giving: \$225.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Nov. 29 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Nov. 29 11:00 a.m. For Cecile Kelly Brown Whittemore and Tom Cashman requested by Joan and Andy Jamieson.

Sun. Dec. 6 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Dec. 6 11:00 a.m. For the recovery to good health of Paddy Griggs requested by the Landler Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 30, 2015

Linda Stowe
Joan Jamieson
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	CCD Servers
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min:	David Croke
		Deena Miller
		Tricia Sulva
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Kathy Nolan
	Extraordinary Min:	Jacqueline Jones
		Colleen Armstrong

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-12/03 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-12/06 2nd Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-12/06 CCD Sunday at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

Question of the Week: In preparing for next week's beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, consider: How has God's mercy touched my life? How can I become an instrument of God's mercy to others in this Jubilee Year?

Time Off: Bishop Coyne has directed that every priest should have a full day off each week. After consideration, Father Cray has decided to make that day Wednesday. This will begin the first week in January 2016 and there will no longer be a daily Mass on Wednesdays.

Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

Lector Workbooks: The new Lector Workbooks for 2016 are available in the sacristy for all current lectors. If you haven't yet picked one up, please do so this weekend.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Immaculate Conception:

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

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

- Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern
- Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude
- Thursday, December 24th at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC
- Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

- Thursday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude
- Friday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

OLMC Financial Summary for the 1st Quarter Ended 9/30/15:

- Total Offertory Income for the first three months of FY 2016 was \$28,582 versus \$28,823 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$241.00.
- Religious Education Fees were down \$1,540 due to a reduced number of students enrolled this year.
- Gifts & Bequests Income for the three months ended 9/30/15 was \$9,918 compared to \$3,660 for the prior year comparable period.
- Of Note: In prior years the Parish recognized all of the annual building insurance expense in July when the bill is paid to the Diocese. This year we accrued the total paid as a Prepaid Expense and are recognizing one twelfth of the total expense each month (so the YTD operating expenses are lower and net income is higher than prior year comparable periods by the amount of the remaining insurance expense that has yet to be recognized.)
- Net Income for the first three months was \$8,408 versus \$3,124 for the first three months of FY 2015.
- Total Cash Balance at 9/30/15 was \$126,650.

Salvation Army Dinner: Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be providing dinner at the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 15. We are looking for food donations along with monetary donations. We will be purchasing the hams. Any extra funds will be used for future dinners.

***We are looking for food donations of scallop potatoes, green bean casseroles, rolls, desserts and milk. We are also looking for people to help serve. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Food needs to be at OLMC on **December 15 by 3:00 p.m.** Workers at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.**

OLMC Giving Tree: The Giving Tree is up and has 21 ornaments on it, each a child's wish. Please return your gift by **December 13**. Thank you to all shoppers who will be making a wonderful memory for a child this Christmas.

Opening of the Holy Door: You are all invited to attend the ceremony for the opening of the Holy Door at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. To receive the plenary indulgence on that day (or any other day) the pilgrim must make a sacramental Confession; receive Holy Communion; pass through the Holy Door at St. Joseph with the intention of receiving the indulgence; and, pray at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary for the intentions of the Pope. You may receive this indulgence more than once during the year, but only once a day. The indulgence can be applied to yourself or to a soul in purgatory. NOTE: This is not a Mass, but a special procession led by the Bishop with the Rite of the Opening of a Holy Door. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards. Please join Catholics around the world on this day for the inauguration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the individual dioceses. The Holy Door will remain open until November 2016 during which time group and individual pilgrimages are encouraged.



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." — Jn 18:37

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Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 4 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Looking for Yarn: St. Joseph's Home in Burlington is looking for yarn for the residences to knit mittens for the WCAX Mitten Tree. These mittens are given to local schools and daycare centers. If you have any yarn you would like to donate, please leave in the box in the vestibule. Thank you.

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be available. Please join us.

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for December 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

SCHIP: SCHIP (Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects) Resale shop in Shelburne is asking for men's, women's and children's winter boots along with jewelry, especially pierced earrings. If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off at SCHIPs on Shelburne Road in Shelburne or in the vestibule. Thank you.

Madrigal Singers: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on Monday, December 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sing-along.

Penance Service: There will be an Advent Penance Service at St. John Vianney on Sunday, December 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be priests from the South Burlington Deanery available for Reconciliation.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's—Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and/or Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.