

January 31, 2016

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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 -4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury." Why were these folks furious? Because they didn't like what Jesus told them. They took offense at his teaching that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Jesus was implying that his fellow Nazarenes in the synagogue were blind to who he really was. And this made them mad. They didn't like being told that they were wrong. But Jesus told them anyway. He knew that these people needed to hear the truth, even if it meant that he would be unpopular. In fact, he spoke the truth even at risk of his own life. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

It can be tempting to confuse Jesus' kindness and goodness with passivity, mistakenly imagining him as a person who would never ruffle any feathers because he was so concerned about being "nice." This one-sided image of Jesus can lead us to excuse our own passivity about the falsehood and evil that surrounds us. We can justify our silence or inaction by convincing ourselves that we shouldn't upset anyone. But the fact is that Jesus upset people on a regular basis. That wasn't his goal, of course, but he was willing to deal with resistance for the sake of truth and justice. And we should be willing to do the same.

Our world is growing more and more hostile to the message of the Gospel. When we simply live our faith authentically, it makes some people angry. But we should not recoil from this reality. Jesus' witness made people furious too. But when they got mad, he didn't cave in. Whether people like it or not, the truth does not change.

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Readings for the Week of January 31, 2016

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19//1 Cor 12:31--13:13 /Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/ /Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8//1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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Offertory Last Week: \$941.00
VT Catholic: \$224.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Catholic Education
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Jan. 31 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Jan. 31 11:00 a.m. For Cynthia Hoehl requested by the Landler Family.

Tues. Feb. 2 5:15 p.m. For Neil Senecal requested by the family.

Sun. Feb. 7 8:00 a.m.

Sun. Feb. 7 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 1, 2016

Jacqueline Jones
Lollie Krawitt
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, February 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: CCD Servers
Lector: Deena Miller
Extraordinary Min: David Croke
Deena Miller
Susan Zahn

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Jacqueline Jones
Altar Server:
Lector: Colleen Armstrong
Extraordinary Min: Eileen Curtis
Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-2/07 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-2/07 2nd Year Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.

-2/18 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: By summarizing Jesus' teaching and example, Paul's "Cantic of Love" provides an examination of conscience for this Jubilee Year of Mercy: Is my love for others patient and kind, not jealous or pompous? Is it not self-seeking or quick-tempered? Does it not brood over injury or rejoice over wrongdoing? Does it rejoice with truth? Does it bear, believe, hope, and endure all things?

Jubilee Year Of Mercy For Religious and Consecrated Life:

On Sunday, February 21 a Jubilee for Religious and Consecrated Life will take place at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen Street, Burlington. Light refreshments will be served after. This event will honor members of religious congregations serving the Diocese of Burlington. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10. Mass and distributions of the ashes will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m. This is a great way to begin the Lenten season. The Church's Lenten practices include:

-Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays in Lent is required by Church law for those who are 14 years and older.

-Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Those between 18 and 59 may have one full meal and two minor meals on these days.

-Throughout Lent all are encouraged to intensify their prayer life, to do penance and to contribute to charities.

Souper Bowl of Caring: February 7 is Super Bowl Sunday. Next Sunday, February 7, we will have students collecting money and food donations after Mass for the Charlotte Food Shelf. **We ask that parishioners bring one non-perishable food item, cleaning product or paper product to Mass with them next week to help with our collection.** "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign: It's that time of year again...Care Net Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday. Baby Bottles will be available next weekend. Fill the bottle with change during Lent and return it here on Easter Sunday. Make it a family project! Your spare change really does save lives through Care Net's life-affirming ministry. Thank you for participating and for your prayers.

Food Shelf Lenten Collection: We will once again be doing our Lenten Food Shelf Collection for the Charlotte Food Shelf. Paper bags will be available in the vestibule next Sunday. Fill the bag with a day's worth of non-perishable food items (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and returned the bag. Won't you please help those in need in our area?

End Of Year Statements: End of Year Statements were sent out this weekend to those parishioners who use the collection envelopes, do online giving or put a loose check into the collection basket. If you don't receive a statement by the end of the week, please contact Marie at 425-2637.

PLEASE NOTE: Diocesan regulations for the accounting of all collections requires a photocopy of all checks **not** enclosed in envelopes. We ask those parishioners NOT currently using envelopes to please consider doing so. This will alleviate the additional time, paper and storage involved in processing these loose checks. Thank you.

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, February 5 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent beginning February 12. All are welcome.

***We will have Soup and Stations at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Friday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. More info on this in the coming weeks.

The Encounter with Christ: Pope Francis and the Heart of Catholicism: A presentation on "The Encounter with Christ: Pope Francis and the Heart of Catholicism" by Phil Lawson, the Director of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Burlington, will be held in the Robideau Fellowship Hall at Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center at 36 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct. on Thursday, February 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact 878-5331.



He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" — Lk 4:21-22

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Lenten Series: Both St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes will be sponsoring Lenten series in February and March.

***At Saint Jude's: "Each day, we wake slightly altered, and the person we were yesterday is dead. So why, one could say, be afraid of death, when death comes all the time?" John Updike. All the more so for Christians, as we believe that having died with Christ in Baptism we will live with him in glory. Three talks on three Wednesday evenings, **February 17, March 2, and March 9** will focus on a properly Christian approach to end-of-life issues including palliative care (Barbara Segal of Saint Jude's and the UVM Medical Center); hospice care (Lora Merrill of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Vermont Respite House); dealing with physical death and the celebration of funeral rites (Stephen Gregory of Saint Catherine's and Stephen C. Gregory & Son Cremation Service); and living wills and advanced directives (Father David Cray). More details will follow soon.

***At Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Doctor Raymond Patterson, chair of the Religious Studies Department at Saint Michael's College, will present three talks on "The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in 20th Century America" in conjunction with the customary bread and soup meals on Monday evenings, **February 22, February 29, and March 7**. Topics will include "Servant of God: The Thought of Dorothy Day," (candidate for sainthood and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement); "Contemplation in an Age of Action: Thomas Merton," (prolific author and Trappist Monk of Gethsemani Abbey); and "American Catholic Literature," (Flannery O'Connor and Walker Percy). Both Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton were singled out for mention by Pope Francis in his address to Congress in September. More details will follow soon.

Youth and Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast: St. Jude's will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 14 following with the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The cost of the breakfast is \$8/adults; \$5/child; \$23/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome.

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 February 9 and 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.