

February 7, 2016

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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 -5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Just imagine how their reputation would have grown. How easy it would have been to go out and buy a new fleet of boats and to upgrade their stash of nets. Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach.

And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up EVERYTHING. In a moment's time, these men radically altered their life, their plans, their future, and their fortune. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, and of their successors the bishops, and of all the faithful men and women religious throughout history who have "left everything and followed him," our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us, and remind us that serving Christ-at any cost-is worth it. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.

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Readings for the Week of February 7, 2016

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,446.00 Maintenance: \$8.00
Catholic Education: \$449.00 Latin America: \$10.00
VT Catholic: \$48.00 Natural Disasters: \$103.00
Christmas: \$100.00 Fuel: \$50.00
Salvation Army: \$17.00
Electronic Giving: \$-0-

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Church in Latin America

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. Feb. 14 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Feb. 14 11:00 a.m.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 8, 2016

Jacqueline Jones
Andrew Driver
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, February 14, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell Eliza Merrill Evan Beal
	Lector:	Bob Danyow Wanda Bean
	Extraordinary Min:	
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Cyndy Marshall
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Kathy Nolan
	Extraordinary Min:	Tricia Sulva Colleen Armstrong

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: Whom, in my life, can I identify as someone "outside" who might long to be gathered tenderly into God's compassionate care and welcomed into the community's loving embrace? Might this be a fitting Lenten "project" for me as a "missionary of mercy?"

Jubilee Year Of Mercy For Religious and Consecrated Life:

You are all invited to attend the Jubilee for Religious, Consecrated Life, and Lay Ecclesial Associations on Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington. Confessions will be available before and after the ceremony. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall afterwards. Be sure to check out all the events posted on the diocesan website: www.vermontcatholic.org. There have been many graces already during this Jubilee Year and we have just begun! (Please note this is not a Mass.)

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. This 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 are available this 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 are available in the vestibule. 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?

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.

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.

CURSILLO: The Cursillo movement is designed to deepen one's spiritual life and help bring about Christian involvement in every aspect of daily life. There will be a Men's Cursillo Weekend (July 28-31) and a Women's Cursillo Weekend (August 4-7). For more information please call Dan Daigler at 802-257-7395 or Carol Bemis at 802-779-6412.



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. — Lk 5:10-11

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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 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** 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 beginning with soup at 6:30 p.m. and talk at 7:00 p.m.** 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.

Theology on Tap-Young Adult Group: Young adults between the ages of 21 and 35 are invited to join the Theology on Tap at Church Street Tavern in Burlington on February 18 starting at 7:00 p.m. This month's speaker will be Dr. Teresa Hawes, Director of Religious Programs and French at St. Francis Xavier School and consecrated lay member of Our Lady of Life Institute. She will be presenting "Living the Call to Holiness". They also host a bible study every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony conference room at 305 Flynn Avenue, Burlington. For more info, email burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com or search for Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults on Facebook!