

February 14, 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 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"The devil said to him... 'All this will be yours, if you worship me.'" Jesus faced temptation, like we all do. His forty-day fast in the desert wasn't full of supernatural consolation and delight. He was subject to "every temptation" and when the forty days were over, "he was hungry." In other words, he was human. Jesus' divine nature didn't cancel out his human nature. He faced struggles just like we do--both physical and spiritual--in his body and his soul.

As we see in today's Gospel, the strategy Jesus used to fight these physical and spiritual battles was to immerse himself in God's word. To silence the devil during this fast, Jesus quoted Scripture. He rooted himself in these eternal truths, relying upon them in his moments of trial. And these sacred words had a dramatic effect. Every time Satan tried to seduce him with a new promise, Jesus responded with a Bible verse. And each time, Satan was silenced and had to try a new angle. Finally, when all the devilish angles had been tried, "the devil departed from him for a time." Jesus won the victory using the weapon of God's word.

As we enter into the season of Lent, we can be armed in the same way. We now embark upon a battle against our own pride, sloth, and greed as we commit to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ultimately, we are working to put God first, instead of bowing down to our selfishness and our desire for comfort. The devil would like nothing more than to see us "worship" him in these ways. But, instead, let's be equipped to proclaim--and to live--the words Jesus himself used: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

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Readings for the Week of February 14, 2016

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
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Offertory Last Week: \$1,259.00 Maintenance: \$530.50
Souper Bowl: \$178.00
Electronic Giving: \$337.00

Second Collection This Week for Church in Latin America

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. Feb. 21 8:00 a.m.

Sun. Feb. 21 11:00 a.m. For Jerry and Kitty Buckley requested by Catherine Nolan and Family

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 15, 2016

Margaret Titus
Cyndy Marshall
Sue Haselton

Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, February 21, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Anthony Seidita
	Lector:	David Duffy
	Extraordinary Min:	Sheila Duffy Tricia Sulva
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	
	Altar Server:	Allison Croke Leah Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min:	David Croke Deena Miller

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-2/14 Meet and Greet following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
-2/18 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-2/22 Soup & Talk with Ray Patterson beginning at 6:30 p.m.
-2/25 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: In this Jubilee Year of Mercy's Lent, how can I say no to selfishness and power over others, and yes to placing myself in God's merciful hands?

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.)

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.

Meet and Greet: Today will be our last Meet and Greet for this school year. It will be done by our 2nd grade class. Please stop over to the hall for a cup of coffee and some goodies and to say hello to our 2nd grade class. They would love to meet you. Thank you.

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 23, March 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Church in Latin America Collection: This weekend we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. By funding these programs, the support you give today will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.

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.

Project Rachel: Find hope and healing from abortion. Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. For more information about Project Rachel or to speak to a trained Project Rachel professional, please contact 658-4118.



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— Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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!