

# February 21, 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 -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

"Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory." Today's Gospel records the event we call the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this miraculous moment, Jesus' divine nature was revealed clearly to Peter, James and John. Often, we think only in terms of what happened to Jesus: "his face changed" and "his clothing became dazzling white" and he began a supernatural conversation with two ancient prophets. But that was only half of the story. The other part is what happened to the men.

They were able to witness this revelation of Jesus only because they were "fully awake." Had they stayed sleeping, they would have missed out. They would not have had this astonishing insight into the glory of their friend and Master. It's an obvious point but one that may need more attention than we'd care to admit. Of course we have to be "awake" in order to absorb the fullness of our faith. If we are not tuned in, not attentive, not exerting any effort, then we are certainly going to miss out. But the fact is that we don't always realize we are falling asleep.

Just as Peter, James, and John were "overcome" with sleep, we too can slip into this state without necessarily realizing it's happening. Spiritually speaking, we can become numb or lazy and slowly fade away from the fervor of authentic faith. This is why the church, in her wisdom, gives us the season of Lent. During these weeks, we strive to purify ourselves by attacking the sins and selfishness that make us spiritual sleepwalkers. This is the time to refocus, to clear away the cobwebs and to become "fully awake." Ultimately, we pray that these efforts will allow us to truly see "his glory" come Eastertide.

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## Readings for the Week of February 21, 2016

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,795.00 Maintenance: \$115.00**  
**Church in Latin America: \$241.00 Fuel: \$50.00**  
**Salvation Army: \$10.00 Catholic Relief: \$10.00**  
**Catholic Education: \$10.00 Ash Wednesday: \$31.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$50.00**

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**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  
**Sun. Feb. 28 8:00 a.m.**  
**Sun. Feb. 28 11:00 a.m.**

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 22, 2016

Cyndy Marshall  
Andrew Driver  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, February 28, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Anthony Seidita
	Lector:	Chris Kogut
	Extraordinary Min:	Joanne Duranceau Tom Reilly
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	David Tsounis Devan Lussier
	Lector:	Yvette Tsounis
	Extraordinary Min:	Bill Geiger Winnie Geiger

### Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-2/22 Soup & Talk with Ray Patterson beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
-2/25 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
-3/06 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.  
-3/06 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week:** By making Isaiah's compassionate deeds my Jubilee Year of Mercy Lenten project, in whose life or what situation can I help Jesus' mercy "transfigure"? How?

### 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](http://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.

**Salvation Army Dinner:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be providing dinner at the Salvation Army on Tuesday, March 8. We are looking for food donations of Baked Ziti with meat sauce, salad and milk. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule. Food needs to be at OLMC on **March 8 by 3:00 p.m.** **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.**

**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.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **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.

**Vermont Ibutwa Initiative:** On February 27 and 28 Cleophae Mukeba, founder and executive director of the Vermont Ibutwa Initiative, will be speaking after all the Masses. Mr. Mukeba's presentations will give us an opportunity to reflect on yet another dimension of our Christian vocation to mercy and justice, and to learn about and perhaps donate to Ibutwa, which helps women who are survivors of rampant and systemic rape in the Democratic Republic of Congo and their children. Ibutwa provides medical assistance, the means to a sustainable livelihood, and pays school fees for the children. Some of the women who have been served have said that Ibutwa has given them a new life. Mr. Mukeba holds a Master's degree in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School. He has been speaking at area colleges and universities and has been featured on WCAX. He will be accompanied by Dr. Laurie Gagne, Director of the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice at St. Michael's College.

**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.



**W**hile he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." — Lk 9:34-35

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*\*\***We are seeking a few more soup chefs for the Monday night American Catholicism lecture series. We need two soups for Monday, February 29 and three soups for Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to help out on either of these evenings, please contact Colleen Armstrong at [colleen.armstrong@uvm.edu](mailto:colleen.armstrong@uvm.edu), 425-3773 (home), or 578-1069 (cell). Thanks in advance to the soup chefs.**

**Green Mountain Habitat For Humanity ReStore:** The ReStore is Habitat's thrift store where profits from the sale of donated goods are used to build Habitat for Humanity homes in Chittenden County. Volunteer duties include receiving and sorting donations, pricing and stocking shelves, assisting customers and so much more! If you would like to volunteer at the ReStore please email [volunteer@vermonthabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@vermonthabitat.org) or call 318-7533 for more information.