

# March 6, 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 -4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus crossed lines that weren't supposed to be crossed. He talked to women in public, touched the "unclean" to heal them, and chummed it up with tax collectors and sinners. This didn't make sense. It didn't fit into the standard categories. And so the religious leaders began to complain.

In response to this, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son. Through this story, he illustrated that God loves all of his children even when they have not behaved perfectly. But more than this, the tale also deals with the resentment of the older son--the one who always followed the law. Like the self-righteous Pharisees and scribes, the older brother complained. "All these years I served you," the son said, "and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends." But how does the father respond? "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours." In other words, the older brother had no reason to complain or be angry. He already enjoyed all good gifts. The father simply wanted him to rejoice that his brother had returned home. "He was lost and has been found."

It's important for those of us who attend Mass regularly, participate in the sacraments, and serve in our parishes not to fall into the trap of being like the bitter older brother or the complaining Pharisees. We must welcome everyone in our midst with joy, not resentment or judgment. It can be easy to think that others don't deserve as much as we do, and to forget to be grateful for all that we have. But we are ALL called to "celebrate and rejoice" when the lost return home.

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## Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,272.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$-0-**

**Second Collection This Week for Catholic Relief Services**  
**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Mar. 6 8:00 a.m.**

**Sun. Mar. 6 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Mar. 13 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Mar. 13 11:00 a.m.**

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 7, 2016

Cyndy Marshall  
Andrew Driver  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, March 13, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Devan Lussier
	Lector:	Jim Richards
	Extraordinary Min:	Wanda Bean Sheila Duffy
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Jacqueline Jones
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Tricia Sulva
	Extraordinary Min:	Jacqueline Jones Tricia Sulva

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

-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.

-3/07 Soup & Talk with Ray Patterson beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** Jesus offered pardon unconditionally and graciously to the woman accused of adultery and to me. To whom can I offer this unconditional and gracious pardon?

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	OLMC
Good Friday (Ecumenical)	3:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.	OLMC
Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	11:00 a.m.	OLMC

**Holy Week and Easter Sign Up:** The sign-up sheets for the ministries for Holy Week and Easter are in the back of the church.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Financial Report for the Six Months Ended 12/31/15:

-For the six months ended 12/31/15, Offertory Income increased \$1,333, or 2.4%, versus the prior year comparable period.

-Net Income was \$9,643 compared to \$6,465 last year, an increase of \$3,178 or 49%.

-NOTE: The final bill for the project to repair the bell tower on the church was received in December: the total cost of the project was \$9,056.

-The Parish cash balance of 12/31/15 was \$130,243 compared to \$116,939 of 12/31/14.

**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.**

**What Is A Meal Train?** There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. A meal train for the Dubuc's has been set up to help during this recent health crisis. You can use the unique web address for their meal train below to view the calendar to pick a date for making/delivering a meal if you'd like to help out. Thank you. <http://mealtrain.com/747kn2>.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Light Is On For You:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Jude Parish. This is a Diocesan-wide event held March 16 by each pastor.

**Jubilee for Children (Grade School):** On March 20 a Jubilee for Young Children (grade school) will take place at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen St., Burlington. Families with young children are invited to join in this celebration, and extended family members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served after. There will be a live performance and meditation upon the Stations of the Cross for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Please bring a small bag of canned goods that will be donated to a local food bank. All are welcome.

**Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign:** Thank you for participating in the Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign. Please remember to bring your bottles back by Easter, March 27. We are collecting them now. Thank you for being a part of this ministry..

**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.** All are invited to attend this event.

**Catholic Relief Services:** This weekend, March 5 and 6, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all peoples. Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.



**“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’”** — Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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. (The last talk is 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).

**\*\*\*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.** The last talk is "American Catholic Literature," (Flannery O'Connor and Walker Percy). **\*\*\*We are seeking a few more soup chefs for the Monday night American Catholicism lecture series. We need 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.

**Safe Environment-Protecting Our Children and Young People:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is committed to achieving healing and reconciliation with victims and survivors of abuse, and to provide safe environments for all of our children and young people.

**To report child abuse or sexual misconduct call:**

--Kevin Scully, Director of Safe Environments or  
--Rev. Msgr. Peter Routhier, Vicar General, or  
--Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, Vicar General  
at 1-866-485-2488

**Pasta Dinner:** There will be a Pasta Dinner next Saturday evening, March 12, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Jude's. Cost of the Pasta Dinner is \$10/adult; \$7/child and seniors; \$30/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome.

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

**Hinesburg Artist Series:** The Hinesburg Artist Series is celebrating with the twentieth annual concert. The South County Chorus and Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra, under the direction of Rufus Patrick, are proud to perform The Prayer, Prayer of the Children, Turn the World Around and the Mozart Requiem. The concert is next Sunday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude's. Guest artists are Soprano Sarah Cullins, Alto Amy Patrick, Tenor Adam Hall, Bass Gary Moureau, and trumpet Jim Duncan. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors 60 and older. Tickets are available at the Flynn Theater ([flynntix.org](http://flynntix.org)) or (802) 86-FLYNN). They can also be purchased at the Hinesburg Recreation Office in the Hinesburg Town Hall, Hinesburgh Public House, or at the door. We have parishioners from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes who are part of this concert. Please join your friends and neighbors in support of our amazing musicians.

**Taize Service:** Evening prayer in the spirit of the Taize Community will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11 at St. Mary's Convent on Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. The candle-lit service includes quiet chant, Scripture readings, meditative silence, prayer around the cross, and song accompanied by harp and flute. All are welcome.

**Counseling Services Available:** Vermont Catholic Charities offers affordable counseling services to individuals, couples and families. People seek counseling for many different reasons: a crisis, a loss, a major life change, substance abuse, or to improve relationships. With offices in South Burlington, St. Albans, Rutland and Middlebury, our experienced clinicians and psychiatrist are here to help. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and offer a sliding scale fee. If you or someone you know needs support, call 658-6111, ext. 1318.

**Project Rachel:** Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. There are still openings for the Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend April 8-10, 2016. For more information please contact [projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org) or call (802) 658-4118.

**Rice High School Tuition Assistance:** Families interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2016-17 Rice academic year must do so no later than March 15, 2016. Rice uses FACTS to assess all tuition assistance requests. The application is filled out electronically via the FACTS link on the Tuition and Fees page of the Rice website ([www.rmhsvt.org](http://www.rmhsvt.org)). Rice awards over \$600,000 in need-based tuition assistance annually. Questions? Contact Rice CFO, Lisa Cunningham at [cunningham@rmhsvt.org](mailto:cunningham@rmhsvt.org) or 862-6521 ext. 206.

**Our Lady's Apostolate of Fatima:** Please join and celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with the Rosary Devotion and Mass for all parishioners on March 19 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond, VT. It starts at 3:00 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:15-3:45 p.m. for Rosary and Confession; 4:00 p.m. Mass; followed by the potluck supper at the parish hall. For more information please call Rick Gavelin at 862-2240.

**Burlington Area Young Adults Double Saint Day Celebration:** St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's feast days are coming up! Come celebrate these two great saints by coming to St. Mark Parish's on March 19 for Mass at 4:00 p.m. and party afterwards. If you would like to bring a dish to share you are more than welcomed to but it is not required. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please email [burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook page "Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults".

**Vermont Ibutwa Initiative - Thank You:** A message from Laurie Gagne, Director, Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice: "Cleophas and I - and really the whole Vermont Ibutwa Initiative - want to express our gratitude for the opportunity to share our message with the wonderful people of your parishes - St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel - last weekend. We felt very welcome at all the Masses and had some lively conversations with people wanting to know more about our work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. One woman even volunteered to do some bookkeeping for us! As for donations, we received \$464 altogether, while many people took envelopes and said they would be sending us checks later. It was a great experience all around. Thanks so much for your generous invitation and warm hospitality."

**CURSILLO:** *Bringing Christ to where you live, work, and play.* Men's Cursillo Weekend: July 28-31; Women's Cursillo Weekend: Aug 4-7. For more information please contact Dan Daigler (257-7395) or Carol Bemis (779-6412).



**Spring Ahead to Daylight Savings Time:** Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before turning in for bed next Saturday night, March 12, so you don't miss Mass next Sunday.