

July 10, 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 -15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He replied to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.'" In today's Gospel a scholar questions Jesus about how to gain eternal life. In case anyone ever wonders whether heaven is within reach, one only needs to refer to this Gospel. Jesus provides a clear answer that gives us a clear plan of action: We are to love God with all that we are, and also to love our neighbors. Really, it's that simple.

The scholar, however, complicated things to make himself look better. Instead of accepting the simplicity of Jesus' instruction, he wanted to split hairs, asking, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with the story of the Good Samaritan and the lesson that our neighbors are not just those we know or love. Rather, our neighbor is the person that needs our help, the person whom we would rather ignore, the person whom God puts in our path. In short, everyone is our neighbor and we are called to treat everyone with mercy. This is part of how we gain eternal life.

But this flows from the first element of Jesus' answer. First and foremost, Jesus instructs us to love God "with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind." When we love God in this way, truly as the Lord of our life, then loving our neighbors becomes the easy part. When our hearts and minds are full of the love of God-who loves all people-then it will necessarily follow that we too will desire to share that love with others and not count the cost. The Good Samaritan is an excellent example of this kind of love. Without hope of repayment, he gave of his time and his money to help the poor victim. But in return, the Samaritan will surely "gain eternal life."

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Readings for the Week of July 10, 2016

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,758.25
Maintenance: \$401.75
Peter's Pence: \$50.00
Electronic Giving: \$359.00

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. July 10 8:00 a.m. For Julia, John and Virginia Irish requested by Judy Laberge.
Sun. July 10 11:00 a.m. For Ed Gooderham requested by Dick and Linda Stowe.
Thurs. July 14 5:15 p.m. For Raymond Parlato requested by Allen and Loretta Beaulieu.
Sun. July 17 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.
Sun. July 17 11:00 a.m. For James Foran requested by Catherine Nolan and Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 11, 2016

Nancy Calcagni
Gail Blasius
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: July 17, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell Eliza Merrill
	Lector:	Jim Richards
	Extraordinary Min.:	Rose Bernier Wanda Bean
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Ray Curtis
	Extraordinary Min.:	Eileen Curtis Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-7/11 Faith In Action Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-7/21 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: Whom did I pass by on my way to today's Eucharist, and what hands-on mercy can I offer that person?

Holy Door Pilgrimage: There will be a Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington on Saturday, July 16. We will have a bus taking folks to and from St. Joseph's. The bus will leave St. Jude's at 9:00 a.m., OLMC at 9:15 a.m. and arriving at St. Joseph's for 10:00 a.m. If you are planning on attending this event, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. Thank you.

Card Shower: In light of Will Dubuc's most recent health status change, Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Faith In Action is requesting a card shower for him to show him his fellow parishioners (from both parishes) continued caring and support. Please send your well wishes to Will at 94 Wesley Drive, Charlotte, VT 05445. Thank you.

