

# July 24, 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 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. He suggests that we will be satisfied and welcomed and fulfilled. His message in today's Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. So we can enjoy the security of knowing that God will take good care of us.

But God's care may not always look exactly the way we expect it to. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. And, sometimes, what we think we need isn't really best. It's important to keep this context in mind. This prevents us from understanding Jesus' words today in a selfish way. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is promising us that if we ask God for his Spirit, he will certainly give it to us, his children.

For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? Although we may not realize it at first, in receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive a whole host of gifts. With God's Spirit come the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the fruits of the Spirit as St. Paul lists them in Galatians 5 include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven! What more do we really need to ask for?

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## Readings for the Week of July 24, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,002.00      Maintenance: \$65.00**  
**Salvation Army: \$20.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$355.00**

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. July 24 8:00 a.m.**

**Sun. July 24 11:00 a.m.** For Lillian Foran requested by Donald and Mary Haman and Family.

**Sun. July 31 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. July 31 11:00 a.m.** For Ross J. Foran, Sr. requested by Donald and Mary Haman and Family.

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 25, 2016

Sue Haselton  
Lollie Krawitt  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: July 31, 2016

8:00 a.m.      Altar Server:      Devan Lussier  
Lector:      David Duffy  
Extraordinary Min.:      Sheila Duffy  
Wanda Bean

11:00 a.m.      Greeters:  
Altar Server:      Bill Geiger  
Lector:      Winnie Geiger  
Extraordinary Min.:      Bill Geiger

## Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

**Question of the Week:** How can I become "young in the Lord" once again, and celebrate World Youth Day right here at home by making time for intercessory prayer on behalf of others and practical service of a specific neighbor in need?

**Father Cray Away:** Father Cray will be away from July 25 through August 5. There will be NO daily mass during this time. Fr. David Theroux will be celebrating the Masses the weekend of July 30 and 31. In case of an emergency, please call Marie at 434-4782 (h), 777-3513 (cell), or 425-2637 (OLMC).

**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.

**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.

**Meal Train for the Drivers:** A meal train has been set up for the Driver Family from St. Jude Parish while Chrissy undergoes treatment for breast cancer. Andrew and Chrissy are the young couple who lived at the St. Jude's rectory for four years. Please consider signing up to furnish a meal for them during this time. The link to sign up is <https://mealtrain.com/59ool7>. Please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**Jubilee Of Mercy Celebration For Musicians:** On August 21 there will be a Jubilee for Musicians at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen Street, Burlington. Musicians, choir members, cantors and all church musicians are invited to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. Light refreshments will be served after. All are welcome.

**Charlotte Food Shelf:** Please remember your non-perishable food items for the Charlotte Food Shelf. Won't you please help out the Food Shelf especially during the summer months when many children are home without the healthy meals they usually receive during the school year? Thank you.

**Summer Reflection Series:** In July and August, the members of the Society of St. Edmund and Diocesan Priests will present the Summer Reflection Series at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. The programs begin with the 11:15 a.m. Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.

- 7/27 Br. Michael Carter, SSE Praying with Joan of Arc
- 8/03 Rev. Michael Cronogue, SSE Praying with Catherine of Sienna
- 8/10 Rev. Joseph McLaughlin, SSE Topic TBA
- 8/17 Rev. David Theroux, SSE The Gospel According to Luke

**Counters Needed:** We are in need of help on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to count the weekly collection. Many of our regular counters are no longer available to count. With enough people, you would only have to count every 4 to 6 weeks. It really isn't difficult and it's a chance for you to meet your fellow parishioners and those from St. Jude's. Counting is done in the St. Jude rectory. If you are willing to help out, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). Thank you.

**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 July 26 and August 9 and 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Sermon on the Mount:** Join your fellow parishioners from OLMC and St. Jude's on the top of Mount Philo for the annual celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow. There is no cost to you to drive/walk up the mountain—just tell the gate attendant that you are with OLMC. Senior citizens with Green Mountain Passes should show them to the attendant so we are not charged for your entrance. We ask that you try and arrive early (by 5:45 p.m.) and take advantage of the shuttle service to the top (if you don't plan walking to the top) as there is very limited parking available at the top. According to your last name you are asked to bring: A-D: drinks; E-L: main dish; M-R: side dishes/salads (potato, macaroni, pasta, tossed, etc.) or hor'dourves, chips, dips, veggie trays, etc; S-Z: desserts. OLMC will supply the paper goods. In the event of rain, the Mass and potluck will be held at OLMC. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen Curtis at 425-4432.



*“Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” — Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8*

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**An Invitation to Pray For Peace:** There will be a Prayer Service For Peace on Tuesday evenings beginning July 26 through August 30 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Shelburne. The Prayer Service is dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Please join them in a communal prayer for peace throughout the world, in our country, in our local community and in our families. All are welcome.

**Starting the Conversation in VT:** The Church is calling for us to live the Joy of the Gospel amidst the New Evangelization. What is the new Evangelization? Why are we being called? How does it apply to Vermont in particular? “Starting the Conversation” is a free diocesan workshop being offered around the state, to provide history and insight into what this new evangelization is, and to equip the faithful with tools and ideas to enrich their parishes and communities. Phil Lawson, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Burlington, will be presenting. This workshop will be offered at St. Jude's on August 22 at 6:30 p.m. along with many other sites. Please see the bulletin board for more dates and places. No registration required. All are welcome.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$18,221 (71.50%) of total dollars pledged toward our goal of \$22,450. We are answering Pope Francis' call in this Jubilee Year of Mercy to go out to every family and to bring them the goodness and mercy of God. Your generous gifts help to strengthen our collective mission of mercy, charity, hope and love. Please visit [bishopsfund.org](http://bishopsfund.org) to see why your contributions matter. **We have a list of parishioners who gave gifts to the Bishop's Fund in the past but have not yet responded to this year's request. It would really be appreciated if these folks would make some response in the next few weeks. Thank you.**