# August 7, 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 -19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." The only thing we really know about when Jesus will come again is that we won't be expecting it. As Jesus instructs us today, the best plan of action is thus to be prepared at all times. We need to be ready and waiting to meet Jesus so that when he does return, it won't catch us off guard.

A little thought experiment might be helpful here. Let's imagine that the doorbell rings this evening after dinner. We open the door and find Jesus standing there. He asks to come in. Are we ready for this honored guest? What will he find when he steps in unannounced? Is everyone at peace around the house? Is everyone speaking with love and acting with generosity? Is there anything in our home that, in his presence, we might be ashamed of--books, shows, movies, or music that aren't appropriate? Pictures, Facebook posts, or a record of Internet history that we hope he won't discover?

Now, imagine that he came unannounced into our HEARTS this evening. What would he find there? Are our hearts ready to welcome Jesus? In truth, we need not wait for the second coming to have Jesus in our hearts. He wants to live there already today!

So regardless of the timing of the second coming of Christ, we would do well to follow the traditional spiritual practice of a daily examination of conscience to see where we are doing well and where we need to make changes. Taking such a deliberate spiritual inventory is an excellent way to help us be ready for Jesus like those servants "who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

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### Readings for the Week of August 7, 2016

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/ /Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48 Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27 Ez 2:8--3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Tuesday: Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21--19:1 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Mt 19:3-12 Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15 Saturday: Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,065.00 Electronic Giving: \$-0-

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance** 

#### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sun. Aug. 7 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Aug. 7 11:00 a.m. For Ross J. Foran, Jr. requested by Donald and Mary Haman and Family.

**Sun. Aug. 14 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Aug. 14 11:00 a.m.** For Sally Munnett requested by Joe and Jace Stevenson.

# **Pray for Vocations**

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 8, 2016

Carol Ann Brisee Marie Cookson Need 1 More Person

Schedule of Ministries: August 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Eliza Merrill

Hadley Stockwell

Lector: Jim Richards Extraordinary Min.: Joanne Duranceau

Tom Reilly

11:00 a.m. Greeters:

Altar Server:

Lector: Colleen Armstrong

Extraordinary Min.: Fritz Tegatz

Colleen Armstrong

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

-8/15 Sermon on the Mount at 6:00 p.m.

-8/18 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-8/25 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** What changes do I have to make to ensure that I recognize Jesus in all others? More challenging, what changes do I have to make to ensure that others recognize Jesus ready to love and care for them in me?

**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.

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.

-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 <a href="mailto:marietcookson@aol.com">marietcookson@aol.com</a>. 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 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 15th. 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.

Young Adult BBQ: Attention Young Adults (ages 18-35), the Burlington Young Adult Catholic Ministry will be holding their kickoff BBQ on Saturday, August 20 at Oakledge Park in Burlington from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. This family-friendly event will feature great food, fun lawn games, and a chance to meet your fellow Catholic friends. Please note the rain location will be St. Mark's Parish Hall. Check out Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults on Facebook or email <a href="mailto:burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com">burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com</a> for more information and to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

**Vehicle Needed:** Our Lady of Providence is a residential care facility located in Winooski, whose residents include retired priests, sisters, and lay people. They are in need of a new vehicle to transport the residents to medical appointments. They are looking for a 4-door sedan that is less than 10 years old and has less than 75,000 miles. If you know of someone that has a suitable vehicle that they would like to donate or sell at a reasonable price, please contact them at 655-2395. Your donation is tax deductible.



Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." \_ \_ Lk | 12:39-40

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 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 \$18,286 (81.45%) 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 <u>bishopsfund.org</u> 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.