

August 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 -21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."

Liturgical Publications

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-1

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,533.00
Maintenance: \$68.00 Salvation Army: \$25.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$70.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Aug. 21 8:00 a.m. For Sally Munnett requested by Joe and Jace Stevenson.

Sun. Aug. 21 11:00 a.m. For Thomas Foran requested by Donald and Mary Haman.

Thur. Aug. 25 5:15 p.m. For Raymond Cote (6th Anniversary) requested by his family.

Sun. Aug. 28 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Aug. 28 11:00 a.m. For Joseph Nolan requested by his wife, Catherine, and family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 22, 2016

Gail Blasius
Sue Haselton
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: August 28, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Angelina Deidita Anthony Seidita
	Lector:	Gail Blasius
	Extraordinary Min.:	Wanda Bean David McNally

11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	
	Altar Server:	Allison Croke Leah Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min.:	David Croke Deena Miller

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

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

Question of the Week: How can I strengthen my "weak knees" this week in daily prayer? My "drooping hands" in generous service? Turn my feet from seeking my own time off to meeting Jesus in those who need my mercy and love?

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude Parish in Hinesburg on Thursday, September 8 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for this school year. We are in need of help in kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience.

Liturgy Commtee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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.

-8/24 Rev. Raymond Doherty, SSE Pope Francis and Our Common Home
-8/31 Rev. Richard Berbube, SSE The Really, Really Old Mass: After the Last Supper

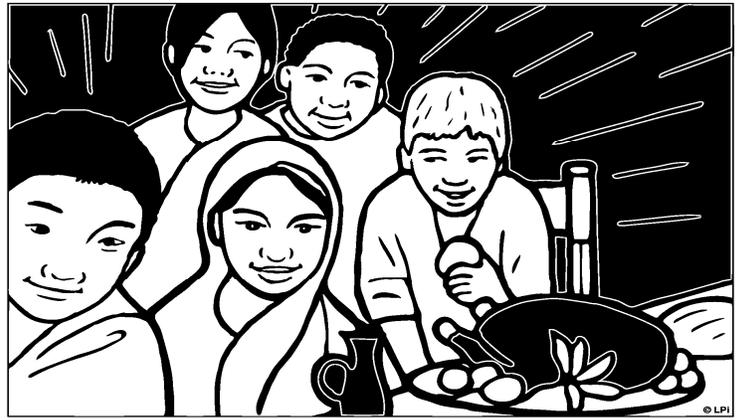
Counters Needed: We are in need of help on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to count the weekly collection. Many of our regular counters are no longer available to count. With enough people, you would only have to count every 4 to 6 weeks. It really isn't difficult and it's a chance for you to meet your 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. Thank you.

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for August 23 and September 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

INSPIRE: Called to Love: Catholics...whether young or old, married or single, religious or ordained, INSPIRE: Called to Love is for you. Join thousands at the Lake Placid Olympic Arena on **Sunday, September 25**, to reflect on your baptismal call to holiness. The Vocations Summit will INSPIRE you with dynamic prayer, world-renowned speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Christopher Coyne, George Weigel and Jennifer Fulwiler. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.inspirecalledtolove.com>.

Nativity of Our Blessed Mother: Come together to celebrate Our Blessed Mother's Nativity in Prayer, Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist at St. Catherine of Siena on **September 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** and concluding with the Mass at 7:00 p.m. Those interested can bring flowers to leave near Our Lady of Fatima Statue which will be present at the celebration. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome to join in the celebration of Our Lady's Nativity.

UVM and Chaplain College Students: If you or someone you know from our parish family is attending UVM or Champlain College please let us know. The Catholic Center at UVM would like to reach out to these students to serve as a link between their home parish and their "Church away from home".



“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” — Lk 13:29-30

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 \$19,141 (85.26%) 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 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.**