

# September 4, 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 -23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It's a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists God MUST be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our "father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life.

It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to prefer something--or Someone--else, namely, God, to these important relationships. Taken in the context of the Gospel as a whole it is clear that Jesus is not advocating cruelty or animosity. On the contrary, just a few weeks ago we heard from Luke 10:27 as Jesus instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred of family, self, and "stuff" when we don't allow these things to become mini-gods in our lives. Instead, we keep God as God.

What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to prevent us from practicing our faith to the fullest, and also not putting our trust in gadgets and gizmos. It means, instead, putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.

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## Readings for the Week of September 4, 2016

Sunday: Is 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33  
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,158.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$50.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance**

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Sept. 4 8:00 a.m.** For Raymond and Marie Laberge requested by Judy Laberge.

**Sun. Sept. 4 11:00 a.m.** For William Foran requested by Donald and Mary Haman.

**Sun. Sept. 11 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Sept. 11 11:00 a.m.** For Joe Daly requested by Catherine Nolan and Family.

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Sue Haselton  
Lollie Krawitt  
Linda Stowe

### Schedule of Ministries: September 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Devan Lussier  
Lector: Jim Richards  
Extraordinary Min.: Joanne Duranceau  
Tom Reilly

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Jacqueline Jones  
Altar Server: David Tsounis  
Lector: Yvette Tsounis  
Extraordinary Min.: Jacqueline Jones  
Betsy Tegatz

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

-9/11 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude  
-9/15 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
-9/18 CCD Classes at CCS at 9:00 a.m.  
-9/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude

**Question of the Week:** How must I transform myself to live Jesus' gospel so that I can offer everyone his generous, compassionate, self-sacrificing love?

**Presbyteral Days:** Father Cray will be away for the annual Diocesan meeting of priests beginning Tuesday, September 6 through Thursday, September 8. There will be **NO** daily mass on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon.

**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 Catechists and Teachers:** On September 18, "Catechetical Sunday", join us for a Jubilee of Mercy for Catechists and Teachers at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. All are invited to attend, both Catechists as well as all who would like to pray for our Catechists! Refreshments will be served following the service.

**Religious Ed Classes:** Our Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades will begin September 18 beginning with the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Religious Ed information will be sent out this week. If you have a school age child and do not receive a registration packet, please call Marie at 425-2637 (office) or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) and a registration packet will be sent to you. There will also be information on the table in the back beginning next week.

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

**Confirmation Classes:** Confirmation Classes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Year students begin on Sunday, September 11 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students will begin on Sunday, September 18 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students will be sent out. If you do not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) and info will be sent to you. **PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.**

**Charlotte Food Shelf:** The Charlotte Food Shelf is requesting the following items: Children's snacks, Rice Krispie squares, granola bars, pudding cups, raisins, etc. September is "National Hunger Action Month". 1 out of 5 children in Vermont are from families that need food assistance. Healthy children make for healthy adults and in turn make a Healthy State to live in. Won't you please help your neighbors in need? Thank you.

**Pray For Peace:** Violence and Injustice are tearing our world apart. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated September 9 as a **Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities**. The Burlington Diocese will be hosting an evening of prayer at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (20 Pine Street, Burlington) from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. that evening. Doors of the cathedral will be open to the community. **All are invited** to enter, light a candle, offer an intention, and join together in prayer for peace in our communities. Reconciliation will be available.

**Freedom Sunday:** Freedom Sunday is September 25. Today over 45 million people are held in slavery and 1 in 4 slaves are children. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will host an afternoon event beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Sr. Pat McKittrick, S.P. presenting. Sr. Pat will speak about modern day slavery, including in our state and local communities, and actions we can take to support anti-slavery efforts. 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 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>



*“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” — Lk 14:28, 33*

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**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 Champlain 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".

**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.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$21,241 (94.62%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$22,449. **(We need about \$1200 to reach our goal.)** The Diocese has reached \$2.4M in pledges towards this year's \$2.8M goal. Please help us to achieve this goal! This summer, over 600 youth attended events within our state and throughout New England. The office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has an additional 6 events planned for youth this fall. In addition, nearly 400 attendees were welcomed to the diocesan New Evangelization Workshops through the office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Bishop Coyne has many additional initiatives planned that will help us to strengthen our Community. This greater outreach and engagement is not possible without the support of our Catholic community in VT. Be sure to check [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) and [bishopsfund.org](http://bishopsfund.org) for more information. Thank you.