

# January 29, 2017

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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—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian--admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

Liturgical Publications

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Jan. 29 8:00 a.m.** For Yvonne and Alfred Gebo and Leon Theoret requested by Irene Pierce.

**Sun. Jan. 29 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Feb. 5 8:00 a.m.**

**Sun. Feb. 5 11:00 a.m.** For Shirley Marshall requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

**Offertory Last Week: \$2,080.01 Maintenance: \$122.00**  
**Initial Offering: \$30.00 VT Catholic: \$265.00**  
**Fuel: \$255.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$375.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Catholic Education**  
**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 30, 2017

Trina Bianchi  
Sue Haselton  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: February 5, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: CCD Servers  
Lector: Tricia Sulva  
Extraordinary Min.: Tricia Sulva  
Judy Laberge  
Wanda Bean

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko  
Altar Server:  
Lector: Bill Geiger  
Extraordinary Min.: Winnie Geiger  
Bill Geiger

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

-2/05 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-2/05 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Mass & Class at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude

**Question of the Week** Today's Beatitudes are the true test of the disciple. Do the words I hear in church today remain there? How can I allow God's grace to work in me so that I begin to live the Beatitudes and help to evangelize "the crowds"?

**New Parishioners:** If you are new to the parish or have never registered, won't you please fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the back? We are trying to update our parish records and have incomplete info on some families.

**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 February 14 and 21 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Collection Envelopes:** The collection envelopes for 2017 are available in the back of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on them.

**\*\*Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years. Some of the numbers have been changed due to the fact that we ordered less this year in order to not have so many leftover and thrown out. Thank you.**

**Thank You:** We have received \$711.00 in donations for the recent Fuel Collection. Peter Trono, a parishioner and owner of Trono Fuels, will graciously match this amount in free fuel for our parish. Thank you very much Peter.

**Catholicism Series:** Please join us at St. Jude's in Hinesburg for another evening of "Catholicism-The Journey of a Lifetime". This week's episode will be "**The Life of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit**". In this lesson, Bishop Barron explores Catholic spirituality, which is centered on prayer. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God." On pilgrimage to the places where the great saints and spiritual masters lived, Bishop Barron explores the different types of prayer: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession. In telling the stories of Catholics like Thomas Merton, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, Bishop Barron demonstrates how the human person can be transformed through prayer that manifests a deep, spiritual commitment centered in Christ. It is not necessary to have viewed the previous episodes to be inspired by this week's DVD. We look forward to many more spiritually enriching evenings. Please join us this Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, February 3 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Family Mass and Pasta Dinner:** St. Jude's will have a Family Mass and Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 11 beginning with the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The cost of the dinner is \$10/adult, \$7/child and senior, \$30/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome!! We hope to see you there.

**Adaptive Equipment Available:** A parishioner would like to donate/pass along to an individual or family one or more pieces of adaptive equipment. They are a shower chair, support railings for a toilet and a commode. If you or someone you know could use these items, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) or call the church office--482-2290 (St. Jude) or 425-2637 (OLMC).

**Adult Confirmation Program:** A new Adult Confirmation Program is being implemented in the Diocese. This is a 7 session process designed for those adults who received their First Communion/Reconciliation but were never confirmed. This program will run during Lent and Easter Seasons, leading to the reception of Confirmation on Pentecost from Bishop Coyne. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. David Cray at 425-2253 or email at [dgcray@gmail.com](mailto:dgcray@gmail.com).

**Free Domestic Violence Workshop:** The Diocese of Burlington is presenting a free workshop aiding in developing tools to reach out and help victims of domestic violence. This workshop is open to everyone. It will be held on Wednesday, February 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction. Lunch is included. Please call 658-6110 ext 1453 or [vermontcatholic.org](http://vermontcatholic.org) to register.

**World Marriage Day 2017:** The celebration of World Marriage Day in the Diocese of Burlington will take place on Sunday, February 5 at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington with recognition being given to those couples celebrating their Milestone Anniversaries in 2017 (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.). The form to sign up to attend this Mass or to request a special certificate is in the back of the church.



*“Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.”*

— Mt 5:7-8

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### **Catholic Schools Week – Open House**

--St. Francis Xavier School in Winooski is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The school serves students from Pre-School (age 3) to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please RSVP by calling 655-2600 or emailing [info@sfxvt.org](mailto:info@sfxvt.org).

--Christ the King School in Burlington will have an Open House on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. CKS serves students pre-school (age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Have questions about CKS? Email Mrs. Steel at [osteel@cksvt.org](mailto:osteel@cksvt.org) or call 862-6696.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Married Couples—The car needs a tune-up, the house needs a fresh coat of paint, the grass needs cutting and the garage desperately needs to be cleaned out. The list of things to do seems to never end. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. The upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17 through March 19 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. For information or to apply, contact Gary and Lynn Root at [vtroot@together.net](mailto:vtroot@together.net) or call 802-456-8114 or go online at [www.wmmevt.org](http://www.wmmevt.org). Note that the application deadline is February 24, 2017.

**Free Community Dinner at St. Peter's in Vergennes:** A free community dinner will be held at St. Peter's in Vergennes on Sunday, January 29 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. They will be serving Corn Chowder with Crotons, Macaroni & Hamburger Soup, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Upside Down Cake and Beverages. All are welcome.

**French Canadian Supper:** There will be a French Canadian Supper on Saturday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Richmond. They will be serving Pea Soup, Meat Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert and Beverages. \$10 suggested donation to benefit the charities of Rosary Council of the Knights of Columbus 4684. All are welcome.

**Relay for Life NordicStyle:** The Relay for Life NordicStyle Event Leadership team invites all cancer survivors and their caregivers to a reception in your honor at Catamount Family Outdoor Center on March 11, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. The reception will consist of a lite lunch and dessert as well as fellowship with other survivors and caretakers. They also invite you to stay for the RFL opening ceremony and survivor lap around the track. Register and learn more at [www.relayforlife.org/nordicstylevt](http://www.relayforlife.org/nordicstylevt) or register at the event.