

# March 19, 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—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

"I am he, the one speaking with you." Jesus reveals his true identity to an anonymous woman, and a Samaritan at that. She speaks about the Messiah only to discover that she is speaking with the Messiah! How does this woman, this non-disciple and non-Jew, this perfect stranger earn the right to such a direct revelation? Why does Jesus choose her?

For the same reason he chooses us. Out of love. The "woman at the well" did not earn her place at the side of Christ. She did nothing to merit this life-changing encounter. In fact, the reading implies she was a sinful woman. Yet Jesus approached her first. He asked her for a drink, and then looked for an opportunity to offer her the "living water" that would quench her deepest thirst.

This is what Jesus has done for us. As Saint Paul says, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). He offers us the gift of salvation, the "spring of water welling up to eternal life." We don't earn this gift; Jesus paid for it on the cross. In other words, we get to drink without having to dig the well. As Jesus tells his disciples, "others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Of course, we must be willing to "drink" by accepting the gift Christ offers, orienting our lives around it. Like the woman who "left her water jar and went into the town" to testify, we are called to leave behind our old life of sin and selfishness once we accept our new life in Christ. Indeed, Lent is the season that prepares us for such a dramatic rebirth. We pray and fast and give alms, not to earn the joy of Easter, but to be ready to drink it in.

Liturgical Publications

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Mar. 19 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Mar. 19 11:00 a.m.** For Paul Cartularo requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

**Sun. Mar. 26 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Mar. 26 11:00 a.m.** For Mary Dohlgren requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,377.00**

**Electronic Giving: \$120.00**

**Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Relief Services**

## Pray for Vocations

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 20, 2017**

Gail Blasius  
Deborah Kramer  
Marie Cookson

**Schedule of Ministries: March 26, 2017**

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Devan Lussier
	Lector:	Jim Richards
	Extraordinary Min.:	Joanne Duranceau Tom Reilly
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	Ethan Croke Allison Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller Leah Croke
	Extraordinary Min.:	David Croke Deena Miller

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

-3/20 New Evangelization Series and Soup at 6:00 p.m.

-3/23 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-3/24 Soup and Stations at 6:00 p.m.

-3/26 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation Mass and Class

**Soup and Stations:** Soup and Stations will be offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Friday, March 24** beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**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.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent beginning on March 3. 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 March 28 and April 11 and 25 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

**The Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington. At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.

**Meatless Fridays During Lent:** As part of the Church's Lenten observances, all Catholics aged 14 and older should abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** In consideration that St. Patrick is the secondary patron of the Diocese of Burlington, Bishop Coyne is granting a dispensation from the precept of abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17. If you take advantage of this dispensation, you should add some other sacrifice/penance to your Lenten observances.

-- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Those between 18 and 59 may have one full meal and two minor meals on these days.

--Throughout Lent all are encouraged to intensify their prayer life, to do penance and to contribute to charities.

**Holy Week and Easter Sign Up:** The sign up sheets for the ministries for Holy Week and Easter are in the back of the church. Won't you please help out if you can? Thank you.

**Catholic Relief Services:** Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Thank you.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 23 at St. Jude Parish from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Walk in or for an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Presentation on Immigration:** The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates invite you to a presentation given by Sr. Kathleen Erickson, RSM, on Immigration and the Detention of Mothers and Children on **Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Mount St. Mary's Chapel, 100 Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. Sr. Kathleen will lead a presentation/reflection on how our broken immigration system calls us to go deeper as we examine what it means to be human beings in a polarized world. No cost for the event. Parking is available in the Mater Christi School parking lot.

**Light of the World Retreat:** Join many St. Mark parishioners on March 24-27 in experiencing a powerful renewal of their faith through a living encounter with Jesus Christ! If you would like to sign up or would like more information, please visit their parish website at [stmarksvt.com](http://stmarksvt.com) or contact the parish at [stmarksvt@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksvt@gmail.com).

**Mary's Circle of Friends:** Mary's Circle of Friends invites you to join them for a special Lenten program of prayer and coloring meditation, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The group is offering two different times: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, (March 7 - April 4) and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am, (March 8 - April 5) at St. John Vianney Parish. Please RSVP to Cindy at SJV at 864-4166. All are welcome

**VT Christian Rock 'N Worship:** VT Christian Music will be presenting the VT Christian Rock 'N Worship Night 2017 featuring Todd Agnew, Jason O'Brian and Jessie-Lynn on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Community Bible Church at 2025 Williston Rd, So. Burlington. A wonderful opportunity to pray, sing and worship together! This event is family-friendly and children 7 and under can attend free. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25 each. Purchase your tickets online at [www.VTChristianMusic.com](http://www.VTChristianMusic.com).



*The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*

— Jn 4:9 a. 10

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

**Magnificat - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert:** South County Chorus and Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra performing music of John Rutter, Rene Clausen and others this Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church. Tickets at Flyntix, Hinesburgh Public House, Blue Cottage, Hinesburg Recreation Department, from chorus members and at the door. Adults/\$20, Seniors and Students/\$15. All are welcome.

**The Wizard of Oz:** The Wizard of Oz will be presented by Rice Memorial High School on March 24 (7:00 p.m.), 25 (1:00 and 7:00 p.m.) and 26 (1:00 p.m.). Located at the Black Box Theater at Main Street Landing (60 Lake Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Burlington. Tickets are \$7/student and seniors; \$10/adults. Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased by emailing Brian Lynam at [lynam@rmhsvt.org](mailto:lynam@rmhsvt.org), or in person at Rice Memorial High School on weekdays, from 11:00 to 12:00. Please come and experience this timeless musical with its familiar and heart-felt music and amazing choreography. (P.S. Fr. Lance Harlow will be playing trombone in the pit orchestra.)

**St. Peter's K of C Lenten Fish Fry:** Come to St. Peter's K of C Lenten Fish Fry at 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes on Fridays, March 17, 31. Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Join them for Battered Baked Haddock, fries, macaroni & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, punch, milk, coffee. Adults/\$12, Children under 12/\$6; Children under 6/free. Immediate family (only)/\$35. Please bring a dessert to share. For more info please call 877-2367.

**Best Lent Ever:** We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year you are invited to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. To sign up, visit [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com).