

August 20, 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—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. August 20 8:00 a.m. (No Intention)
Sun. August 20 11:00 a.m. For Marie and Jack Romano requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras
Sun. August 27 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.
Sun. August 27 11:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Offertory Last Week: \$1,237.00 Maintenance: \$193.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$55.00
Salvation Army: \$10.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 21, 2017

Deborah Kramer
Sue Haselton
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: August 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Angelina Seidita
Anthony Seidita
Lector: Jim Richards
Extraordinary Min.: Rose Bernier
Mary Tierney

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko
Altar Server: Ethan Croke
Allie Croke
Lector: Deena Miller
Leah Croke
Extraordinary Min.: David Croke
Deena Miller

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-8/24 Choir Practice for 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: How patient is my prayer, how undaunted my confidence in Jesus' personal love for me? How do I treat those who pester me for a share of my time, attention, love?

Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for this coming school year. We are in need of help in Kindergarten (teacher), 3rd (aide), 5th (aide), 6th (teacher and aide), and 7th (teacher and aide) grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience. **PLEASE NOTE: CCD information and registration forms will be mailed out in August. If you are new to the parish and haven't yet registered and have children who are school age, please contact Marie at the email address above and she will be sure that you get the information.

8:00 a.m. Choir: The OLMC 8:00 a.m. Choir will be rehearsing on **Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the OLMC church and would love to have anyone wanting to sing to join them. Joining for rehearsal doesn't mean you are committed for every Sunday, but you could sing with them when the "spirit moves"! They would love to welcome new voices into their "choir family".

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 22 and September 12 and 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

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.

Bishop's Fund: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 111.48% (\$24,614) of our annual goal of \$22,079. Thank you very much!** If you haven't yet made a donation, won't you please do so this week? Thank you.

Vermont Catholic Magazine: Please support the Bishop's Fund. By making a donation of \$24 or more, you will receive the quarterly VT Catholic Magazine. Thank you for supporting both the Bishop's Fund and VT Catholic.

St. Jude Raffle: St. Jude's is having a raffle for a Jay Peak Water Park Family Fun Package valued at \$725.00. The drawing will be Labor Day Weekend. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. If anyone would like tickets, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry: Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion spiritual healing ministry sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. If you or someone you know has had an abortion and is seeking spiritual and emotional support and healing, please consider attending one of the following retreats:

-Day of Hope: A one-day retreat, to be held Saturday, October 21.

-Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: A weekend retreat on April 6-8, 2018.

For further info, please contact (in confidence) projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org.

Project Rachel Prayer Partners: Project Rachel Prayer Partners is looking for new members. This is a virtual prayer group of volunteers who pray for those involved in the Project Rachel Ministry for post-abortion healing. Members receive email or surface mail requests outlining specific prayer intentions. To join or for more information, contact Lori Daudelin at 658-6110 ext 1131.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. Do you know someone who does not belong to a faith community and who could use a boost in their spiritual life? — please invite them! **Classes will begin on September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall of St. John Vianney, South Burlington, and are free of charge.** Please contact Father Cray so he can get you registered through our parish.

Action For Ecological Justice: Join Bishop Coyne on **Saturday, September 30 at St. Michael's College**, for this one day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation. Consider our call to be global disciples who care for all of God's creation by discussing the connections between environmental degradation and human suffering and what each of us can do to aid our neighbors in need. Cost is \$35/person. Space is limited!! Go to vermontcatholic.org to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Help discover the keys to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and March 16-18 in Isle LaMotte, VT. For more information, please call Gary and Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit <http://www.wmvt.org>.



“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. — Mt 15:26b-28

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Bereavement Ministry Invitation: The Second Six-Week Series of *Seasons of Hope* **begins Wednesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.** in St. Catherine's Parish Hall. *Seasons of Hope* is a program designed to support participants in their bereavement and provide fellowship with others who are also experiencing the loss of a loved one. Participation in the first six-week series is not required in order to join in this second series. For more information, please call Lucille Malaney, group facilitator for *Seasons of Hope*, at 343-8812.

Adult Confirmation: Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class in the fall for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact the office at 425-2637 or carmel@gmavt.net and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

Collecting Memories of St. Jude: Do you have pictures or stories that you would be willing to share of St. Jude's, especially the first church, or of the Catholic history in Hinesburg? If so, please join us on Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude's. For more information, please contact Ann Thomas at 482-3889 or email at hhs@gmavt.net.

Healthier Living With Pain: The University Medical Center will be offering a FREE six week seminar on Healthier Living With Pain beginning Tuesday, August 8 and running for 6 consecutive Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Carpenter Carse Library in Hinesburg. Call Amanda Biggs at 847-5468 to register. All are welcome.

Rice Alumni: Be a part of Rice history! Rice alumni are invited to join the Rice faculty, staff and students as they embark on Rice's 100th school year on **Tuesday, August 29.** Attend our First Day of School Assembly and "Clap-In" at **1:30pm** to commemorate this special day in Rice-Cathedral history, cheer for our current students, and socialize over birthday cake. Contact Christy Warner Bahrenburg '88 at bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org to sign up and visit www.rmhsvt.org/riceturns100 for information on other Centennial events.