

September 3, 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—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Sept. 3 8:00 a.m. For Raymond and Marie Laberge requested by Judy Laberge.

Sun. Sept. 3 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Thurs. Sept. 7 5:15 p.m. For Jerome Lynes requested by his wife, Anne.

Sun. Sept. 10 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Sept. 10 11:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Offertory Last Week: \$1,702.00

Electronic Giving: \$150.00

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Victims of Hurricane
Harvey**

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Sue Haselton
Lollie Krawitt
Cyndy Marshall

Schedule of Ministries: September 10, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Angelina Seidita Anthony Seidita
	Lector:	Mary Terney
	Extraordinary Min.:	David McNally Mary Tierney
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Tricia Sulva
	Extraordinary Min.:	Jacqueline Jones Tricia Sulva

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-9/07 Choir Practice for 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir at 7:00 p.m.
-9/10 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-9/17 CCD Classes at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-9/17 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-9/21 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: Jesus bids me "deny myself" before "taking up the cross" and "following." What radical shift of values, reordering of priorities, refocusing of vision must take place in my heart as discipleship's non-negotiable Step Number 1?

Presbyteral Days: Father Cray will be away for the annual Diocesan meeting of priests beginning Tuesday, September 5 through Thursday, September 7. There will be **no** daily mass on Tuesday.

Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey: The second collection next **Sunday, September 10**, is to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and to assist in the relief efforts. There are "Special Collection" envelopes in the back of the church. Please be sure to write your name on the envelope. Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by this disaster.

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 8th (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.

Religious Ed Classes: Religious Ed information and registration forms were mailed out. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Marie. 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.

***PLEASE NOTE: Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades begins **Sunday, September 17**, beginning with the 8:00 a.m. Mass and then classes at Charlotte Central beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 2nd Year students begins on **Sunday, September 10** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. The 1st Year students will begin on **Sunday, September 17** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students have been sent out. If you did not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or email marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. **PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.**

Bishop's Fund: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 114.11% (\$25,194) 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.

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 **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.

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.

Screening of the Film *Outcasts*: On **Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.**, a special screening of *Outcasts* will be held in the Davis Center at UVM. *Outcasts* is a powerful new documentary from Grassroots Films that shows the work of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal as they serve the poor in some of the world's toughest neighborhoods. This moving film depicts the realities of life as experienced by drug addicts, women engaged in prostitution, people dying of AIDS, prisoners, and others in desperate situations – along with the efforts of the Franciscan Friars to share hope in Christ with them. The event is free but tickets are required. Pick up tickets at UVM Davis Ctr., The Catholic Center at UVM, and The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. For more info: catholiccenteruvm@gmail.com or 862-8403.



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”

— Mt 16:24b-26

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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.

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 the following retreat:
-Day of Hope: A one-day retreat, to be held Saturday, October 21.
Men and women seeking healing from the hurt caused by abortion can reach out to Project Rachel at 658-4118 or projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org

Catholic Variety Show: The Challengers will be hosting our first ever Catholic Variety Show on **October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester. This event will feature nationally renowned Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald—a very funny lady that shares stories about Catholic Dating, Family, Life and just being Catholic. Throughout the evening there will be a medley of very gifted priests sharing their many talents. The whole evening will be a benefit show to help support our Diocesan Seminarians. More information and tickets available for \$15/each at www.VTChallengers.org.

VT Christian Rock-toberfest: YOU ARE LOVED! Truest words ever spoken – **STARS GO DIM** with hit song “You Are Loved” will perform with a variety of other artists including **MALLARY HOPE** with hit song “NOW” and Catholic Comedian **JUDY MCDONALD** – at this year's Christian Rock-toberfest on **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington. Tickets ranging from \$20-\$30/each are available online at www.VTChristianMusic.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.” Learn how to more easily express love to your spouse 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.mevt.org>.