

November 29, 2015

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers 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 –First Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Jesus instructs his disciples to take this posture of confidence in the midst of a terribly disturbing situation. Describing his second coming, Jesus says that on seeing this event unfold, "People will die of fright." And yet the disciples are supposed to be pillars of strength. While others cower in fear, the Lord's followers are somehow immune, with heads raised high. Why? Well, presumably, because those who follow Christ--those who earn the distinction of being disciples--have nothing to fear. On the contrary, when they have to "stand before the Son of Man," it will be a happy occasion. But here's the catch: "disciple" is more than an empty title. If we want to be counted among this confident crew, there are a few things for us to do. Today's Gospel spells out these tasks, which are all perfect things to pursue during Advent.

First, we have to make sure that our "hearts do not become drowsy." We are called to stay awake in a spiritual sense, not allowing "carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life" to numb us. We need to avoid whatever might reduce our ability to recognize and relate to Jesus, because we don't want his appearance to catch us "by surprise like a trap." Advent is an ideal time to examine our lives to determine what activities, priorities, or pastimes might be putting our hearts to sleep. Secondly, we need to pray. We need to ask Jesus himself for "the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." We can't do it alone. But with Christ's help, we can be true, fearless disciples.

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Readings for the Week of November 29, 2015

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,343.00 Maintenance: \$15.00
Salvation Army: \$40.00
Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal: \$601.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$595.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 67 9:30 a.m.: 136

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Nov. 28 4:30 p.m. For All Souls
Sun. Nov. 29 9:30 a.m. For Bernard Giroux requested by his wife, June.
Sat. Dec. 5 4:30 p.m. For Joseph Cioffi requested by his wife, Peggy.
Sun. Dec. 6 9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of the Donor.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 30, 2015

Becky Cook
Dick Stowe
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: December 5 and 6, 2015

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Rob & Lori Lavallee
	Altar Server:	Patton Griswold
		Annie Dufault
	Lector:	Deirdre Bissonette
	Extraordinary Min.:	Theresa Aube
		Deirdre Bissonette
		Judy Thibault
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	CCD Classes
	Altar Server:	CCD Classes
	Lector:	CCD Classes
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sandy May
		Peter May
		Dan Smith

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-12/03 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-12/04 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-12/06 CCD Mass and Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
-12/06 2nd Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-12/06 Kids At Christmas Gifts Returned

Question of the Week: In preparing for next week's beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, consider: How has God's mercy touched my life? How can I become an instrument of God's mercy to others in this Jubilee Year?

Time Off: Bishop Coyne has directed that every priest should have a full day off each week. After consideration, Father Cray has decided to make that day Wednesdays. This will begin the first week in January 2016 and there will no longer be a daily Mass on Wednesdays.

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.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Immaculate Conception:

--Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m. at OLMC
--Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

--Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern
--Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude
--Thursday, December 24th at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC
--Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

--Thursday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude
--Friday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be available. Please join us.

*****St. Jude's will also be running a canteen during the Craft Fair. We are looking for donations of hot dogs and rolls, soups, chips, sandwich fixings and baked goods. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.**

Youth and Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast: Our next Youth and Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast will be next Sunday, December 6 beginning with the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The cost of the breakfast is \$8/adults; \$5/child; \$23/family (2 adults and 2 or more children).

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 December 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Lector Workbooks: The new Lector Workbooks for 2016 are available in the sacristy for all current lectors. If you haven't yet picked one up, please do so this weekend.

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

Helping the Homeless: The Driver Family (Andrew, Chrissy and children) is collecting monetary donations for the homeless in our area. They are hoping to give 15 homeless families at COTS each \$100 in gifts cards (\$50 calling cards and \$50 Hannaford cards). They will be handing these out on Christmas Eve. They are accepting donations until December 20th. Look for the collection jar in the lobby. Thank you.

Kids At Christmas: Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a child. We still have 2 children who are in need of clothing this Christmas season. If you would like to sponsor a child or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Marie. **The gifts are due back by Sunday, December 6 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call Marie at 482-2290 or email marietcookson@aol.com.

SCHIP: SCHIP (Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects) Resale shop in Shelburne is asking for men's, women's and children's winter boots along with jewelry, especially pierced earrings. If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off at SCHIPs on Shelburne Road in Shelburne or in the church lobby. Thank you.

Madrigal Singers: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on Monday, December 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sing-along.



“*Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.*”

— L k 21: 27 - 28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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, December 4 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Opening of the Holy Door: You are invited to attend the ceremony for the opening of the Holy Door at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. To receive the plenary indulgence on that day (or any other day) the pilgrim must make a sacramental Confession; receive Holy Communion; pass through the Holy Door at St. Joseph with the intention of receiving the indulgence; and, pray at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary for the intentions of the Pope. You may receive this indulgence more than once during the year, but only once a day. The indulgence can be applied to yourself or to a soul in purgatory. NOTE: This is not a Mass, but a special procession led by the Bishop with the Rite of the Opening of a Holy Door. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards. Please join Catholics around the world on this day for the inauguration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the individual dioceses. The Holy Door will remain open until November 2016 during which time group and individual pilgrimages are encouraged.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Light Is On For You: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday, December 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Jude Parish. This is a Diocesan-wide event held December 16 by each pastor.

Advent Penance Service: There will be an Advent Penance Service at St. John Vianney on Sunday, December 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be priests from the South Burlington Deanery available for Reconciliation.

Support Vermont Catholic Charities' 21st Annual Advent Appeal: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the 21st Annual Advent Appeal. Your generosity is essential as the "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, there are basic needs to be met: food, shelter, and heat, to name but a few. With your help, Vermont Catholic Charities can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Many Vermonters are struggling to put daily bread on the table or to keep the lights and heat on in their homes. Last year, Vermont Catholic Charities provided assistance to over 1,407 individuals, including 645 children under the age of 16. During the Christmas season, support was given to 260 family households with 503 children under the age of 16. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donation please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, PO Box 226, South Burlington, VT 05407 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org.