

January 24, 2016

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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 –3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." St. Luke began his Gospel by explaining why he wrote it. His intention was to provide a written account "of the events that have been fulfilled among us." But he didn't write simply to make a historical record; he wrote in order to bolster the confidence of the Christian community. He wanted to offer them a resource for realizing that what they had been taught was legitimate. This is why he investigated "everything accurately anew" and wrote it down "in an orderly sequence."

This passage helps us understand the relationship between sacred tradition and sacred Scripture. As Catholics, we believe that the Bible is an essential part of divine revelation that goes hand in hand with the teachings that were established by Jesus and passed on by his apostles. The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" tells us that the church "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence" (#82). Here, Luke emphasizes that what he writes is a confirmation of what was already being taught.

This fact should help us appreciate the gift of the Bible. This inspired collection of books exists to help us practice our faith and to bring us into a deeper understanding of the revealed word of God. Although the Bible is not the only source of revelation, it does help us to have what Luke calls "certainty" regarding our faith. We do hear Bible readings at Mass, but we would do well to read the Bible on our own as well. Let us not miss the opportunity to hear God's word speaking to us every day.

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Readings for the Week of January 24, 2016

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 /Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 /Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 / /Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 /Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 /1 Cor 12:31--13:13 /Lk 4:21-30

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,430.00 Maintenance: \$20.00
Fuel: \$52.50 Initial Offering: \$10.00
VT Catholic: \$198.00 Natural Disasters: \$751.25
Online Giving Last Week: \$465.00

Second Collection This Week for VT Catholic Magazine
Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Education

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 73 9:30 a.m.: 133

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Jan. 23 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.
Sun. Jan. 24 9:30 a.m. For Dan Giroux requested by his family.
Mon. Jan. 25 8:00 a.m. For Marie Gardner requested by her son, George.
Sat. Jan. 30 4:30 p.m. For Rose Mercier requested by Chris Estey and Dorothy Delaney.
Sun. Jan. 31 9:30 a.m. For Richard and Janet Dubois requested by their family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 25, 2016

George Gardner
Becky Cook
Brenda Waters

Schedule of Ministries: January 30 and 31, 2016

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Dawn Griswold Marie Cookson Patton Griswold
	Altar Server:	Mike New
	Lector:	Dawn Griswold
	Extraordinary Min.:	
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Marino Family Grace Buzzell Kail Turner
	Altar Server:	Tom Giroux
	Lector:	Doug Taff
	Extraordinary Min.:	

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-1/24 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-2/07 2nd Yr. Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.
-2/14 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: Whom can I identify—poor, bound, or blind—as needing my practical response to make this a Jubilee Year of Mercy for them?

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.

Jubilee Year Of Mercy For Religious and Consecrated Life: On Sunday, February 21 a Jubilee for Religious and Consecrated Life will take place at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen Street, Burlington. Light refreshments will be served after. This event will honor members of religious congregations serving the Diocese of Burlington. All are welcome.

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

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 January 26 and February 9 and 23 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 2016 are available in the lobby. 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 it. **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.

End Of Year Statements: End of Year Statements will be sent out within the next couple of weeks to those parishioners who use the collection envelopes, do online giving or put a loose check into the collection basket.

PLEASE NOTE: Diocesan regulations for the accounting of all collections requires a photocopy of all checks **not** enclosed in envelopes. We ask those parishioners NOT currently using envelopes to please consider doing so. This will alleviate the additional time, paper and storage involved in processing these loose checks. Thank you.

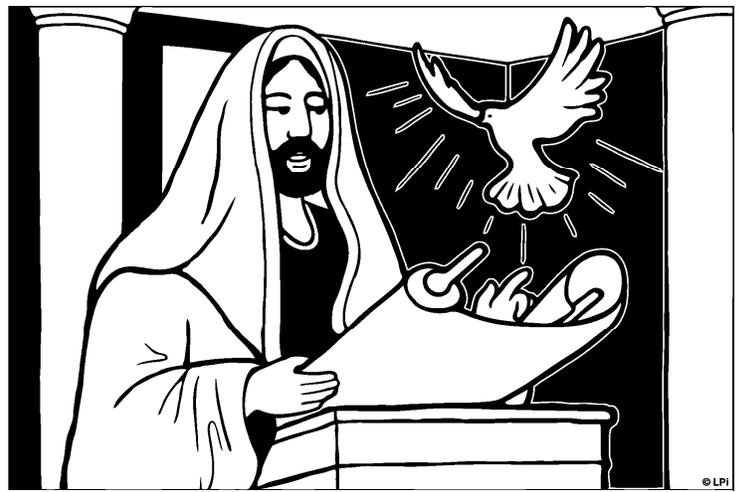
The Encounter with Christ: Pope Francis and the Heart of Catholicism: A presentation on "The Encounter with Christ: Pope Francis and the Heart of Catholicism" by Phil Lawson, the Director of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Burlington, will be held in the Robideau Fellowship Hall at Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center at 36 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct. on Thursday, February 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact 878-5331.

Vermont Response to Trafficking: January is anti-human trafficking month. Join Vermont faith leaders on Friday, January 29 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Austin Auditorium at UVMCC who will share the roles and responsibilities of Faith Communities to Human Trafficking. Call 656-0748 for more information.

Project Rachel: Find hope and healing from abortion. Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. For more information about Project Rachel or to speak to a trained Project Rachel professional, please contact 658-4118.

Fabric Donations Needed: Helping Hands Sewing Ministry is in need of cottons, cotton blends and lightweight upholstery fabrics (at least ½ yd). If you have fabric you would like to donate or know of anyone who does, the HHSM would love to take the fabric off your hands. They are also looking for solid color sheets in good shape. If you have any of these items, please contact Grace Link at 489-6200.

Mater Christi School Open House: Mater Christi in Burlington is holding an Open House on Thursday, February 4 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Tour their classrooms and see the students and teachers involved in the learning process. Families are welcome, including very youngest members. For more info or to register as a guest, call 658-3992 or email kdorey@materchristischool.net. Visit www.mcschool.org.



—The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.”

— Lk 4:18

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Women's Retreat: The Sisters of Mercy are offering to any interested women the opportunity to spend a day in retreat at Mount St. Mary's in Burlington. Retreat director is Sr. Ann Duhaime, RSM, and the theme of the retreat is "LIVING IN GOD'S MERCY". The retreat day is Saturday, January 30. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. Cost of the retreat is \$25 which includes breakfast items and snacks. Those attending need to bring their own bag lunch. If interested, please contact Sr. Ruth Ravey at 33mercyvt@gmail.com or call at 658-5494 for a registration form.

World Marriage Day: The annual celebration of World Marriage Day will be Sunday, February 7 with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington. Bishop Coyne will celebrate this Mass. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2016 such as 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and above, will be recognized at the Diocesan Mass. If you are interested in attending the Mass, please fill out the information on the sheet in the lobby of the church. Also, if you would like to receive a certificate honoring your "milestone" anniversary, please fill out the information on the same sheet.

SCHIP Grant Deadline: The deadline for the next round of SCHIP grant applications is January 31, 2016. Grant application forms are available by emailing schipgrant@myfairpoint.net or by stopping by the shop at 5404 Shelburne Road, Shelburne. If you have any questions or would like more info, please contact Ali Gately at 482-3063 or aligately@yahoo.com. In order to qualify for a SCHIP grant, the applicant must be a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization.

Prospective Parent Luncheon at Rice Memorial High School: Learn more about northern Vermont's only Catholic high school, Rice Memorial in South Burlington, by attending a Prospective Parent Luncheon on Tuesday, February 9, at 12 noon. Gain a unique perspective by dining with a Rice student while hearing from a Rice parent and various administrators. A tour will also be offered after lunch for anyone with time to stay. This is the ideal venue to ask questions about Rice, the admissions process and finances. Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, RSVP by February 4 at www.rmhsvt.org or by emailing Christy Bahrenburg, Director of Enrollment, at bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org. If unable to make the luncheon, you may also contact Christy at (802) 862-6521 ext. 235 to set up a meeting and personal tour of the school.