

# February 28, 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent***

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Who wants to repent? Who wants to change habits, make sacrifices, or chart a more challenging course? Repentance isn't the easy road. Few of us are naturally drawn towards it. Perhaps that's why Jesus had to speak with such boldness in today's Gospel. Repent, or perish. Change, or suffer and die. Not what we like to hear. Not what we like to do. But we would be foolish not to listen.

The entire Gospel message is certainly one of mercy and compassion. Jesus was the first to show forgiveness to sinners, and he always called others to do the same. He suffered and died so that WE wouldn't have to suffer eternal death. But the fact remains that we can still CHOOSE to "perish." We can choose to stay rooted in our favorite sins and to cling tightly to the comfortable vices that stifle a virtuous life. When we won't let go of them, then we don't truly repent. But Jesus urges us to change so that we can enjoy the eternal benefits of his mercy. He doesn't want us to perish! As we hear in today's psalm, "He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion." Repenting--turning back to God--puts us in the right position for this spiritual coronation.

Lent is a time especially built for repentance. It is a season that calls us not only to recognize where we need to change, but to actually set those changes into motion. Lent isn't just a pious liturgical ritual. These forty days are a response to Christ's stern warning that we need to repent in order to save our souls. Let's not pretend to be exempt from the message. Lent is meant for ALL of us.

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## **Readings for the Week of February 28, 2016**

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14  
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,546.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$525.00**

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

**Attendance Last Week:**  
**4:30 p.m.: 96      9:30 a.m.: 115**

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Feb. 27 4:30 p.m.** For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.

**Sun. Feb. 28 9:30 a.m.** For Joyce Costello requested by Marie Cookson.

**Sat. Mar. 5 4:30 p.m.** For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

**Sun. Mar. 6 9:30 a.m.** For June Surrago requested by the Confirmation Students.

## **Pray for Vocations**

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 29, 2016**

Lee Cross  
Ann Thomas  
Grace Link

### **Schedule of Ministries: March 5 and 6, 2016**

4:30 p.m.      Greeters: Dawn Griswold  
Marie Cookson  
Altar Server: Becca Syverson  
Joshua Syverson  
Lector: Heidi St. Peter  
Extraordinary Min.: Dawn Griswold  
Sue Haselton  
Stan Haselton

9:30 a.m.      Greeters: The Thomas Family  
Theresa Christiansen  
Altar Server: Hunter Driver  
Lector: Tom Buzzell  
Extraordinary Min.: Dan Smith  
Stephanie Buzzell  
Tom Buzzell

## **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-3/01 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.  
-3/02 Lenten Series at 7:00 p.m.  
-3/04 Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass  
-3/04 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.  
-3/06 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.  
-3/12 First Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m.  
-3/12 Youth and Family Mass at 4:30 p.m.  
-3/12 Pasta Dinner following the 4:30 p.m. Mass

**Question of the Week:** How abundant is the growth of mercy's fruit in my life?

**Men's Discussion Groups:** The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

**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 February 12. All are welcome.

**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, March 4 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign:** It's that time of year again...Care Net Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday. Baby Bottles are available beginning this weekend. Fill the bottle with change during Lent and return it here on Easter Sunday. Make it a family project! Your spare change really does save lives through Care Net's life-affirming ministry. Thank you for participating and for your prayers.

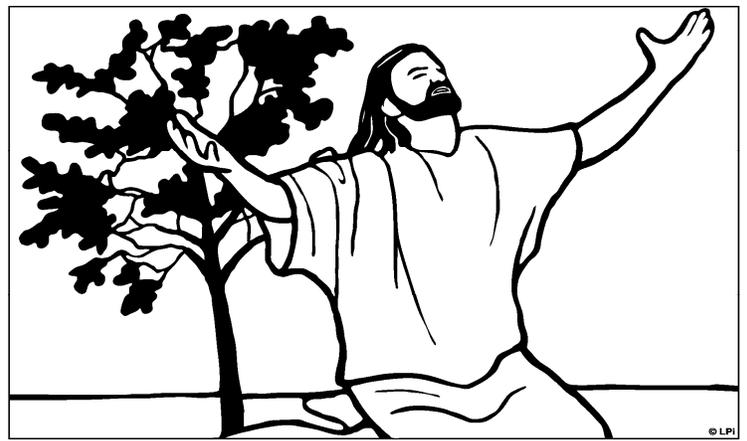
**Food Shelf Lenten Collection:** We will once again be doing our Lenten Food Shelf Collection for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Paper bags are available in the lobby. Fill the bag with a day's worth of non-perishable food items (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and returned the bag. Won't you please help those in need in our area?

**Toiletry Kit Lenten Collection:** This Lenten Season we will be collecting toiletry items for the less fortunate. Beginning this weekend we will have ziplock bags with a list of items in each one. You can either buy some or all of the items on the lists. The items will be categorized as most needed (toothpaste, soap, etc.) or less needed (lotions, body wipes, etc.). There will also be a box in the lobby for folks who would like to help with this collection but don't want to fill a whole bag. It is our hope to fill 200 bags to give out to clients at the Salvation Army, COTS or St. Joseph's Home.

**Vermont Ibutwa Initiative:** On February 27 and 28 Cleophae Mukeba, founder and executive director of the Vermont Ibutwa Initiative, will be speaking after all the Masses. Mr. Mukeba's presentations will give us an opportunity to reflect on yet another dimension of our Christian vocation to mercy and justice, and to learn about and perhaps donate to Ibutwa, which helps women who are survivors of rampant and systemic rape in the Democratic Republic of Congo and their children. Ibutwa provides medical assistance, the means to a sustainable livelihood, and pays school fees for the children. Some of the women who have been served have said that Ibutwa has given them a new life. Mr. Mukeba holds a Master's degree in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School. He has been speaking at area colleges and universities and has been featured on WCAX. He will be accompanied by Dr. Laurie Gagne, Director of the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice at St. Michael's College.

**Jubilee for Children (Grade School):** On March 20 a Jubilee for Young Children (grade school) will take place at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen St., Burlington. Families with young children are invited to join in this celebration, and extended family members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served after. There will be a live performance and meditation upon the Stations of the Cross for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Please bring a small bag of canned goods that will be donated to a local food bank. All are welcome.

**Catholic Relief Services:** Next weekend, March 5 and 6, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all peoples. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" — Lk 13:2-3

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**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.

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

**Lenten Series:** Both St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes will be sponsoring Lenten series in February and March.

\*\*\*At Saint Jude's: "Each day, we wake slightly altered, and the person we were yesterday is dead. So why, one could say, be afraid of death, when death comes all the time?" John Updike. All the more so for Christians, as we believe that having died with Christ in Baptism we will live with him in glory. Three talks on three Wednesday evenings **February 17, March 2, and March 9 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** will focus on a properly Christian approach to end-of-life issues including palliative care (Barbara Segal of Saint Jude's and the UVM Medical Center); hospice care (Lora Merrill of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Vermont Respite House); dealing with physical death and the celebration of funeral rites (Stephen Gregory of Saint Catherine's and Stephen C. Gregory & Son Cremation Service); and living wills and advanced directives (Father David Cray). More details will follow soon.

\*\*\*At Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Doctor Raymond Patterson, chair of the Religious Studies Department at Saint Michael's College, will present three talks on "The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America" in conjunction with the customary bread and soup meals on Monday evenings, **February 22, February 29, and March 7 beginning with soup at 6:30 p.m. and talk at 7:00 p.m.** Topics will include "Servant of God: The Thought of Dorothy Day," (candidate for sainthood and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement); "Contemplation in an Age of Action: Thomas Merton," (prolific author and Trappist Monk of Gethsemani Abbey); and "American Catholic Literature," (Flannery O'Connor and Walker Percy). Both Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton were singled out for mention by Pope Francis in his address to Congress in September. More details will follow soon.