

March 6, 2016

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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 -4th Sunday of Lent

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus crossed lines that weren't supposed to be crossed. He talked to women in public, touched the "unclean" to heal them, and chummed it up with tax collectors and sinners. This didn't make sense. It didn't fit into the standard categories. And so the religious leaders began to complain.

In response to this, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son. Through this story, he illustrated that God loves all of his children even when they have not behaved perfectly. But more than this, the tale also deals with the resentment of the older son--the one who always followed the law. Like the self-righteous Pharisees and scribes, the older brother complained. "All these years I served you," the son said, "and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends." But how does the father respond? "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours." In other words, the older brother had no reason to complain or be angry. He already enjoyed all good gifts. The father simply wanted him to rejoice that his brother had returned home. "He was lost and has been found."

It's important for those of us who attend Mass regularly, participate in the sacraments, and serve in our parishes not to fall into the trap of being like the bitter older brother or the complaining Pharisees. We must welcome everyone in our midst with joy, not resentment or judgment. It can be easy to think that others don't deserve as much as we do, and to forget to be grateful for all that we have. But we are ALL called to "celebrate and rejoice" when the lost return home.

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Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,856.45

Online Giving Last Week: -0-

Second Collection This Week for Catholic Relief Services

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 86 9:30 a.m.: 125

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Mon. Mar. 7 8:00 a.m. For Marie Gardner requested by her son, George.

Sat. Mar. 12 4:30 p.m. For Francis and Grace Casey requested by Dennis and Peg Casey.

Sun. Mar. 13 9:30 a.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 7, 2016

George Gardner
Becky Cook
Anne Donegan

Schedule of Ministries: March 12 and 13, 2016

4:30 p.m. Greeters: CCD Classes
Altar Server: CCD Classes
Lector: CCD Classes
Extraordinary Min.: Judy Thibault

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Paulette Noyes
Charlene Van Sleet
Altar Server: Grace Buzzell
Lector: Tom Giroux
Extraordinary Min.: Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-3/06 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.
-3/08 Senior Meal at Noon
-3/10 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-3/11 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.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: Jesus offered pardon unconditionally and graciously to the woman accused of adultery and to me. To whom can I offer this unconditional and gracious pardon?

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	OLMC
Good Friday (Ecumenical)	3:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.	OLMC
Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	11:00 a.m.	OLMC

Holy Week and Easter Sign Up: The sign-up sheets for the ministries for Holy Week and Easter are in the back of the church.

First Reconciliation: We have 8 students who will be making their First Reconciliation next Saturday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this time.

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.

Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign: Thank you for participating in the Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign. Please remember to bring your bottles back by Easter, March 27. We are collecting them now. Thank you for being a part of this ministry..

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.

What Is A Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out"? The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. A meal train for the Dubuc's has been set up to help during this recent health crisis. You can use the unique web address for their meal train below to view the calendar to pick a date for making/delivering a meal if you'd like to help out. Thank you. <http://mealtrain.com/747kn2>.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Light Is On For You: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Jude Parish. This is a Diocesan-wide event held March 16 by each pastor.

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: This 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.

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



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" — Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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Youth and Family Mass: Our next Youth and Family Mass is next Saturday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m. This will be followed by a Pasta Dinner. Cost of the Pasta Dinner is \$10/adult; \$7/child and seniors; \$30/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome.

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.

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. (The last talk is 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 Gray).

***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 20th 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.** The last talk is "American Catholic Literature," (Flannery O'Connor and Walker Percy).

Counseling Services Available: Vermont Catholic Charities offers affordable counseling services to individuals, couples and families. People seek counseling for many different reasons: a crisis, a loss, a major life change, substance abuse, or to improve relationships. With offices in South Burlington, St. Albans, Rutland and Middlebury, our experienced clinicians and psychiatrist are here to help. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and offer a sliding scale fee. If you or someone you know needs support, call 658-6111, ext. 1318.

Men's Discussion Groups: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Hinesburg Artist Series: The Hinesburg Artist Series is celebrating with the twentieth annual concert. The South County Chorus and Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra, under the direction of Rufus Patrick, are proud to perform The Prayer, Prayer of the Children, Turn the World Around and the Mozart Requiem. The concert is next Sunday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude's. Guest artists are Soprano Sarah Cullins, Alto Amy Patrick, Tenor Adam Hall, Bass Gary Moureau, and trumpet Jim Duncan. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors 60 and older. Tickets are available at the Flynn Theater (flynntix.org or (802) 86-FLYNN). They can also be purchased at the Hinesburg Recreation Office in the Hinesburg Town Hall, Hinesburgh Public House, or at the door. We have parishioners from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes who are part of this concert. Please join your friends and neighbors in support of our amazing musicians.

Taize Service: Evening prayer in the spirit of the Taize Community will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11 at St. Mary's Convent on Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. The candle-lit service includes quiet chant, Scripture readings, meditative silence, prayer around the cross, and song accompanied by harp and flute. All are welcome.

Project Rachel: Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. There are still openings for the Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend April 8-10, 2016. For more information please contact projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org or call (802) 658-4118.

Rice High School Tuition Assistance: Families interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2016-17 Rice academic year must do so no later than March 15, 2016. Rice uses FACTS to assess all tuition assistance requests. The application is filled out electronically via the FACTS link on the Tuition and Fees page of the Rice website (www.rmhsvt.org). Rice awards over \$600,000 in need-based tuition assistance annually. Questions? Contact Rice CFO, Lisa Cunningham at cunningham@rmhsvt.org or 862-6521 ext. 206.

Our Lady's Apostolate of Fatima: Please join and celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with the Rosary Devotion and Mass for all parishioners on March 19 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond, VT. It starts at 3:00 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:15-3:45 p.m. for Rosary and Confession; 4:00 p.m. Mass; followed by the potluck supper at the parish hall. For more information please call Rick Gavelin at 862-2240.

Burlington Area Young Adults Double Saint Day

Celebration: St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's feast days are coming up! Come celebrate these two great saints by coming to St. Mark Parish's on March 19 for Mass at 4:00 p.m. and party afterwards. If you would like to bring a dish to share you are more than welcomed to but it is not required. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please email burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page "Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults".

Vermont Ibutwa Initiative – Thank You: A message from Laurie Gagne, Director, Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice: "Cleophas and I – and really the whole Vermont Ibutwa Initiative – want to express our gratitude for the opportunity to share our message with the wonderful people of your parishes – St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel – last weekend. We felt very welcome at all the Masses and had some lively conversations with people wanting to know more about our work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. One woman even volunteered to do some bookkeeping for us! As for donations, we received \$464 altogether, while many people took envelopes and said they would be sending us checks later. It was a great experience all around. Thanks so much for your generous invitation and warm hospitality."

CURSILLO: *Bringing Christ to where you live, work, and play.* Men's Cursillo Weekend: July 28-31; Women's Cursillo Weekend: Aug 4-7. For more information please contact Dan Daigler (257-7395) or Carol Bemis (779-6412).

Spring Ahead to Daylight Savings Time: Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before turning in for bed next Saturday night, March 12, so you don't miss Mass next Sunday.

