

August 21, 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 -21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."

Liturgical Publications

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-1

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Offertory Last Week: \$3,553.85
Maintenance: \$179.50
Online Giving Last Week: \$100.00

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 85 9:30 a.m.: 110

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Aug. 20 4:30 p.m. For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona.

Sun. Aug. 21 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sat. Aug. 27 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

Sun. Aug. 28 9:30 a.m. For the deceased members of the Raino Family requested by the family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 22, 2016

Stan Haselton
Grace Link
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: August 27 and 28, 2016

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Karen Fox Dawn Griswold
	Altar Server:	Patton Griswold
	Lector:	Heidi St. Peter
	Extraordinary Min.:	Heidi St. Peter Hollis St. Peter Dawn Griswold

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Meyer Family
	Altar Server:	Hunter Driver Grace Buzzell
	Lector:	Alexis Meyer
	Extraordinary Min.:	Emily Donegan

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-8/22 Evangelization Workshop at 6:30 p.m.
-8/23 Senior Meal at Noon
-8/31 Salvation Army Dinner
-9/02 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 p.m.
-9/06 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/08 Red Cross Blood Drive at 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Question of the Week: How can I strengthen my "weak knees" this week in daily prayer? My "drooping hands" in generous service? Turn my feet from seeking my own time off to meeting Jesus in those who need my mercy and love?

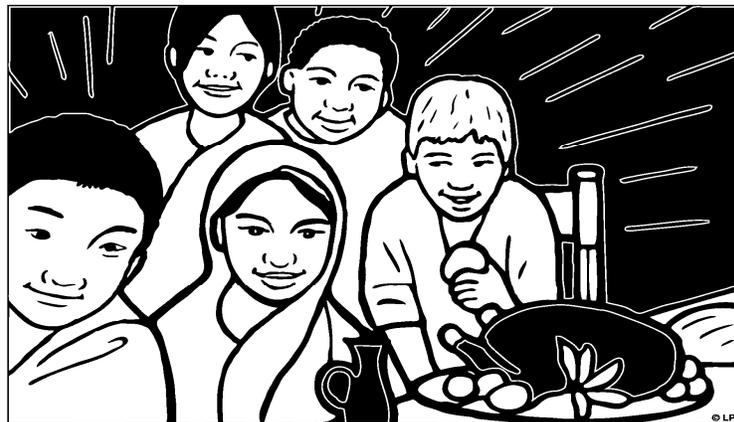
Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

Ride Needed: Joan Bettis is looking for a ride to the 4:30 p.m. Mass each week. She lives at Kelly's Field. If you can help, please contact Joan at 482-4862. Thank you.

Offertory Y-T-D- Last Year: \$15,879.63
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$16,915.56

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$1,655.23
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$1,592.35

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,276.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$2,031.00



Jubilee Of Mercy Celebration For Musicians: On August 21 there will be a Jubilee for Musicians at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen Street, Burlington. Musicians, choir members, cantors and all church musicians are invited to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. Light refreshments will be served after. 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 August 23 and September 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Toiletry Kit Collection: We are continuing to collect toiletry items for the less fortunate. We have ziplock bags with a list of items in each one. You can either buy some or all of the items on the lists. We are in need especially of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants and soap. Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive: The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, September 8 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** We are in need of food donations. Please see the sign up sheets in the lobby. There is an urgent need for blood, especially this time of year. Please bring a friend and be sure to have your Blood Donor Card, Photo ID or two forms of ID.

Salvation Army: The next Salvation Army Dinner will be Wednesday, August 31. We will be serving baked beans, hotdogs, rolls, potato salad, chips, watermelon and milk. We are also looking for workers. **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.** Sign up sheets for food donations and workers are in the lobby. Food donations need to be at the church by **3:00 p.m.** on August 31. Workers meet at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. and are usually finished by 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290.

Summer Reflection Series: In July and August, the members of the Society of St. Edmund and Diocesan Priests will present the Summer Reflection Series at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. The programs begin with the 11:15 a.m. Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.

-8/24 Rev. Raymond Doherty, SSE Pope Francis and Our Common Home

-8/31 Rev. Richard Berbube, SSE The Really, Really Old Mass: After the Last Supper

INSPIRE: Called to Love: Catholics...whether young or old, married or single, religious or ordained, INSPIRE: Called to Love is for you. Join thousands at the Lake Placid Olympic Arena on **Sunday, September 25**, to reflect on your baptismal call to holiness. The Vocations Summit will INSPIRE you with dynamic prayer, world-renowned speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Christopher Coyne, George Weigel and Jennifer Fulwiler. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.inspirecalledtolove.com>.

“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” — Lk 13:29-30

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Starting the Conversation in VT: The Church is calling for us to live the Joy of the Gospel amidst the New Evangelization. What is the new Evangelization? Why are we being called? How does it apply to Vermont in particular? “Starting the Conversation” is a free diocesan workshop being offered around the state, to provide history and insight into what this new evangelization is, and to equip the faithful with tools and ideas to enrich their parishes and communities. Phil Lawson, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Burlington, will be presenting. This workshop will be offered at St. Jude's on August 22 at 6:30 p.m. along with many other sites. Please see the bulletin board for more dates and places. No registration required. All are welcome.

An Invitation to Pray For Peace: There will be a Prayer Service For Peace on Tuesday evenings beginning July 26 through August 30 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Shelburne. The Prayer Service is dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Please join them in a communal prayer for peace throughout the world, in our country, in our local community and in our families. All are welcome.

UVM and Chaplain College Students: If you or someone you know from our parish family is attending UVM or Champlain College please let us know. The Catholic Center at UVM would like to reach out to these students to serve as a link between their home parish and their “Church away from home”.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$21,538 (92.72%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$23,230. We are answering Pope Francis' call in this Jubilee Year of Mercy to go out to every family and to bring them the goodness and mercy of God. Your generous gifts help to strengthen our collective mission of mercy, charity, hope and love. Please visit bishopsfund.org to see why your contributions matter. **We have a list of parishioners who gave gifts to the Bishop's Fund in the past but have not yet responded to this year's request. It would really be appreciated if these folks would make some response in the next few weeks. Thank you.**