Cycles of Faith – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Once they wear the crown, earthly kings don't have to win the allegiance of their subjects; if you live in the kingdom, you're part of the kingdom and are under the authority of the king. But things are different with Jesus.

As the Lord told Pilate, "my kingdom does not belong to this world." His subjects are not given by default. His kingdom is not established in a particular place or even in a particular time. Rather, the realm of the King of the universe encompasses all the other kingdoms of the world. And everyone, regardless of any earthly allegiance, is invited to be the privileged subject of this King. The key to entering this kingdom, as Jesus says, is to listen to his voice. Heeding the voice—the teachings, the guidance, the commandments—of Jesus enables us to belong to this kingdom that is founded upon truth.

Jesus defines his authority in these terms: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." As Christians, we profess to follow the King of kings. Therefore, as members of his royal realm, we too should be about the business of testifying to the truth. Of course there are many ways to defend the truth in our modern age. Upholding the dignity of life and protecting religious liberty are two examples of the pressing issues of our day. But even more fundamental is the basic claim we make: that Jesus is in fact God-made-man and that, through his death and resurrection, he has saved us from our sins.

This Gospel message, both simple and profound, is a truth that never grows old. Let us boldly profess the truth of the Gospel as we invite all those we encounter to join in the joy of the kingdom of Jesus.

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Readings for the Week of November 22, 2015

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Offertory Last Week: $2,354.38  Fuel: $20.00
Priest Benefit Fund: $22.50  Maintenance: $80.00
Salvation Army: $40.00  All Saints: $60.00
Pasta Dinner: $364.56
Online Giving Last Week: $100.00

Second Collection This Week for Bishop deGoesbriand

Appeal for Human Development

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:
Sat. Nov. 21 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.
Sun. Nov. 22 9:30 a.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.
Mon. Nov. 23 8:00 a.m. For Tobey Hockridge requested by Nathan and Kimberly Fry.
Fri. Nov. 27 8:00 a.m. For Michael Holubowski requested by Irena and James Case.
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.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 23, 2015
Theresa Aube
Lee Cross
Anne Donegan

Schedule of Ministries: November 28 & 29, 2015
4:30 p.m. Greeters: Dawn Griswold
Theresa Aube
Altar Server: Patton Griswold
Lector: Mike New
Extraordinary Min.: Dawn Griswold

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Kathy & Ted Barrett
Altar Server: Hunter Driver
Lector: Mickey Wetzel
Extraordinary Min.: Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:
-11/21 & 22 Food Shelf Weekend
-11/24 Senior Meal at Noon
-11/25 Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner
-12/03 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-12/04 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: Today's Gospel ends just before Pilate asks Jesus another question: "What is truth?" The world asks us the same question: What is truth?

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:

Thanksgiving Day:
--Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

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

Remembering our Deceased: We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased faith members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book is available in the lobby.

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.

Bishop deGoebriand Appeal for Human Development:
"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!" - Pope Francis

Your support of the Bishop deGoebriand Appeal for Human Development makes a real difference in the daily lives of Vermonters. Thanks to your generosity in the past, Vermont Catholic Charities has been able to award grants to local non-profits that provide services to the young, elderly, homeless and hungry. Please donate to the second collection this weekend so they can continue to provide financial assistance to worthy agencies. **100% of the collection stays in VT.**

Salvation Army Dinner: St. Jude’s will be providing a Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army on Wednesday, November 25. We are looking for food donations along with monetary donations. We will be purchasing the turkeys, potatoes and ice cream. Any extra funds will be used for future dinners.

***We are looking for food donations of coleslaw, corn, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, desserts and milk. We are also looking for people to help serve. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Food needs to be at St. Jude’s on November 25 by 1:30 p.m. Workers at the Salvation Army by 4:00 p.m. We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The next senior meal is scheduled for November 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Food Shelf Weekend: This weekend, November 21 & 22, is Food Shelf Weekend. Won’t you please bring a non-perishable food item for your neighbors in need? Thank you.

Looking for Yarn: St. Joseph’s Home in Burlington is looking for yarn for the residences to knit mittens for the WCAX Mitten Tree. These mittens are given to local schools and daycare centers. If you have any yarn you would like to donate, please leave in the box in the lobby. Thank you.

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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.

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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 gift 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 about 25 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 visit the Kids at Christmas table in the lobby. 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 mariettecookson@aol.com.

Appreciation Weekend: This weekend, November 21 and 22, we would like to thank those parishioners who help to make our parish function in so many ways. These folks will be recognized during the masses.

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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 precession 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.

Moral Economy: Vermont Interfaith Action invites you to an important public event in the movement toward a Moral Economy on Wednesday, December 2 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Montpelier at 130 Main Street. VIA and Public Assets are calling for Governor Shumlin to publicly publish a “Current Services Budget”—a projection of the real cost of providing all of the public services the state has said, through laws and policies, it is committed to provide. This additional column in the state budget would show the number of dollars it would actually take to run state programs and meet the assessed needs of Vermonters. On December 2, they will hold one of the “Actions” and make this request of Governor Shumlin publicly. We must demonstrate that people of faith care deeply about the immorality of our current economy, and that we strongly desire the transparency a Current Services Budget will provide and we can do that best with a large number of people in attendance.

Daily Mass at St. Jude’s—Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude’s will follow the Hinesburg School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and/or Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.

Attention Faculty & Staff of UVM and Champlain Colleges: The Catholic Center at UVM would like to invite all faculty and staff of UVM and Champlain College and their families to join them for a meet and greet evening at The Catholic Center with the students on Wednesday, December 2 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. A light dinner will be provided. Students, faculty, staff and families will have an opportunity to connect with each other and find support and resources among peers and professionals in their field of study. Please RSVP to uvmcatholic50years@gmail.com no later than Monday, November 30 if you plan to attend.