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#### St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
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Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

# St. Thomas Church

6 Green Street  
 PO Box 3  
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#### Office Hours:

M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Priest's Office Hours:

Tue. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Fri. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM      Sunday 8:30 AM

#### Daily Masses

Tuesday 6:30 PM      Friday 8:00 AM

This schedule is subject to change. Please consult the weekly bulletin for current schedule.

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30-9:30 AM

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30-6:15 PM      Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM

Please consult weekly bulletin.

#### Baptisms

Please call the parish office to set up Baptism preparation and Baptism date.

#### Marriages

Call the Pastor nine (9) months in advance of the wedding for preparation meetings.

#### Sacrament of the Sick & Home Visits

Please call the office if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"  
 Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

## WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

April 22 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Joann Bibb requested by the Social Concerns
April 23 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Audra Staples Delgado requested by Laura Lynch Wells 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the health and well being of Josh May requested by Tom & Susie May
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas
April 29 SAT	<b>Visiting priest Fr. Joseph Sanderson</b> 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Donald Gingras requested by Stan & Sue Haselton
April 30 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule April 29 & 30	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	J Burke	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	P Brooks	M Girouard	NONE

### St. Thomas Yard Sale Early Bird Donation Days!

We'll be accepting donations this Tuesday, April 25th, from 4:30-6 pm, and this Saturday, April 29th, from 8:30-11 am at the rectory garage. We'd love to have your household items, small appliances, holiday décor, toys, puzzles, games, tools, sports equipment, and linens. Please no clothes (jackets, boots and shoes OK), large luggage or large exercise equipment, beds, baby equipment, computers, etc., large appliances, wall fixtures, phones/TVs, encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, VHS and cassette tapes, or Christmas trees. Please no large furniture at this time. Everything must be clean and in working order. The 25th and 29th are early bird donation days for parishioners only before we open this up to the community. We look forward to seeing you!

### Next Week's Second Collection

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### Stewardship - April 15/16, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,676.31  
Regular Collection: .....(incl. \$338 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,683.00



Please give online at [www.stthomasvt.com/donate](http://www.stthomasvt.com/donate) or mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.  
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### St. Mark the Evangelist, Feast Day: April 25

Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles.

He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10).

Mark joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 A.D. When the group reached Cyprus, Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem because he was missing his home (Acts 13:13). This incident caused Paul to question whether Mark could be a reliable missionary. It created a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas and led Paul to refuse Mark's accompaniment on their second journey to the churches of Cilicia and the rest of Asia Minor. The troubles between Paul and Mark did not last long. When Paul was first imprisoned, Mark, who was in Rome, visited him as one of his trusted companions (Col 4:10).

Mark probably went to Asia Minor, because during Paul's second captivity and just before his martyrdom, Paul wrote to Timothy at Ephesus advising him to "take Mark and bring him with you [to Rome], for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11). If Mark returned to Rome at this time, he was probably there when Paul was martyred.

Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to Mark as 'his son' in his letter addressed to five churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Mark was an interpreter for Peter.

Mark was likely speaking of himself when he wrote the description of Jesus' arrest in Gethsemani, "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52). St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr.

Mark's Gospel was probably written between 60 and 70 A.D. and was based upon the teachings of St. Peter. It is believed Mark provided both Luke and Matthew with basic sources for their Gospel's.

He was the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt and the founder of the Church of Alexandria. In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy where they are today. He is the patron saint of Venice.

St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. The image comes from a combination of the four-winged creatures in Ezekiel 1 and in Revelations 4:7 where we read: "And the first living creature resembled a lion, and the second living creature resembled a calf, and the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature resembled a flying eagle." These four living creatures are interpreted as the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

### PARISH EVENTS

Monday	4/24	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	4/25	4:30-6:00 PM - Yard Sale Donations Accepted 5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	4/26	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	4/27	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	4/28	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	4/29	**Second Collection - Catholic Home Missions 8:30-11: AM - Yard Sale Donations Accepted 3:15 PM - Confessions



### Religious Education 2022-23:

Please keep in your prayers all of St. Thomas' First Communicants and Confirmation candidates.

**First Communicants:** Luke Hardy, James Keener, and Jaxon Mannings

**Confirmation candidates:** Lauren Potvin, and Declan Sheldon

Make faith formation a lifelong effort .

Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

### Summer Campership Program

For many years, St. Thomas has been involved in the Jericho Summer Camp Scholarship Program. We have helped to send kids from lower income families from Jericho and Underhill to 3 weeks of full-day summer camp fun at the Jericho Recreation Summer Camp. During those years, area churches, businesses and individuals have contributed towards more than 250 kids from our community being able to attend a safe, fun, and enriching program. The cost is around \$700 to send one child from Jericho and one from Underhill for a 3 week camp session. If you would like to contribute to this program through St. Thomas, envelopes will be in the pews beginning next week. Please have donations in by May 31.

### Baby Bottle Campaign

It's that time of year again - Aspire Together Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign! You can pick up your baby bottle on Mother's Day weekend, here at the church, fill it with change, and return it here on Father's Day. Make it a family project! Your spare change really does save lives through Aspire Together's life affirming ministry. Thank you for participating and for your prayers.

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
"A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

### Age Well Grab and Go!

Our Age Well Grab and Go meal is available to those 60 and over and will be held on Wednesday, **April 26**, with pickup 11-12pm. This month's meal consists of: Chicken with gravy and mashed potatoes, sliced carrots with parsley, Texas toast with butter, pumpkin custard with cream, & milk. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri by 4/24 at 802-899-4632 or office@stthomasvt.com to register. We are encouraging a **suggested donation of \$5 per meal**, however no one will be turned away for their inability to pay.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE



If you would like to dedicate the tabernacle vigil candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 802-899-4632. The suggested donation is \$10 for a one-week period.

### Ascension's Maple Ham Dinner

Ascension's Ham Dinner with Maple Pies & Maple Dumplings will be held Sunday, April 23rd at Ascension Parish, 3157 Ethan Allen Highway (Route 7), Georgia, VT. There are 2 seatings: 11:30am and 12:45pm. The cost is Adults \$15; Seniors \$12; Children 7-12 \$10; Immediate Family—\$40. Reservations can be made by calling Alice @ 802-524-3330.

### FORMED

#### Catholic Commentary on "The Chosen"

Catholic Commentary on The Chosen helps Catholics engage with the immensely popular TV series depicting the life of Christ. Using the fullness of the faith and authentic Catholic imagination, Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger help Catholics approach Scripture, creative license, and more in The Chosen.



### SAVE THE DATES: GIFTS OF THE KINGDOM 2023

The Pastoral Office will be hosting a new version of the "Gifts of the Kingdom" event called "Graces of the Kingdom". These will be mornings of reflection and rejuvenation held throughout the state in the late summer to help volunteers, catechists and PCLs start the new school year on the right foot. The events will include Mass, lunch, keynotes, breakout sessions and small tokens of appreciation. The dates and locations are as follows: Barre, August 26; Essex, September 9, Springfield, September 16. More details coming in May. For any questions, please contact Daniel Lacourrege at dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org. Hope to see you there!

## **Readings For the Week**



### April 24

Acts 6:8-15

Jn 6:22-29

### April 25

**Feast of Saint Mark,  
evangelist**

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

### April 26

Acts 8:1b-8

Jn 6:35-40

### April 27

Acts 8:26-40

Jn 6:44-51

### April 28

Acts 9:1-20

Jn 6:52-59

### April 29

**Memorial of Saint Catherine  
of Siena, Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church**

Acts 9:31-42

Jn 6:60-69

### April 30

**Fourth Sunday of  
Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 802-899-4632

### WE PRAY FOR

**SICK:** For all our sick: Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Lawrence Lecours, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Diane Dufresne, Audra Goss, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Maureen Mayes, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan, Meghan Diana, Diann Bean, Jean Danaher, Jay Tisbert, Curtis Stuhr, Jerry Reny, Charles Mannings, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Theresa Nadeau, Amy Burdine, Rick & Deb Wilhelm, Will Esmay and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially Joann Bibb, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.



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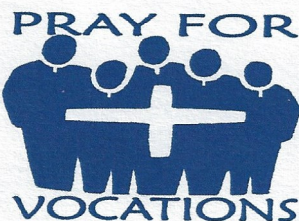
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Council No. 7810**

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D.G.K.: Caleb Kinlaw  
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Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore you, of this particular privilege accorded to you, to bring visible and speedy help, where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with you and all the elect forever. I promise you, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen.  
To be prayed 8 consecutive days

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Initiation of Adults**  
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.

**Adult Confirmation**

Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Did you know that to be a god-parent for baptism, you are required to have received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact Laura Lynch Wells 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com



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