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Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

St. Thomas Church

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M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 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

May 27 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Kay Critchlow requested by her family
May 28 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
MON	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Charlie Remillard requested by the Girouard family
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas followed by Adoration
June 3 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Steve Manion requested by Jean Burke
June 4 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Erika Trudeau requested by Gerard and Susan Adams 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> June 3 and 4	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	S May	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	P Brooks	F Hardy	NONE

Second Collection - Fuel & Heat

This weekend we will take up our quarterly Fuel and Heat Collection. The heating season is over and so it's time to replenish these funds. Thank you for your continued generosity to the St. Thomas Fuel and Heat Collection.

Aspire Together

Thank you for participating in the Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign. Please place your change filled bottles in the baskets by the door by Father's Day. Aspire Together thanks you for participating in this life affirming ministry. For more info visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xq4sD03exl>

Bulletin Advertising

If your company would like to advertise on the back of our weekly bulletin, please call the parish office at 802-899-4632. The cost for one space is \$100 for one year, beginning July 1st through June 30th. If you presently have an ad with us, you will receive a renewal in the mail. Then you for supporting our bulletin.

Stewardship - May 20/21, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,676.31
Regular Collection:(incl. \$318 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,178.00
Second Collection - Catholic Communications:\$ 251.00



If you are unable to attend Mass, please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490.
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On Memorial Day Catholics honor our nation's heroes and remember our Church which has defended the dignity and freedom of the human person for two-thousand years.

As Americans, we remember those who died in service of our country. But as Catholic Americans, we should also reflect on the meaning of freedom and thank God for the Church which proclaims the way to the fullness of freedom. One reason we are willing to fight and die for freedom is because the need for freedom is imprinted into our nature. Therefore, we fight for it for others.

We honor those in our families who paid the ultimate price for the freedom that we enjoy as an Americans. However, some today have trivialized the meaning of freedom or distorted it beyond recognition. True freedom is much deeper than being able to do what we want. Freedom directs us toward truth and choosing the truth perfects our exercise of freedom. "The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just." The Church teaches us that to understand freedom we need to consider both our nature and purpose of our humanity. We are more than part of the material world. Once we understand that we are a unity of body and soul, created in the image of God and endowed with reason and free will, we are ready for the Church's teaching on freedom. "God created man a rational being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions. God willed that man should be 'left in his own counsel,' so that he might of his own accord seek his Creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to Him."

Human beings are unique among all other created things in that we can freely choose to act in ways that are not in accord with our nature; we can turn away from God. However, turning away from God is not true freedom, it is an abuse of freedom. Instead of freeing us, it enslaves us. We need to understand this point because it is critical.

Blessed John Paul II in The Gospel of Life says that when freedom is no longer based on objective truth, it destroys itself. He says if the self is understood in terms of absolute autonomy, as it is in secular society, then people will eventually reject each other. Society will become a mass of competing individuals without mutual bonds. Such a society does not become more free; it becomes less free as vice, corruption, brutality, and oppression inevitably grows.

Because of our reason and free will, we are compelled to seek truth, especially religious truth. Our Creator instilled this drive within us, so that we would seek Him, for He is truth. And having found truth, we are obligated to live it to the best of our ability. But we cannot satisfy this obligation unless we are free from coercion. Consequently, it is the obligation of the state to ensure that its citizens are free to exercise their religious freedom. However, if the state fails in its obligation, or is attacked by another state, then, at some point, human beings will rightly and necessarily fight and die for true freedom.

This Memorial Day Catholics rightly honor our fallen brothers and sisters, those who have died so that we may continue to choose freedom. But we should also remember our Church, who has defended the dignity and freedom of the human person for over two-thousand years.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	5/28	**Second Collection - Fuel & Heat**
Monday	5/29	Memorial Day - Office Closed 9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	5/30	4:30-6:00 PM - Yard Sale Donations Accepted 5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	6/1	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	6/2	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	6/3	NO Bone Builders
Saturday	6/4	8:30-11: AM - Yard Sale Donations Accepted 3:15 PM - Confessions



Religious Education 2022-23:

Congratulations to our new Confirmandi, Lauren Potvin and Declan Sheldon, who were confirmed this past Thursday. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith all of their lives. Amen.

Parish Hall Window Replacement Update:

The replacement of the (13) Parish Hall windows is now complete. All the old windows that did not lock, were not well insulated and were deteriorated so bad that we had holes in the frames letting in water have now been replaced with new vinyl windows that will never deteriorate. In addition, when the windows were removed the contractors fixed and replaced the wood that had rotted around the window frames. The new window frames were built out of PVC and everything was back caulked to not allow any water penetration or future rotting. Lastly, the windows were framed and trimmed on the inside so that we would not need to redo anything when we embark on the 2nd phase of the Parish Hall renovation. This project also included installing a new ceiling in the Parish kitchen and installing new LED lighting. This was another area of the Parish Hall which need attention. We would like to thank all the donors who contributed to this important project. We continue to make strides in improving the Church facilities while improving the functionality and safety of the Parish.

Thank you

Many parishioners donate redeemable bottles and cans in the gray bin next to the rectory to benefit the St. Thomas Religious Education Program. We appreciate all those who donate for this vital ministry, and we also want to thank all those who volunteer throughout the year to take those bottles and cans to the redemption center. God bless you all, every one!

Upcoming Raffle

We are raffling a soft fleece throw (40x50), with a screen print photo of St. Thomas church - a great gift idea! Tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Raffle drawing will be July 9 at the parish picnic. You do not need to be present to win. The throw is displayed in the vestibule of the church. Tickets are available after all Masses. Monies will benefit the social concerns projects.

St. Thomas Yard Sale Donation Days!

The St. Thomas Yard sale will be the weekend of June 23 -25. We will be accepting donations on Tuesdays from 4:30-6 pm, and Saturdays from 8:30-11 am at the rectory garage. Everything must be clean and in good working order. We look forward to seeing you!



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, **May 31**, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri by 5/26 at 802-899-4632 or office@stthomasvt.com to register. This month's meal includes: : Salisbury steak, gravy, home fried potatoes with paprika, spinach, wheat dinner roll with butter, fresh fruit salad, & milk. The cost is a suggested donation of \$5, however no one will be turned away for their inability to pay.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled on the First Friday of every month, just after 8am Mass. But what is it? Exposition is a manner of honoring the Holy Eucharist, by exposing It, with proper solemnity, to the view of the faithful in order that they may pay their devotions before It (NewAdvent.org). Fr. Calapan takes the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle and enthrones it in a monstrance set upon the altar for the faithful to adore in prayer. Here at St. Thomas, Exposition is typically available for one hour each month on the First Friday. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much wants to see you!

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A fully animated series about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as portrayed by The Gospel of Luke, as well as the companion narrative about the movement he started in Acts. The first in a five-part series on the Gospel of Luke. We explore the amazing events surrounding the birth of Jesus. The humble conditions of his family and their low status in Israelite society foreshadow the upside-down nature of Jesus' kingdom.

Readings For the Week



May 29

**Memorial of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, Mother
of the Church**
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Jn 19:25-34

May 30

Sir 35:1-12
Mk 10:28-31

May 31

**Feast of the Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
Zep 3:14-18a
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Lk 1:39-56

June 1

**Memorial of Saint Justin,
Martyr**
Sir 42:15-25
Mk 10:46-52

June 2

Sir 44:1, 9-13
Mk 11:11-26

June 3

**Saint Charles Lwanga and
Companions, Martyrs**
Sir 51:12 cd-20
Mk 11:27-33

June 4

**The Solemnity of the
Most Holy Trinity**
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

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, 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 Lehouillier, 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, Joanna Weinstock, Yuri Bihun, Alice Novembrino, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

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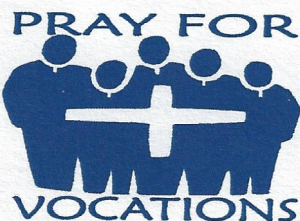
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For prayers answered

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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