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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  
 Underhill Center, VT 05490

#### 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

July 15 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Mary Parisi requested by Sean and MaryAnn Ledwith
July 16 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of John Kunkel requested by Donna Kunkel 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 repose of the souls of Daniel and Alice Novembrino requested by Ed and Louise Mathews
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Kiland & Katherine Clark requested by Laura Wells
July 22 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of James Belton requested by Bob and Martha Pollak
July 23 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

### St. Lawrence of Brindisi Feast Day - July 21

Lawrence of Brindisi had an outstanding gift for languages. In addition to his native Italian, he was fluent in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French.

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died in 1619, at age 60. His parents gave him the name of Julius Caesar, Caesare in Italian. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice.

When he was 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies in philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23.

With his facility for languages Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis thought he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Soon, Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. He was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for the growth and expansion of the Order.

Lawrence became papal emissary and peacemaker, which took him to many foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his home kingdom of Naples took him to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings. Eleven of the 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies heavily upon scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching.

His constant devotion to Scripture, coupled with great sensitivity to the needs of people, are a great witness to Christians today. Lawrence had a balance in his life that blended self-discipline with a keen appreciation for the needs of those whom he was called to serve. May we too be devoted to the Word of God so that it might bear fruit in our lives as it did for St. Lawrence.

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>July 22 &amp; 23</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	J Burke	L Berard	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	P Brooks	F Hardy	NONE

### Flood Damage in Cambridge

Because of the flood damage in Cambridge, Fr. Calapan may be staying in the St. Thomas rectory temporarily, and the rectory office staff will relocate to our rectory for the time being. Keep an eye on the website (stmarysvt.org) for updates and Mass times or cancellations. Please pray for the quick recovery and clean up at St. Mary's Church as well as the other homes and businesses throughout the affected area.

### Solidarity Africa Second Collection

Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The solidarity fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

### Stewardship - July 8/9, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,676.31  
Regular Collection: ....(incl. \$353 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,260.00



If you are unable to attend Mass, 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.

### PARISH EVENTS

Monday	7/17	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	7/18	5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	7/19	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	7/20	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	7/21	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	7/22	** Second Collection - Solidarity Africa ** 10:00 AM - Adult Bible Study 3:15 PM - Confessions

### **Religious Education 2023-2024**

Religious Education Registration is open. Religious Education helps you to pass on the Catholic faith to your children. Note that Confirmation is now received in grade 6. Visit [StThomasVT.com/religious-education](http://StThomasVT.com/religious-education) for information and to register. Share with friends!

Make faith formation a lifelong effort .

Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

### **Summer Adult Bible Study**

Summer Adult Bible Study - "Jesus Fulfills the Old Testament" Sign-up now! Bible study continues Saturday, July 22, 10-11:30 AM. Contact Laura Wells [stthom-sarel.ed@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stthom-sarel.ed@vermontcatholic.org) or call 802-899-4632.

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023**

In St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, he writes: "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." When you offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are fulfilling the call of discipleship by sharing the blessings you have received from our Heavenly Father. When you give, you act in support of raising critical funds needed by our 20+ statewide ministries, services, and programs at the heart of the mission of our Diocese. You also support the dedicated workers within these ministries who compassionately respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families through emergency aid, prison ministry, counseling, spiritual retreats, lay formation programs, and Catholic education. Join me and together we will move forward in our mission to serve another 170 years as disciples of our Lord. Please, prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 appeal by responding to the mailing that you received. As of 7/5/23, St. Thomas parishioners have donated \$9,693, which is 47% of our goal of \$20,455. Thank you.

### **Save the Dates: Graces of the Kingdom 2023**

The Pastoral Office of the Diocese of Burlington 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, 2023; Essex, September 9, 2023; Springfield, September 16, 2023. Please see Laura Wells for a registration form if you are interested.

### **Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.**

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **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, **June 28**, with pickup 11-12pm. This month's meal consists of: Beef Stroganoff with mushroom sauce, rotini noodles, Brussel sprouts, wheat roll, blueberry crisp with cream, & milk. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri by 6/26 at 802-899-4632 or [office@stthomasvt.com](mailto: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.

### **Blanket 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 The throw is displayed in the vestibule of the church. Tickets are available after all Masses. Monies will benefit the social concerns projects.

### **FORMED**

#### **Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well**

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.

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We pray that through *Eternal Rest*, God may give you greater peace, solace, and perspective. Scan this QR code to watch.



### **July Word of Life**

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

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, 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 Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan, Meghan Diana, Diann Bean, Jean Danaher, Jay Tisbert, Curtis Stuhr, Jerry Reny, Charles Mannings, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Amy Burdine, Rick & Deb Wilhelm, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstock, Yuriy Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Mary Kelley, Reba Legrand, Deloras Saltis, Andy Bibb, Patricia Monta, Donna Hutchins, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

## **Readings For the Week**



### **July 17**

Ex 1:8-14, 22  
Mt 10:34—11:1

### **July 18**

Ex 2:1-15a  
Mt 11:20-24

### **July 19**

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12  
Mt 11:25-27

### **July 20**

Ex 3:13-20  
Mt 11:28-30

### **July 21**

Ex 11:10—12:14  
Mt 12:1-8

### **July 22**

**Feast of St Mary Magdalene**  
Sgs 3:1-4b  
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### **July 23**

**The Sixteenth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wis 12:13, 16-19  
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Rom 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43





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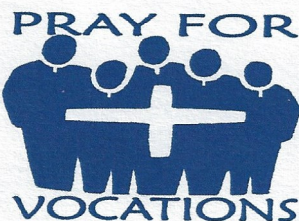
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Council No. 7810**

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D.G.K.: Caleb Kinlaw  
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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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**RCIA = Rite of Christian  
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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