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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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Office Hours:

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

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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 29 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Patricia Keith requested by Jean Burke 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas Parishes
July 30 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Donald Gingras requested by Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas
MON	No Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Zelma Vigneau requested by Ed and Louise Mathews
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas followed by Adoration
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas
August 5 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas
August 6 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Virginia Lynch requested by Laura Wells 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Madeline Lamb

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>August 5 & 6</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
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8:30 AM SUNDAY	P Brooks	A Leasure

Special Disaster Relief Collection This Weekend

Bishop Coyne has granted permission for parishes that wish to do so to take up a special collection for "Disaster Relief". This weekend, St. Thomas and St. Mary's will hold a second collection for this purpose. These "Disaster Relief" funds will be managed through the Emergency Aid division of the Vermont Catholic Charities. Please write "Disaster Relief" on the memo line of check donations.

Flood Damage in Cambridge

Because of the flood damage in Cambridge, Fr. Calapan will be staying in the St. Thomas rectory temporarily, and the rectory office staff will relocate to our rectory for the time being. **All weekend Masses will be celebrated here at St. Thomas: 4:00 & 6:30 PM Saturday, and 8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday; in addition to the normal week day Masses, Fr. Will celebrate the Wednesday daily Mass and Adoration at 8:00 AM.** 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.

Thank you

Gail Nadeau would like to thank those who helped her during Mass last weekend when she collapsed from the heat. She is happy to say she is doing well and appreciates her fellow parishioner's support and prayers.

Stewardship - July 15 & 16, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,676.31

Regular Collection:(incl. \$285 On-Line Giving).....\$ 3,511.20

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. Thank you for your generosity.

What is Salvation History?

God has always had a plan to save us from sin. Salvation History is the story of how that plan works in history as revealed in the Bible. We can look at Salvation History as a series of 7 covenants between God and his people.

Before the beginning of time, God had a plan to save us from our sin. The Bible tells us the history of that plan of salvation which was worked out over thousands of years. We know the plan of salvation will keep working until the end of time, because the Word of God has been revealed to us.

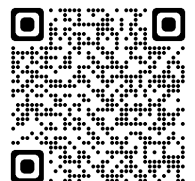
One way of looking at Salvation History is to see it as a series of covenants between God and humanity. God's covenant unites persons in a union that is meant to last (e.g., marriage). Salvation History is the story of how sinful humanity have been brought into God's covenant family. Each covenant is made through a mediator, and though each covenant reflects a promise God makes to all humanity, each covenant takes the form of a wider social relationship.

1. Adam. Covenant Role: Husband - Covenant Form: Marriage - Covenant Sign: Sabbath. In Hebrew, "Adam" refers to the whole human race. The 1st covenant is the one from which all the others spring.
2. Noah. Covenant Role: Father - Covenant Form: Household - Covenant Sign: Rainbow
3. Abraham. Covenant Role: Tribal Chief - Covenant Form: Tribe - Covenant Sign: Circumcision
4. Moses. Covenant Role: Judge - Covenant Form: Nation - Covenant Sign: Passover
5. David. Covenant Role: King - Covenant Form: National kingdom - Covenant Sign: Throne
6. Jesus. Covenant Role: Royal High Priest - Covenant Form: Catholic Church - Covenant Sign: Eucharist
7. Finally at the end of time, with the general resurrection, comes the fulfillment of the New Covenant, as God's people finish their earthly pilgrimage and enter into heavenly glory for all eternity.

When you learn to see Salvation History as a series of covenants, it will be easier to make sense of the Bible as a whole. You'll learn to see how every part of the Bible fits as part of God's plan for our salvation.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	7/30	**second Collection - Disaster Fund **
Monday	7/31	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	8/1	5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	8/2	9:45 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	8/3	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	8/4	9:45 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	8/5	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 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 this Saturday, July 29, 10-11:30 AM. Contact Laura Wells at stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org or 802-899-4770.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023

"The vocation is truly a treasure that God places in the hearts of some men, chosen by Him and called to follow Him in this special state of life. This treasure, that must be discovered and brought to light, is not made to 'enrich' someone alone. He who is called to the ministry is not the 'master' of his vocation, but rather the administrator of a gift that God has entrusted to him for the good of all the people, or rather for all humanity, even those who have drifted away from religious practice or do not profess faith in Christ." – Pope Francis. The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports vocations to the priesthood and deacons. This year we have seven seminarians and commissioned the largest number of deacons last fall. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishop-sappealvt.org. St Thomas is 48% to their goal of \$20,455 as of 7/19/23, having raised \$9,818.00 so far.



Aspire Now's Annual Banquet

Join us for an informative evening at Aspire Now's Annual Fundraising Banquet, Thursday, September 14th at Vibrant Church, 2025 Williston Rd, South Burlington, begins at 6 p.m. Featured guest is former Planned Parent Employee of the year, Mayra Rodriguez. Buffet dinner catered by Mimmos. RSVP by calling 802-658-8046 or send an email to devon.aspiretogether@gmail.com.

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.



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 899-4632. The suggested donation is \$10 for a one-week period.

FORMED

Yoga, Spirituality & the Search for Meaning with Alex Frank on the Chris Stefanick Show

We live in a culture starved for meaning, and people are willing to look for it almost anywhere. This has led to an entire subculture of gurus, "mindfulness" and yoga, and some Catholics aren't sure whether they should be involved. Alex Frank was deeply immersed in that world; his spiritual director was one of the top yoga spiritual directors in the entire United States! But his search for truth eventually brought him to the Catholic Faith, and I brought him on to talk about the dangers that yoga poses to Catholics. I learned a ton about the spiritual influences our culture is trying to push on us from this episode. If you've ever wondered what the deal is with yoga, you've got to check it out! Scan this QR code to watch.



July Word of Life

"A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Called to Serve Moms in Need*

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, Deloras Saltis, Andy Bibb, Patricia Monta, Donna Hutchins, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

Readings For the Week



July 31

Memorial of Saint Ignatius
of Loyola, Priest
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Mt 13:31-35

August 1

Memorial of Saint Alphon-
sus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Mt 13:36-43

August 2

Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

August 3

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Mt 13:47-53

August 4

Memorial of Saint John
Vianney, Priest
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16,
27, 34b-37
Mt 13:54-58

August 5

Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

August 6

Feast of the
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

Repentant Reconciled Renewed



**St. Thomas Church
Knights of Columbus
Council No. 7810**

G.K.: Steve Haupt
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1 Thessalonians 1:3-5



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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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