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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

August 12 SAT 4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Marcel and Greg Lehouiller requested by Joan Lehouiller and family
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas Parishes

August 13 SUN 8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Barbara Broughton requested by Donna Kunkel
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Cecelia Cross

MON No Mass

TUES **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas

WED 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas followed by Adoration

THU NO Mass

FRI 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas

August 19 SAT 4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Eugene Belton Noel requested by Bob and Martha Pollak
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas

August 20 SUN 8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>August 19 & 20</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	S May	T May
8:30 AM SUNDAY	P Brooks	F Hardy

Calling all Lectors

The Diocese of Burlington will be offering regional lector workshops around the diocese this fall in conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival. To that end, all lectors that currently serve the church, and those who are considering the possibility of lector ministry are invited to attend a formation session. Please contact the office for times, locations, and a registration form.

Second Collection - Church Maintenance

This weekend is our second collection for Church Maintenance and Repair. Thank you for your generosity to this fund as these monies are used to maintain the church and rectory to keep it in good repair.

Stewardship - July 29 & 30, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,676.31
Regular Collection:(incl. \$360 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,783.20
Flood Disaster Relief Fund:\$ 2,334.00

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Virtue and Character Formation

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Phil 4:8).

A virtue is a routine tendency to do what is right and good. The virtuous person pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions. He is one who freely practices doing what is right and good. The goal of the virtuous life is to become like God. Moral virtues are acquired by continued human effort, and they prepare a person for communion with the Holy Spirit. Practicing the virtues brings a joy filled life.

Human virtues are acquired by instruction about the virtues, by conscious and intentional acts, and by persistence. Repeated efforts are purified and raised up by God's grace. With God's help, they forge character and give the ability to practice the good routinely. The four virtues that play an important role are called “cardinal” virtues. They are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. The virtuous person is happy to practice them.

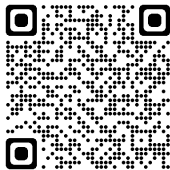
It's not easy for us, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance. But Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues. Everyone should always ask for this grace of light and strength, frequent the sacraments, cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and follow his calls to love what is good and shun evil.

So, while practicing the virtues, if a strong wind comes upon you and become frightened that you begin to sink, take courage and call to Jesus, “Save me.” He will stretch out his hand to you, “Oh ye of little faith” (cf. Mt. 14:30-31).

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, Father 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.

PARISH EVENTS

Monday	8/7	9:00 AM - Bone Builders	
Tuesday	8/8	5:30 PM - Confessions	
Wednesday	8/9	9:45 AM - Bone Builders	
Thursday	8/10	9:30 AM - Social Concerns	
Friday	8/11	9:40AM - Bone Builders	
Saturday	8/12	** Second Collection - Church Maintenance ** 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!

Religious Ed Teachers Needed: The religious ed ministry at St. Thomas is in need of volunteers to teach. Please consider volunteering for this important role in the life of the parish. Contact Laura Wells in the rectory office 802-899-4770 or email stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org

Aspire Now - Baby Bottle Campaign



Aspire Now thanks the parishioners of St. Thomas for their continued support of their mission to help pregnant mothers and families across Vermont. This year, we collected \$615.96 to add to their total of over \$40,000 raised from churches and organizations around the state who participate on the baby bottle campaign. Thank you!

Adopt A Backpack

In 2022 this fundraising effort filled over 125 backpacks with supplies and gave them out at the local food shelf, and to students and schools in Underhill, Jericho, Essex, Williston, Winooski, Milton and more. They were able to purchase scientific calculators for high school students, and supply several teachers in various schools with gift cards to help buy supplies for their classrooms. Each year the need has increased. It takes about \$35 to fill a backpack and donations are now being requested to fund ADOPT A BACKPACK in 2023. Any donations are greatly appreciated. For more information about the drive or references please reach out to LuAnn & Grant Clarke 802-355-0645. (Please note: **Make checks out to EJU Ecumenical Food Shelf, with "Adopt A Backpack" in the memo of your check**). Thank you for your consideration.



Loose Leaf paper (2), 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks (3), Composition Book, Folder with Pockets (4), 1 inch Binder, Glue Sticks (2), Eraser/Eraser Tops, Colored Pencils (12 pack), Crayons (24 pack), Markers (10 pack), Highlighters (2), Ruler, Pencils (12), Pens (12), Index Cards, Graph Paper, Scissors, Hand Sanitizer, (HS) Scientific Calculator, (HS) Headphones

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.



In loving memory of Patricia Monta

requested by Gail Nadeau

Fall Concert at St. Lawrence Church

Thursday, September 7 @7:00 PM. Igniting the Light of Christ within you through the Eucharist! Let the Holy Spirit minister to you during this moving evening with Paul Koleske, inspirational singer, songwriter, and recording artist. Paul's music and message offers an exceptional listening experience that speaks to the mind, touches the heart, and enlivens the spirit! He is also a renowned speaker! This is no ordinary concert...you will feel as though you are on a retreat. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. His music and merchandise will be on sale before and after the concert.

FORMED

Can the homeless keep you from Hell?

You pull up to the street corner. There's that grungy guy again, holding his cardboard sign. You feel a nudge like you should help him somehow. But the idea scares you. So you avoid eye contact. Jesus makes it crystal clear that we need to serve the poor. Yet every time we see an opportunity, we feel intimidated. How do we get over that? Take the advice of Blake Brouillette, a young man who's the director of Christ in the City, a ministry to the poor. For eight years now, he's been working with people on the streets. That's why he's the perfect guy to tell you:

- How you should introduce yourself to a homeless person.
 - What the poor really need, deep down (and so do you).
 - Simple ways you can serve them like Jesus tells you.
- You'll want to remember this next time you see someone on a street corner. Watch now by clicking the QR code.



August Word of Life

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

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, Jerry Reny, Charles Mannings, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Amy Burdine, Rick & Deb Wilhelm, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstein, Yuri Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Mary Kelley, Andy Bibb, Donna Hutchins, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Patricia Monta, Jim Bedell, Dolores Saltis, Evaristo Pilo, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Readings For the Week



August 14

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB
PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 COR 15:20-27
LK 1:39-56

August 16

Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

August 17

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
Mt 18:21-19:1

August 18

Jos 24:1-13
Mt 19:3-12

August 19

Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:13-15

August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

Repentant Reconciled Renewed



**St. Thomas Church
Knights of Columbus
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For our Volunteers

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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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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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