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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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Religious Education: 899-4770

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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 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 for the conversion on Alaina Rogers and Jeff Rogers
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 for the repose of the soul of Jeff Chicoine
MON	No Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Ann Wejroch requested by Tom and Susie May
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas followed by Adoration
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Frank Hoffman requested by Aurelia Hoffman
August 26 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Kay Critchlow requested by her family 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas
August 27 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Pat Keith requested by Donna Kunkel 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> August 26 & 27	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	J Burke	L Berard
8:30 AM SUNDAY	P Brooks	D Hardy

Visit the ministry page on our website for full schedule - www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule

Office Availability

Teri will be out of the office beginning August 23 to recover from knee surgery. She can be reached by email office@stthomasvt.com, but Laura will be available in the office Monday—Thursday 10-2. Prayers are appreciated for a quick recovery!

New families

Are you new to St. Thomas? Or just haven't gotten around to registering? We would love to welcome you to the St. Thomas family. Please call the office at 899-4632 or visit us online at stthomasvt.com to get a registration form, church directory, and calendar. Welcome to St. Thomas!

Stewardship - August 12 & 13, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,676.31
Regular Collection:(incl. \$383 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,604.00
Second Collection - Church Maintenance:\$ 1,287.00

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.

Learning Through Discipleship

Those who accept Jesus' invitation to follow him are his disciples. Jesus invites his people to the feast of the kingdom, but also asks us for an all-embracing choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough; deeds are required. What use has been made of the talents he has given you? (Cf. CCC. 546). The many gifts we receive by grace, which is every good thing, should be used for God's glory.

Christ's disciples must put on the new man, created in the image and likeness of God, in true righteousness and holiness. By putting away falsehood, we are to put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. (Cf. CCC. 2475). The way for us to be renewed is firstly in baptism, and by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and by the enlightening of the Holy Spirit. It also requires putting off the old man, which is the old self corrupted by sin and deceit.

Faith in the Son introduces the disciples into the knowledge of the Father, because Jesus is the way the truth and the life. (Cf. CCC. 2614). Everything that you are looking for can be found in him. All our questions can be answered by him. Don't look to the world for the answers you seek. Turn to him while he may be found. Whatever it takes, turn to God while you still have an opportunity.

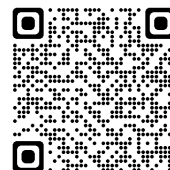
The world is always looking for a savior for whatever problems humanity faces. The only real salvation comes in Christ, the Son of God. But often we forget and turn to secular leaders as saviors as did the Jews at the time of Christ's coming. Let us all be converted to the real savior, Jesus Christ, and embrace his invitation to discipleship for our good and the good of all for the Kingdom of God.

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	8/21	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	8/22	5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	8/23	9:45 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	8/24	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	8/25	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	8/26	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

Update on St. Mary's

Thank you to all who donated money for St. Mary's flood clean-up. Here is a quick update of where they are on the clean-up. The priest residence at St. Thomas is permanent. St. Mary's Masses will continue to be celebrated at St. Thomas until they get a positive air quality test in their church. But the most recent test failed, meaning additional cleaning needs to be done before they attempt another test. The State of Vermont granted St. Mary's a temporary energizing permit to restore electric power in the church building. Some additional work needs to be completed in the basement area. Having the energizing permit allows them to use the sanctuary when the air quality test is favorable. The furnaces at both the church and the rectory have been inspected. Both heating systems seem to be operational for the winter. Long term, the best course of action will be to replace them or at least the parts having electronic components. More discussion on them will follow. Father Calapan received a letter from Archbishop Coyne "providing direction for the restoration and future use of [St. Mary's] affected buildings".

Regarding the Church:

- The basement will no longer to be used for any parish functions or storage.
- A new restroom will be installed on the main level.
- The furnaces must be moved to a space above the flood level. (This will involve additional construction.)

Regarding the Rectory:

- The basement will be left empty.
- The furnace, hot water heater, and electrical panel are to be moved out of the basement to a location above the flood level.
- The rectory will be reconfigured to have a Parish Hall and offices.

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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

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Info: LuAnn & Grant Clarke 802-355-0645

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.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of August 20:

*For the health of
Diana Nadeau*

requested by Gail Nadeau

Retrouvaille

A Weekend Away Can Give Your Marriage a Chance. Retrouvaille is a marriage help program that gives couples the opportunity to sign off, get away, and examine their lives together in a real and realistic way. It's based on the belief that marriage is the most significant relationship on earth and is worth investing your time, energy and efforts to make it the best it can be. The weekend is hard work, but more worthwhile than can ever be explained. For more information on upcoming weekends, call (800) 470-2230 or email info@HelpOurMarriage.org

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Missionary Discipleship with Julianne Stanz

Have you ever wondered what the term "missionary disciple" means? Who can become one? And even more significant, what "missionary" activity should they be participating in? Let author and speaker Julianne Stanz teach you from her wealth of insights after decades of training men and women to embrace their call to become missionary disciples. In her four hour class designed for all Catholics, Julianne provides rich examples, stories, and ideas to help us deepen our faith in our walk with Christ... and to go on mission, even in our neighborhoods and communities. Watch now by clicking the QR code.



August Word of Life

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"*

Readings For the Week



August 21

Memorial of Saint Pius X,
Pope

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

August 22

Memorial of the Queenship
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

August 23

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

August 24

Feast of Saint Bartholomew,
Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

August 25

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

August 26

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Mt 23:1-12

August 27

Twentyfirst Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20



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 Weinstock, 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.

Repentant Reconciled Renewed



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

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D.G.K.:

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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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