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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

September 23

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of James Belton, Jr. requested by Bob and Martha Pollak
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

September 24

SUN 8:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the souls of Louis and Tillie Fugere requested by Ed and Louise Mathews
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 soul of Patricia Monta requested by Social Concerns

WED 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

THU NO Mass

FRI 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas

September 30

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. Mary of the Assumption

October 1

SUN 8:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Donald Gingras requested by Teri Gingras and Family
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

September 26: Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saints Cosmas and Damian were twins born in Arabia of Christian parents in the 3rd century. They became eminent as skilled physicians in Syria. Being Christians, they practiced their profession with great success and never charged a fee. Because of this they were given the nickname, Silverless. They lived in Cilicia and were remarkable both for the love and respect which the people gave them because of their skill and charity, and for their love of Christ which they shared whenever possible. During the Diocletian persecution, they were arrested by the Roman governor of Cilicia, and after various tortures were beheaded for the faith. Their bodies were carried back to Syria and buried at Cyrrhus.

These saints regarded it as a great happiness, that their profession offered them endless opportunities to comfort and relieve those who were suffering. They considered it a great grace to love their enemies by treating them in their illness to the best of their abilities and prove themselves followers of Christ and children of God, filled with the Holy Spirit. Cosmos and Damian invited their patients to repentance and pardon, with the promise of God's mercies and benefits.

Cosmas and Damian wanted to imitate God to the best of their abilities and be renewed in their minds according to Christian perfection. They believed true love of God and neighbor (charity) is the accomplishment of the law. They wanted to serve their neighbor and provide for their families by an honest living.

Cosmas and Damian are venerated every year in Utica, New York, at St. Anthony's Parish during the annual pilgrimage which takes place on the last weekend of September (close to the 26 September feast day). There are thousands of pilgrims who come to honor the saints. Over 80 busloads come from Canada and other destinations. It is one of the largest festivals honoring saints in the northeast USA.

Cosmas and Damian are invoked in the Canon of the Mass and the Litany of Saints and are the patron saints of surgeons, physicians, twins, dentists, protectors of children, pharmacists, veterinarians, orphanages, and day-care centers.

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>September 30 & October 1</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	S May	T May
8:30 AM SUNDAY	Deacon Peter	F Hardy

Harvest Market

We hope to see you this weekend at the St. Thomas Booth at Harvest Market. We will again be serving meatball subs and cinnamon rolls at this year's Harvest Market on **Sept 23rd and 24th**. We're in our usual spot near the onion ring booth. Note that we will not be selling jarred sauce this year. Dell'Amore in Colchester has graciously donated sauce for our subs. Stop by and visit.

Ham Dinner

Looking ahead, plans are in the works for our annual Ham Dinner. The dinner will most likely be later in the month of October, possibly the 22nd. We are looking for volunteers to work the take out dinner, as well as a team leader for planning. Please contact the office at 802-899-4632 if you can help. More info to follow in the coming weeks.

Parishioner Resources

The new Vermont Catholic Magazine and the 2024 calendar are available at the entrances of the church.

Stewardship

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,676.31

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.

PARISH EVENTS

Monday	9/25	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	9/26	5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	9/27	9:45 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	9/28	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	9/29	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	9/30	3:15 PM - Confessions

Religious Education 2023-2024



There are **no religious ed classes** at St. Thomas this weekend. Everyone will be at the Harvest Market in Underhill. St. Thomas will have their food booth on the main throughfare in back of the United Church of Underhill again this year with delicious cinnamon rolls, meatball subs, and cold drinks. We hope to see you there!

Religious Education Teacher needed for grades 3&4. Please contact Laura Wells if you can help at 802-899-4770 or stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org.

Pilgrimage to France

Monsignor Peter Routhier, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, will be leading a pilgrimage to France in April of 2024. There are still spots available if you would like to join this pilgrimage. Please see: https://www.unitours.com/france_pilgrimage_tours.aspx for more information or email Susan Wing at susan@vermontcatholic.org.

Birthright Brunch

Please join us for brunch, fellowship, speakers, and updates on how Birthright is helping families in our community. Brunch will be served by Knights of Columbus Council #7525 at St. John Vianney Parish on Saturday, October 7 at 9:00. To reserve your seat, please contact Judy Kanya at (802) 999-2439 or kanyaj@comcast.net

New Seminarians

Welcome to our new seminarians! The Diocese of Burlington has two new Seminarians: Mr. Charles Cacciatore and Mr. Samuel McCoy. Please pray for our new seminarians!

Free Will

The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation has partnered with FreeWill to offer the Catholic community access to FreeWill software. This is a free, easy, confidential way parishioners to create a will and include their Catholic burial wishes. Seventy percent of people do not complete a will and often our parishioners' wishes for a Catholic burial are not fulfilled because of this. To complete a will, visit: <https://www.freewill.com/vccf>

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.

Art in Faith, Faith in Art

Faith in Christ impacts individuals, the Arts, and the cultures around them. On Saturday, October 7, you will have an opportunity to view and support Christian artists who work in our Northern Vermont communities. On Sunday, October 8, you will hear from an artist about how their faith in Christ has impacted their life and art and how their art has impacted their faith. Join others at the Covenant Community Church in Essex from 9-2 Saturday and 10-11 Sunday. Reception to follow on Sunday.

Career Opportunities

St. Joseph Residential Care Home in Burlington has immediate part-time and full-time career opportunities in nursing, dining, and housekeeping. We are willing to train the right candidates. If interested in learning more or applying, please contact Mary Belanger, Administrators, at mbelanger@vermontcatholic.org.

FORMED

Jesus and the Eucharist:

A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, Jesus is inviting us to encounter him in our life stories. Together, we'll explore the story of salvation as told through Scripture, fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and lived out in the Church and the Sacraments—especially the Eucharist. At the conclusion of this series, participants will be empowered to live out the Gospel in their own lives and share its message of hope with others. Watch now by scanning this QR code.



September Word of Life

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Every Suicide is Tragic"*

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, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstock, Yuriy Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Mary Kelley, Andy Bibb, Donna Hutchins, Tom Bartlett, Jerome LeClair, Deena DiMartini, Linda Schaeffler and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

Readings For the Week



September 25

Ezr 1:1-6
Lk 8:16-18

September 26

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Lk 8:19-21

September 27

Memorial of Saint Vincent
de Paul, Priest
Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

September 28

Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

September 29

Fest of Saints Michael,
Gabriel, and Raphael,
archangels
Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

September 30

Memorial of Saint Jerome,
Priest and Doctor of the
Church
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Je 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Lk 9:43b-45

October 1

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

Repentant Reconciled Renewed



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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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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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