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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

November 4
SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand and Theresa Nadeau requested by Gail Nadeau
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

November 5
SUN 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Irene Hurley requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

MON NO Mass

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for repose of the soul of Theresa Nadeau requested by Diana and family

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

THU NO Mass

FRI 8:00 AM – Mass at St. Thomas

November 11
SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for our All Saint's Day Intentions
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

November 12
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

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> November 11 & 12	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	J Burke	L Berard
8:30 AM SUNDAY	Deacon Peter	F Hardy

Second Collection—Evangelization

The Evangelization Collection is this weekend. The Evangelization Collection is used for Adult Faith Formation. In the previous year it was used to pay for St. Thomas' subscription to Formed.org, but we did not collect enough to continue that subscription. It will however continue to be used for Adult Faith Formation, particularly for special Advent and Lent bulletin inserts, adult Bible studies, Adult Confirmation, and the RCIA program at St. Thomas. Please continue your generous support for this ministry in our parish. Next week will be our Church Maintenance Collection.

Important Food Shelf Donation Information



Beginning this weekend through November 12th, our food shelf collection box items will be for the EJU Emergency Food Shelf's Thanksgiving distribution on November 18th. They are in dire need of the following items: **Stuffing, cream of mushroom soup, fried onions, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned yams, boxed mashed potato mix, brownie mix, cake mix and canned frosting.** Thank you for your generosity!

Beginning the weekend of November 18th, the food collection boxes decorated by our religious Ed classes, will be available for food donations to be distributed during our Christmas Food and Fruit basket ministry. More info to follow after Thanksgiving.

Stewardship - October 28 & 29, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,459.31
 Regular Collection:incl. \$445 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,542.50

We offer online giving at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or you can mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490.



Many people get confused when looking at the beautiful rose windows at St. Thomas of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate



Heart of Mary. They don't know how to recognize which is which. The picture to the left shows the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On the right is the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You'll notice that Christ's Sacred Heart is encircled with thorns and topped with a Cross while Our Lady's Heart is surrounded by roses and pierced with a sword.

The Sacred Heart most obviously suggests the Passion of Christ on the cross. There is the crown of thorns, and the cross atop the heart, which cannot be understood apart from the heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart is shown as if it's on fire because fire is always associated with the essence of divinity and associated with Christ's passionate love for mankind. Framing the heart are rays of light. As the light of the world, Christ is also the one who "enlightens" us, revealing God to us. The crown of thorns wrapped around the heart emphasizes the fact that Christ felt His wounds to the depths of His heart. After the resurrection, the crown of thorns becomes a crown of victory.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is tied to a passage from the Gospel of Luke that speaks of Mary's heart as Simeon said to Mary, "(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). It depicts a sword piercing Mary's heart and represents the sorrows she endured during her lifetime, especially during the crucifixion. The image also depicts Mary's heart on fire, which emphasizes the intensity of her love for God and for humanity. There are white roses that encircle her heart. These symbolize her purity, brought about by her Immaculate Conception. Last of all, the heart is surrounded by rays of light. This represents Revelation 12:1, where it describes the Blessed Virgin Mary as "a woman clothed with the sun."

Let us not be confused any longer about the images of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. And may understanding bring greater devotion to these beautiful images.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	11/5	** Second Collection - Evangelization ** 10-11 AM - Religious Ed in Parish Hall
Monday	11/6	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	11/7	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	11/8	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	11/9	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	11/10	9:45 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	11/11	** Second collection - Church Maintenance ** 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	11/12	10-11 AM - Religious Ed in Parish Hall



Religious Education 2023-2024

Religious Ed at St. Thomas begins with an opening in the church, followed by classes in the parish hall.

Grades 3+4 have class this Sunday.

No class for grades 5+6 this Sunday.

Beginning November 12, Faith Horton will be the catechist (catechism teacher) for grades 3+4. Then grades 3+4 and 5+6 will meet weekly per the regular religious ed schedule.

Advent Scripture Study

St. Thomas will host a 3-part Scripture study on the Incarnation on Tuesday 12/ 5, 12/12, & 12/19, beginning at 12 noon to about 1:30 PM. We will begin with a light lunch followed by Scripture study. We will explore the purpose of Jesus' Incarnation, His descent from King David, Mary's role in salvation history, the prophecy of Simeon, the Epiphany, the Holy Innocents, and Jesus encounter with the teachers in the Temple. We hope you will join us as part of your Advent preparation for Christmas. Register by contacting Laura Wells at 802-899-4770 or stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org.

Abbatial Blessing

The Mass of blessing for Abbess Benedict McLaughlin, OSB, of the Abbey of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Westfield, Vermont, will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM, St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Newport, Vermont. All clergy are invited to attend. The Abbey asks that any priest intending to concelebrate the Mass please RSVP to monastery@ihmwestfield.com. Please pray for Abbess Benedict and the entire monastic community during this time of preparation.

Mary Theotokos Retreat Center

Greetings in Christ from Judith Coy, Board Secretary: "We just finished our first newsletter and wanted to share it with you. Please consider coming to Mary Theotokos for a retreat, we are located in the beautiful Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. We are a great place for personal and group retreats. Please pick up one of our newsletter to see what we are about! We need your support and prayers. Thank you! We will continue to pray for you as well."

Calcutta 2024!

Save the Date For the St. Thomas Church Calcutta, Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Mansfield Barn in Jericho, catered by the Jericho Café. A Calcutta is a fundraising event. It is lively and entertaining, and includes socializing and dinner with a cash bar, along with a chance to win prizes, including a CASH Grand Prize! Contact Sharon Lockwood at SDL930@comcast.net if interested in volunteering or need more information.

Parish Council Members:

Steve Haupt - Chair; Louise Mathews - member; Laura Wells - Religious Education - stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org; Mark Girouard - member: Ron Nedich - member: Patrice Rogers - music; Marion Brooks - member; Donna Schaeffler - member. To reach any Parish Council member, please contact them at office@stthomasvt.com

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: Unitours | Catholic Pilgrimages to France for more information or email Susan Wing at susan@vermontcatholic.org.

White Christmas Tour

VT Christian Music is excited to announce our Christmas 2023 show, Saturday, December 9 @7pm, featuring the White Christmas Tour with Ben Laine (<https://www.facebook.com/benlainemusic/>) and The Band Jaren (<https://www.thebandjaren.com/>). This will be the perfect Family-Friendly Evening and a Great Opportunity for Youth Groups to Gather and worship together! Hosted by Vibrant Church, 2025 Williston Rd., So. Burlington. Scan QR code for tickets. \$20/ea (sale \$15/ea through 10/20). Children 7 and under FREE! *** Tickets purchased at the door will be an additional \$5.



St. Thomas Photo Blanket

If you would like to purchase a St. Thomas Photo blanket, there are 4 other blankets for sale for \$20 each, donated by Randy and Kitty Clark. Please call the office at 802-899-4632 if you would like to purchase one.

November 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. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families."

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

Readings For the Week



November 6

Rom 11:29-36

Lk 14:12-14

November 7

Rom 12:5-16ab

Lk 14:15-24

November 8

Rom 13:8-10

Lk 14:25-33

November 9

**Feast of the Dedication of
the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Jn 2:13-22

November 10

**Memorial of Saint Leo the
Great, Pope and Doctor of
the Church**

Rom 15:14-21

Lk 16:1-8

November 11

**Memorial of Saint Martin of
Tours, Bishop**

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

Lk 16:9-15

November 12

**Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Wis 6:12-16

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1 Thes 4:13-18

Mt 25:1-13



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: Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, 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 Tjian, Meghan Diana, Diann Bean, Jay Tisbert, Jerry Reny, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Amy Burdine, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstock, Yuri Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Andy Bibb, Donna Hutchins, Tom Bartlett, Jerome LeClair, Deena DiMartini, Linda Schaeffler, Mary Martell, Tim Reny, Steve Guay, 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.

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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