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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
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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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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

December 23	
SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent	
SUN	10:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Louis and Tillie Fugere requested by Ed and Louise Mathews No Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Christmas Eve 3:45 PM - Christmas Pageant 4:00 PM - Mass for the Children of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes 7:00 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
December 25 - Christmas Day	
	9:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Armand and Theresa Nadeau 11:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
TUES	No Mass
WED	No Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	No Mass
FRI	No Mass
December 30	
SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Joyce Brush requested by Laura Wells 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
December 31	
SUN	8:30 AM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Armand & Theresa Nadeau requested by the family 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption



Donations for Christmas Flowers have been made in memory of the following:

Deceased family and friends of Ken and Donna Schaeffler

Irv & Ann Wejroch

Pat Keith

Mary Stueber

Mary & Maurice Fustace

Kathleen Foley

Ruth & William Claghorn

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Raymond Nadeau, Sr.

Sykes Family

Joyce Harrison

Floyd Scott, Sr.

Deceased members of the Pollak and Belton Family

Francis and Elizabeth Dolen

Richard Haupt

Sadie Hauver

Fugere & Mathews Families

Zelma Vigneau and Family

Alphonse & Barbara Proncipato

Donald & Aldona McNamara

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The Wagner Family

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The Leblanc Family

The Burke Family

The Jacobs Family

The Adams Family

The Wrigley Family

The Petri Family

The Dionne Family

The Wilder Family

The Lockwood Family

We would like to thank all those who gave a donation to our Christmas Memorial Flower Fund.



Fuel and Heat Collection

Sorry for the confusion on the date for the Fuel Collection. Those with envelopes will see that it is dated this week. If you have an envelope or would like to make a cash donation, they will go around a second time again this week. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Envelopes for 2024

The new boxed offertory envelopes for 2024 are available at the front entrance of the church. Please take yours home with you today. If you do not have envelopes, but would like to, please call the office (802-899-4632) and a box will be assigned to you. Thank you.

Stewardship - December 16 & 17, 2023

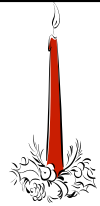
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 2,459.31
Regular Collection:(incl. \$285 On-Line Giving).....	\$ 2,044.00
2nd Collection - Christmas Flowers:	\$ 218.00



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

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	12/24	3:445 PM - Christmas Pageant
Monday	12/25	Christmas
Wednesday	12/27	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	12/28	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	12/29	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	12/30	3:15 PM - Confessions



SANCTUARY CANDLE
 Week of December 24:

*In Loving memory of
 the deceased children of
 Parishioners of St. Thomas
 and St. Mary's Parishes*

RCIA begins January 2

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic? Join us for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is the process by which non-Catholics enter the Catholic Faith or uncatechized Catholics (baptized but did not receive any other sacrament). To become a Catholic, one must understand the teachings of the Church, believe in those teachings, and be a baptized Catholic. Those who are not baptized will study the teachings of the Catholic Church through RCIA and conclude their journey with the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism into the Church. Those who were baptized as a Protestant, will study the teachings of the Catholic Faith in RCIA and conclude their journey with their reception into the Church by a priest, which may include a conditional Baptism and a profession of the Catholic Faith. The Sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil when enter the Church. Interested persons contact Laura Wells at St. Thomas Parish as soon as possible. Email: stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-899-4770 or text 802-777-8062.

Adult Confirmation begins February 20

Adult Catholics who have been baptized, received First Communion and are practicing their Catholic faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a formation program for the sacrament. Interested persons contact Laura Wells at St. Thomas Parish in Underhill Center by January 15 to prepare for the sacrament. Email: stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-899-4770 or text 802-777-8062.

A Note About Christmas Masses

December 24 falls on a Sunday this year. Note there are two obligations – for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for the Solemnity of Christmas. The obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent is fulfilled by an anticipatory Mass on Saturday, December 23 , or on Sunday morning. The obligation for Christmas (a Holy Day of Obligation) is fulfilled by Mass in the late afternoon/evening of December 24, or on December 25.

The Christmas Weekend Mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, December 23 -

4:00 PM at St. Thomas and 6:30 PM at St. Marys

Sunday, December 24 -

10:00 AM & 4:00 PM at St. Thomas (pageant before)

7:00 PM at St. Marys

Monday, December 25 -

9:00 AM at St. Thomas and 11:00 AM at St. Marys

Make faith formation a lifelong effort .
 Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

Milestone Anniversaries

Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, on February 4, 2024, at the 10AM Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 x1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20...50, 51, or more years. We will need to know the names of the couples (as they want it spelled on the certificate), anniversary date and year, current parish, and email address. The deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024.

FreeWill

FreeWill, a third-party software company that offers free, easy to use, confidential, legally binding will software, continues to provide a great service to our Catholic community, especially given the fact that almost 70% of people do not complete or update their will. Within the software, there is an opportunity to leave a bequest to a Catholic school, parish, fund in the foundation, Vermont Catholic Charities, or other charity. Since the diocese launched in August, they have been notified about 21 bequests through the software ranging from \$500-\$750,000 benefiting parishes, schools, Catholic Charities, and specific ministries. To explore this complimentary service from FreeWill, visit FreeWill.com/vccf

December Word of Life

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)"

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 Gratto, 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, Tom Bartlett, Jerome LeClair, Deena DeMartino, Rick Wilhelm, Linda Schaeffler, Mary Martelle, Tim Reny, Steve Guay, Zilda Metcalf, Kit Wheatley, Michael Carter, Bob Stone, Wally Stone, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

Readings For the Week

December 25

The Nativity of

The Lord - Christmas

Is 52:7-10

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

December 26

Feast of Saint Stephen,

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
 16bc, 17

Mt 10:17-22

December 27

Feast of Saint John, Apostle

1 Jn 1:1-4

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Jn 20:1a and 2-8

December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

Mt 2:13-18

December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

December 31

Feast of the Holy

Family of Jesus, Mary

and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Col 3:12-21

LK 2:22-40

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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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