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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
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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

January 6 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
January 7 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Johanna Gandini requested by Donald Gandini 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON -	No Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass followed by Adoration - for the health & well being of the Hoffman Family
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	No Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas
January 13 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand and Theresa Nadeau 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 14 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Sandra Lynch requested by Laura Wells 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

The Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2024

The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord follows the Epiphany because both are events by which God makes his mystery clearer to the human mind.

In the Epiphany, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity was worshiped by foreigners who had been led to Bethlehem, but the Magi knew only that the Holy Child was the long-awaited Messiah (Anointed One, as King David was anointed). Fast forward to the beginning of that Child's mature ministry, and there it is revealed that he is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity.

The baptism of our Lord was a symbol and not a sacrament because the sacrament of baptism washes away sin, and Christ had no sin. A sacrament actually confers a grace from God, so our Lord's baptism qualifies as a sacramental. St. John the Baptist did not use the term sacramental, but he described it when he said, "I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:8).

But Baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is one of the seven sacraments, and washes away sin because it confers the grace of God and moves the soul to desire the other sacraments.

Conferring a name in baptism intensifies our relationship with God, who "adopts" us as his sons and daughters. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Every baptized child acquires the character of the son of God, beginning with their Christian name, an unmistakable sign that the Holy Spirit causes men to be born anew in the womb of the Church." So, it is salutary to be careful in choosing names that identify with the great saints who have gone before us.

Parents, let us follow our Lord and lead our children closer to God through the sacraments of the Church, beginning with that important sacrament of Baptism.

Ministry Schedule January 13 & 14

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

4:00 PM SATURDAY

C Ferreira

L Berard

8:30 AM SUNDAY

Deacon Peter

F Hardy

K of C Country Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Council #7810 will serve a Breakfast on Sunday, January 14th from 8 -10:30 AM in the St. Thomas Parish hall, Underhill Center, VT. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is a suggested donation of \$12. ALL ARE WELCOME! Come and bring the whole family to this delicious breakfast

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.

2023 Donation Statements

Offertory donation statements will be mailed before the end of January for those who made any donation during 2024. If you do not receive one and feel you should have, please let the office know.

Stewardship - December 30/31, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,459.31
Regular Collection:(incl. \$858 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,563.00

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.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Thomas Parish!



PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	1/7	Undecorate church after Mass 10:00 AM - Religious Ed
Monday	1/8	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	1/9	9:00 AM - Bone Builders 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	1/10	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	1/11	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	1/12	9:45 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	1/13	3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	1/14	8-11:00 AM - K of C Country Breakfast 10:00 AM - Religious Ed

Religious Education 2024



Religious Ed Classes begin at 10:00 AM. There will be no opening this morning so just go directly to your class.

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.

Pro-Life Lobby Day

Chittenden County Right to Life will be attending Pro-Life Lobby Day as a group on February 21. All are welcome. Mark your calendar and plan to caravan with us to the State House in Montpelier to quietly and effectively advocate for LIFE! More details to follow. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16 in St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington, from 7-8pm. We have renewed energy and commitment – and new volunteers and input are always welcome. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more information.

Age Well Grab and Go!

Our Age Well Grab and Go meal is available to those 60 and over and will be held on Wednesday, **January 31**, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri by 1/26 at 802-899-4632 or office@stthomasvt.com to register. This month's meal includes: Sliced pot roast au jus, Ranch mashed potatoes, carrots & cabbage, wheat roll, apple pie, & milk. The cost is a suggested donation of \$5.

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.

**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.

French-Canadian Dinner

The Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Richmond and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Williston will again be hosting their annual French-Canadian Dinner on Feb 3, 2024. Due to COVID, for the past several years this annual dinner was only available via takeout. This February 3rd, diners will have the opportunity to partake of the supper in person in the Holy Rosary Church Hall or as a take out dinner for \$15/dinner. The dinner consists of Tourtiere (Meat) Pie (1/4 pie), Pea Soup (8 ounces), Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and various desserts.

January Word of Life

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

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, 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, 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, Howard McRae, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

Readings For the Week



January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Mk 1:7-11

January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Mk 2:13-17

January 14

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



Repentant Reconciled Renewed



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

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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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