

Mass Times and Intentions

Week of Nov 11 & 12

<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 pm	For holy priests and religious vocations
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Sister Catherine Cesnik
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	No Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Mass at St. Thomas</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	For the conversion of sinners
Thursday	*****	
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Mass at St. Thomas</i>

Week of Nov 18 & 19

<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 am	For the conversion of Alaina rogers and Jeff Rogers

*Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm  
and Sunday morning at 10 am*

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† *PRAYER CONCERNS* †

*For all our sick and shut-ins as well as our troops. For all who have died  
and all members of St. Mary's & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy.*

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† *Eucharistic Adoration* †

*Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass  
Reconciliation Wednesday's after Mass/Saturday's 6-6:20 pm*

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**Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets:** Beginning next weekend (11/18+19), St. Thomas will be collecting staple foods for the Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets. We distribute these baskets to needy families in the church and the wider community in boxes decorated by our religious ed students. In addition to staple foods, we are also in need of donations of turkeys and monetary donations for this worthy project. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Church with Food and Fruit Baskets in the memo. Staple foods needed: soups, stews, mac & cheese, egg noodles, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables & fruits, cereal, sugar, flour, peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, canned pie filling & crust mix, brownie mix, cake mix & RTU frosting, cookie mix, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, mayo. If you know of a family who would benefit from this project, contact Laura Wells. And please contact Laura Wells with donations of turkeys 802-777-8062. Assembly and distribution of the Christmas baskets is December 10.

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Veterans Day, November 11

November 11th belongs to the veterans of our armed forces and their families. At the 11th hour of the 11th day 11th month of 1918, the Armistice with Germany went into effect thereby ending major hostilities of The Great War (which came to be known as World War I). Beginning the following year, November 11 was known as "Armistice Day." President Woodrow Wilson established the day by saying, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

"On May 13, 1938, November 11th was declared a legal holiday by Congress to remember the cessation of fighting and those who had served in 'The Great War.' In 1954, a bill was passed extending the day to recognize our veterans of all wars. Today we honor all the men and women who have served our country in all branches of the Armed Services.

Veterans have given their lives for a country that believes that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We can live our lives standing for the same principles.

America needs Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, who will communicate their values, live out their values, and sacrifice themselves for Christ in ordinary everyday life as our veterans sacrificed for us. America needs Catholics who pray for her leaders and work to protect life, faith, family, and freedom while maintaining a solidarity with the poor and downtrodden.

On Veterans Day, Americans thank our veterans for their unstinting service, whether or not they have served in active duty. They gave themselves for their country. In return, we must care enough to honor their sacrifice by living a virtuous life with the freedom they have provided us.

Thank you for your service.

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**Rel. Ed. News:** Faith Horton has volunteered to teach grades 3&4 for the rest of the school year. Thank you, Faith! Grades 5&6 and 3&4 will now follow the regular religious ed calendar.

Thanksgiving Break: Religious Ed Classes will not meet on Sunday, Nov 19 or Nov 26. Have a happy Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

**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.or

<b>Offertory Receipts for 11/4 &amp; 5</b>
<b>FY24 Weekly Goal: \$1,061</b>
<b>Last Week = \$ 816.00</b>
<b>YTD Actual = \$16398.11</b>
<b>YTD Budget = \$20159.00</b>
<b>Over (Under) = \$(3,760.89)</b>

*Pray the Holy Rosary every day!*