

Mar 11 & 12, 2023 The Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Times and Intentions

Week of March 11 & 12

Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	For our faithful priests
Monday	6:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	Mass at St. Thomas /*Stations of the Cross after Mass

Week of Mar 18 & 19

Saturday	6:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Marys and St. Thomas
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the souls of Gerard & Rosemarie Schmitt

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

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 at 644 5073.

†Eucharistic Adoration† Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass  
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

Cambridge Food Shelf: Thank you to all who donate food and clothing to the Cambridge Food Shelf! Your generous donations assist many families in need.

Annual Vermont Catholic Men’s Conference: Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2023  
9:00AM-2:00PM  
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph, Vermont / Theme: Band of Brothers  
Key note speaker: Father Jon Schnobrich, Pastor of Most Holy Name of Jesus-Morrisville & Blessed Sacrament-Stowe  
Opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary, Litany of St Joseph, and fellowship.  
Mass at mid day with Bishop Coyne  
Cost \$30 per person. Lunch and light breakfast included  
For more information and registration go to: www.vermontcatholic.org/men, or call John Morin (802) 885-3946



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mar 13  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4  
Lk 4:24-30
- Mar 14  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9  
Mt 18:21-35
- Mar 15  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
Mt 5:17-19
- Mar 16  
Jer 7:23-28  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Lk 11:14-23
- Mar 17  
Hos 14:2-10  
Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17  
Mk 12:28-34
- Mar 18  
Hos 6:1-6  
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab  
Lk 18:9-14
- Mar 19  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41

Catholic Devotions - Praying to our Saints/ St. Joseph

In Roman Catholicism a saint is a holy person who is known for his or her “heroic sanctity” and who is thought to be in heaven. Our catechism teaches us the following concerning saints: “Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness....They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.....So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped.” (CCC# 956)

There are more than 10,000 saints recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, though the names and histories of some of these holy men and women have been lost. Most saints have a feast day observed by the Church in which their lives and contributions are formally celebrated, and some have large followings of devotees and even religious orders in their honor.

Many people honor the saints and look up to them as examples of lives well lived in their faith and are strengthened and gain hope knowing that our saints shared many of the same struggles, sins, doubts and hardships and therefore seek help from specific saints.

Should you have a favorites saint or one that you need assistance from you may very well find a chaplet to recite to that particular saint. A chaplet is a devotional prayer said in private or with a group of people, out loud or silently. Typically rosaries or chaplet bracelets are used to help keep track of where you are in prayer. These rosaries and bracelets can be blessed and if so should be treated with great care.

A very powerful 30 Day Prayer to St. Joseph has been encouraged for centuries by popes and saints alike as they witnessed his great power to intercede. St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, who offered paternal protection of Jesus, continues from heaven as he watches over us. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical (Quamquam pluries) on devotion to St. Joseph stated “Men of every rank and country should fly to the trust and guard of the blessed Joseph, especially fathers of families.” Why 30 day’s though? According to tradition, St. Joseph died just before Jesus entered his public ministry. This prayer honors St. Joseph for each of the 30 years he spent with Jesus.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Confessor of the Faith is celebrated each year on March 19. This year March 19 falls on a Sunday, therefore the celebration will be transferred to Monday, March 20. Copies of The 30 Day Prayer to St. Joseph can be found at the doors. Please help yourself.

The Feast of the Annunciation: March 25 marks the “Feast of the Annunciation”. Mary’s fiat—”I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” - brought our Savior into the world. As the first disciple of Christ, Mary shows us that we must listen to and do God’s will. Prayer and action therefore go hand in hand. As followers of Christ we must make time to talk to and listen to Him in prayer. The Annunciation Novena is typically recited from March 16-24.Copies are available at the doors for your convenience. Please help yourself.

Not been to Confession in a long time? Not really sure how to make a good Confession? Pamphlets are available at the doors which may help. Step by step instructions are also located inside the confessional.

The Diocesan weekly bulletin, The Inland See, is available online at: www.vermontcatholic.org/vcm/index.php/bulletins

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY!  
Jesus is coming back! Are you ready?

Offertory Receipts for 3/4 & 5 FY23 Weekly Goal: \$1,098			
Last Week	= \$		740.20
YTD Actual	= \$		36385.06
YTD Budget	= \$		38430.00
Over (Under)	= \$		(2044.94)

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