

May 20 & 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Times and Intentions

<u>Week of May 20 & 21</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Christopher D’Englere
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

<u>Week of May 27 & 28</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	No Intention

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, especially Will Esmay, 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

Good News Bootcamp: 5/24 and 5/31 at St. John Vianney, So. Burlington from 6:45 - 8:30 pm
Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. See topics on our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
May 22	
Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33	
May 23	
Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a	
May 24	
Acts 20:28-38 PS 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19	
May 25	
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26	
May 26	
Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19	
May 27	
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25	
May 28	
Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23	

Pentecost and Confirmation

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” – Acts 2:1-4

There are three sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Where baptism frees us from the bonds of original sin and makes us members of the body of Christ, Confirmation is intended to strengthen and deepen the effects of Baptism.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Sacrament of Confirmation is “the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost”, and “brings an increase and deepening of Baptismal grace.”

We can now see the connection between Pentecost and Confirmation. Just as the apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so too do we receive the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, and in so receiving, build upon the graces received by Baptism.

The word confirmation comes from Latin and is defined as making firm or establishing. Indeed, Confirmation makes firm and establishes that which began in Baptism. Confirmation is said to mark the individual as a witness of Christ and seals us with gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts are counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, wisdom, understanding, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are meant to be used by Catholics to glorify God. In Baptism, we are ushered into a new life in Christ. In Confirmation, that new life is strengthened and perfected. Please keep in prayer St. Marys’ Confirmation candidate, Tolkien Lawlor, who will be confirmed this Wednesday evening.

5-Day Silent Retreat • St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte: The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Spiritual Directors are specifically trained for this type of retreat and will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. Applicants should be comfortable maintaining an atmosphere of silence and be able to share their prayer experience with a Spiritual Director in a daily meeting of about forty-five minutes. The cost is \$550 per person which includes a private room and all meals. A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with application which can be obtained by calling Joe Gallagher at (802) 928-3362 or via email at jgallagher@sse.org. Space is limited due to private bedroom accommodations and married couples attending will be assigned to separate cabins. Retreat begins Sunday, June 11 at 7 pm and concludes Friday, June 16 at 1 pm.

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

Offertory Receipts for 5/13 & 14 FY23 Weekly Goal: \$1,098		
Last Week	= \$	929.00
YTD Actual	= \$	44845.81
YTD Budget	= \$	48312.00
Over (Under)	= \$	(3466.19)