

Jan. 27 & 28, 2024 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Week of Jan 27 & 28

Saturday	6:30 pm	Mass
Sunday	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	Mass at St. Thomas

Week of Feb 3 & 4

Saturday	6:30 pm	Mass
Sunday	10:30 am	Mass

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.

† Eucharistic Adoration†

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

Second Collection: There will be a second collection this weekend for the Church in Latin America. Next weekend our second collection will be for our Maintenance Fund.

Our Lenten schedule is now available at the doors. Please help yourself.

Our restroom is now located in the Parish Hall-Office and will be available during all Masses

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2

The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and– added by Saint John Paul II in 2002– Luminous.

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are: The Annunciation; The Visitation; The Nativity; The Presentation; and The Finding of Jesus in the Temple. We can see that as we pray the Rosary, it leads us to meditate closely on the life of Christ.

This week we have another opportunity to make time to meditate on the Presentation of the Lord. The Church has set aside February 2 in observance of the Presentation of the Lord, the day in which Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the priests and elders in the Temple.

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to “buy him back” on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (Luke 2:24) in the temple, thus the “presentation” of the child.

When Christ was presented in the temple, “there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel.” When Mary and Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Canticle of Simeon: “Now, Lord, let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all the peoples: A light for revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32).

If you have not prayed the Rosary in a while, the Feast of the Presentation is an opportunity to take time to spend with Jesus and Mary and meditate on the life of Christ.

Bread of Life Retreat: Sat. Feb 2, Holy Family Church, Essex Junction • 9 am - 3 pm

Sister Paul Mary, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist will lead this retreat, which includes a “bread making event” and presentations on the Eucharist. Lunch and materials for making bread which you can bring home are included in the retreat fee of \$20. You are also invited to begin the retreat day by joining us for the Rosary starting at 8 am and Mass at 8:30 am which takes place in Holy Family Church. Registration is required as there is a limited number of spots available. Please call the rectory at (802) 878-5331 to reserve your place. This event is a part of the Eucharistic Preachers Initiative sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington.

The Miraculous Medal: “The most important sacramental is a dormant giant in the Catholic Church, waiting to be rediscovered. Wherever faith and confidence in the Miraculous Medal are enkindled in hearts, miracles spread like wildfire, and the supernatural comes to be expected.” excerpt from the book titled “ The Miraculous Medal-Pendant of Power” by Christine Watkins. Blessed Miraculous Medals are available at the doors. Please help yourself.

Offertory Receipts for 1/20-21
FY24 Weekly Goal: \$1,061
Last Week = \$1035.00
YTD Actual = \$27721.83
YTD Budget = \$31830.00
Over (Under) = \$(4108.17)

Pray the Holy Rosary every day!