



St. Thomas Church

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM

This schedule is subject to change. Please consult the weekly bulletin for current schedule.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please consult weekly bulletin.

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

April 24 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Jean Navitskis requested by Larry and Donna Pires 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
April 25 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Bernard Kellner requested by Ed and Louise Mathews 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Audra Staples Delgado requested by Laura Lynch Wells
WED	5:30 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-St. Marys 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Eugene Wells, Jr. requested by Cedric and Laura Wells
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 1 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
May 2 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Fumiko Russ requested by Ken and Donna Schaeffler 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule May 1 & 2	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	L Berard	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

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Polish Dinner

The Knights would like to thank all who helped out at the Polish Dinner take-out last weekend, and to those who purchased tickets. We served 180 meals and the feedback was great! The 'take out' model seems to be a hit so keep an eye out for info on future meals!

Stewardship - April 17 & 18, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$375 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,310.00

Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."
(John 6:51)*

Throughout history bread has been known as the staff of life. It gets that name because the grains that are the basis for bread need only a simple, basic level of cultivation and more importantly can form the necessary nutrition to maintain health. Growing up, our family distinguished between "American" bread and "Italian" bread; that is the soft commercial type versus the hard-crust loaf. Both weren't particularly nutritious since most of the wheat kernels were pulverized leaving very little fiber or vitamins left. Later on we moved into more whole grain versions with the nutritional content much better, yet I still love my Italian bread. Jesus tells us He is the Bread of Life, the Bread come down from heaven. In his conversation with the Jewish people, Christ points back to the days of Moses and the manna that God provided for the Israelites after they left Egypt. All the Israelites had to do was gather the heavenly food each morning; God did the rest. It was symbolic of Christ who would be the spiritual food come down from heaven. It is Christ who heals us and feeds us. In and of ourselves we can do nothing. His sacrifice on the cross, that is His flesh in His humanity that was offered for us, has now become glorified and provides the spiritual nourishment we need on the journey toward heaven. As Catholics we have been given the greatest gift this side of heaven every time we receive Communion in a state of grace; that is free of mortal sin. The body and blood of Christ is the only food that truly nourishes us, the true "staff of life". God created the simple process of growing grain and making bread using the ubiquitous elements of bread and wine easily accessible so that all mankind would be familiar with them, seeing them as staples in the human diet and easily make the connection between the very basic foodstuff of physical life with the staple of the spiritual life in Christ Jesus. There is no higher level of "nutrition" available. As we approach the foot of the altar each Sunday to receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ let come forward with deep reverence and awe at the God of the universe who would stoop down to our level of existence and offer Himself in this most humble of ways. What a privilege it is for we Catholics. Let's comport ourselves with the attitude of humility receiving the very staff of the spiritual life, Christ our Savior.

~Fr. Chris

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	4/25 1:45 PM - St. Mary's Brisket Dinner take-out
Tuesday	4/27 5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	4/29 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	5/1 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	5/2 Have a blessed week!



Religious Education News

Confirmation: Congratulations to all our youth from St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes who received their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 15 at St. Joseph Cathedral, with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne. **Ellie Campbell, Gabriella Cowan, Theron Desroches, Nolan Rowe, Leona Smith, Dylan Sicard, Aidan Soutiere, and Erin Wilder**

First Holy Communion: Please keep in prayer our 2nd Graders who are preparing to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time in Holy Communion on May 8.

Yard Sale News

Please keep us in mind while you are spring cleaning, and hold aside your treasures for the Annual Yard Sale!! We plan to hold our yard sale in August this year and will be collecting items to sell over the summer. We do not plan to sell clothing this year but we will begin accepting any clean, sellable items soon. Watch the bulletin for more info and notification of when the garage will be open. Thank you!

Age Well Grab and Go Meals

On Thursday, St. Thomas hosted a grab and go lunch meal for Age Well Vermont. There were 35 meals picked up and we consider this a success for the first time event! We have decided to host the meals on the 4th Wednesday of the month for the foreseeable future. These meals are free to those 60 and older and prior registration is necessary. Please watch the bulletin for registration information and keep your neighbors in mind that may need a hot meal. Thank you.

eCatholic Online Giving

We have recently changed to a new and updated website with eCatholic, and they have a simple online giving platform that we are moving to as well. We are asking our parishioners to begin using the new platform at <https://www.stthomasvt.com/donate> as soon as possible. Please remember to cancel your online giving at the old site <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=855>. After signing in, Click the "Manage My Account" drop down menu and select "My Active Online Giving". Click each active gift and select "cancel gift" in the bottom right corner. You may also want to remove your payment methods: Under the "Manage My Account" drop down, choose "My Payment Methods" and delete any bank account or credit card accounts listed there. The old site will continue to be available and nothing will be cancelled until everyone has migrated to the new platform.

Changes at Mass Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

- Please sign in before entering. The log is kept to facilitate contract tracing if necessary.
- Hymnal and other reading material have been cleared from the pews.
- Printed material is available to use during Mass but must be taken home to be disposed of
- Bulletins will be available after Mass.
- Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit from the church.
- The sacristy, balcony, and "cry room" will be closed until further notice.
- Please wear your mask during your approach to communion. When it is your turn, please pull your mask down below your chin, receive in your hand, consume the host, and then replace mask before returning to your pew.

May Crowning at St. John Vianney

The parishioners of St. John Vianney invite you to join them for an outdoor Mass and May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary that will be held on the front lawn of the Parish in South Burlington, on Saturday, May 1st at 9:30am. They will also be dedicating their new outdoor statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The rosary will be prayed at 9:10am, prior to Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Make faith formation a lifelong effort
Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

K of C Scholarships Available

Three \$500 scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council and Assembly affiliated with this Parish. To be eligible to compete for one of these Scholarships applicants must graduate from High School during 2021 and attend an accredited postsecondary college or institution commencing in the Fall of 2021. In addition, the applicant must either be a member of one of the parishes in the Bishop Rice Council and Assembly, or be the child or grandchild of a member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council or Bishop Rice Assembly. Information is also available on the @KoCofEssexVT FaceBook page. You may also contact the council scholarship chairman, Scott Turnbull at turnbull_vt@comcast.net or 802-879-5231

Theology of the Body

Join us for the Theology of the Body Virtual Conference being held April 30 through May 2, 2021. This free virtual conference will include over 80 speakers, artists, and clergy. Talks will be given by Fr. Jon Schnobrich, Scott Hahn, Christopher West, Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, and many more. Register for free at www.TOBVirtualConference.com.



"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USSCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"

If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 899-4632

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Yvonne Cross, Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Joyce Brush, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Fred Kreps, Robert LeGrand, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Kyle Brooks, Mary Parisi, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Jay Tisbert, Lawrence Lecours, Don Gingras, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Rosemary Breen, Barb Juell, Patricia Stone, Diane Dufresne, Amy Gratton, Tim Clark, Lisa Abair, Gene Wells and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Jean Navitskis, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Readings For the Week

April 26

Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:1-10

April 27

Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

April 28

Acts 12:24—13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

April 29

Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

April 30

Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

May 1

Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-27,28,30,31-32
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8



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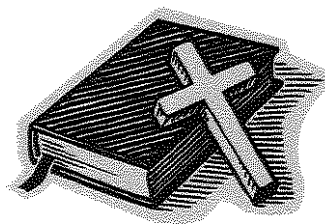
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For prayers answered
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes 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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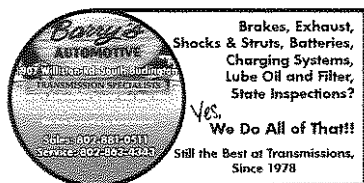
Invite them to come to Holy Mass with you and
never stop praying for them.

RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

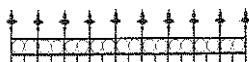
Adult Confirmation

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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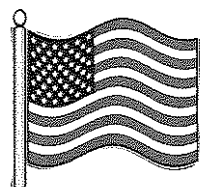
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