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

St. Thomas Church

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Office Hours: M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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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

January 29

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Ross Perri requested by Tony and Tammy Perri

6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

January 30

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary

8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Jean Scherr requested by the members of

the Music Ministry

10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

MON 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the intentions of Tom and Susie

May requested by Rene & Barbara Desany

WED 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

THU NO Mass

FRI 8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of JoAnn

Konczal requested by the Konczal family

February 5

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of

Raymond Nadeau Sr. requested by Gail

Nadeau and family

6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

February 6

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary

8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of

Albert Bernasconi requested by Brian

and Patrice Rogers

10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule February 5 & 6	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

Christ Our Hope Matching Gift

The Diocese of Burlington has notifies parishes that an anonymous donor has made a \$5,000 matching gift for the first donations of \$500 or more made on online on January 31, to the Christ Our Hope campaign. The parish will receive a hundred percent of the \$500 match towards their Christ Our Hope goals. Each parish can receive up to two matches. To make an online gift please visit: christourhopevt.org/donate

Year End Statements

Year End donation statements will be available to anyone who gave donations in 2021 and wishes to receive a statement. In the interest of saving postage, we will not be mailing a copy to everyone this year. If you would like a statement, please call Teri at 802-899-4632or email office@stthomasvt.com.

Mass Intentions

Please call the office if you would like to schedule a Mass intention for 2022. Intentions are available for Saturday and Sunday Masses as well as weekdays and holy days. Masses may be scheduled one year in advance, and there is a suggested donation of \$10 per intention. You can schedule Mass by stopping in or calling the parish office at 899-4632.

Stewardship - January 22 & 23, 2022

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.

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus, February 2 The Church has set aside Feb. 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. For years this feast, which in the United States is only formally celebrated when it falls on a Sunday, marked the end of the Christmas season. In olden days, the Presentation was often referred to as "Candlemas" and was celebrated by a candle-lit procession into the church, signifying Christ as the "light of nations." Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. 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. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified, thus the "purification." Mary and Joseph faithfully kept the law of the Lord (Lev. 12: 2-8). In his Gospel, Luke (2:22-39) recounts the story. 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, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel (Luke 2:29-32). Because of the words of the canticle, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries. The day after the Presentation, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. The intercession of St. Blaise is invoked against choking, as well as any other ailments of the throat. The Catholic traditional practice for the day is the blessing of the throats with candles that were blessed at Candlemas. After Mass, a priest or lay minister, using two of the newly blessed candles from Candlemas, tied together in the middle to form a cross, blesses the faithful, one by one, saying: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Father will not be blessing throats this year due to concerns over Covid)

<u>PARISH EVENTS</u>			
Sunday	1/30	10:00 AM - Religious Ed	
Tuesday	2/1	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday	2/3	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group	
Saturday	2/5	9:00 AM - Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions	
Sunday	2/6	10:00 AM - Religious Ed	

Religious Education 2021-2022: .



** Important notice: The Jesus Retreat for grade 2, First Reconciliation, has been post-poned to Saturday, March 12, 9:00 AM – Noon. All students must be accompanied by a

parent or other adult.

Snacks and Scripture

Plan ahead to join us for a Lenten Scripture Series, "Jesus Christ Suffered," led by Laura Wells, This will be at St. Thomas on the 4 Tuesdays in March (8, 15, 22, 29) at 12 noon. Look for further details to come.

Pork Loin Take-out Dinner

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are cooking a Pork Loin take out dinner on Sunday, February 13th with pick-up from 4:30 - 5:30 PM at St. Thomas Church in Un-

derhill Center. The dinner will be \$15 and consist of Pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, gravy, apple sauce, and desert. We ask that you reserve your tickets by calling the

church office at 802-899-4632, or purchase them at Snow-flake Chocolates in Jericho or Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center. Thanks for your support!!

Cemetery Assistant Position

We are looking to fill our cemetery assistant position here at St. Thomas. This is a volunteer position, however there is compensation for some required duties. Ideally, this person would be available to take infrequent phone calls with cemetery questions, as well as to assist with digging, burials (some Saturdays), cremation vault and cornerstone placements, and general assistance to the Cemetarian. Please call the office (802-899-4632) with any questions or see Nate Sullivan (802-899-9959).

Information Sessions at CKS

Christ the King School in Burlington, a Catholic school serving learners of all faiths from 3 years old through 8th grade, will host virtual information sessions via Zoom. Preschool, pre-k, and Kindergarten families will be on Wednesday, February 2nd at 1:00 and for 1st-8th grade transfer students on February 3rd at 1:00. Join us to meet our school leadership, and discover what makes CKS such a special place, all from the comfort of your home or office! Registration is required. RSVP by contacting admissions@cksvt.org, calling 862-6696 or register at http://www.cksvt.org/open-house. Find us online at http://www.cksvt.org or on Facebook, twitter, and Instagram by searching for CKSVT.

From The Office of the Bishop

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is reinstated as of July 4, 2021. However, as has always been the case, there are times and circumstances when one cannot be present for Sunday Mass: injury, ill-health, mobility issues, age, and now personal safety issues that are still present due to Covid 19. Children who have not been vaccinated, people whose health is compromised so that they have to avoid any risk of contagion as well as their caregivers, may in freedom choose not to attend Sunday Mass.

12/30/21 - As an act of charity towards our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne is asking that masks be worn at all Masses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this request.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of January 30

In loving memory of Raymond Nadeau Sr.

Requested by Gail Nadeau and family

Rally for Life Mass & March – January 22, 2022

Respect Life Mass at St. Augustine's Catholic Church beginning at 9:30am at 16 Barre Street Montpelier; 10:45am - March to the State House steps for photo. Participants are to gather outside and behind City Hall at 10:45am for the March to the Capitol. Pro-life signs will be provided by Vermont Right to Life; Noon — There is a hot buffet luncheon at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in the Governor's Ballroom ~ \$20 per person, sponsored by VRTL. After lunch, a presentation will be given by VRTL. Reservations for the luncheon and workshop are a MUST as seating is limited to 200 participants. Reduced prices are available for young adults. Reserve your seat now by calling VRLC at 802-229-4885.

French Canadian Dinner

The K of C of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and IMMACU-LATE Heart of Mary parishes will be preparing a French Canadian Dinner for Take-out on Saturday, February 5th. The menu consists of Tourtiere (Meat) Pie (1/4 pie), Pea Soup, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans. Meals can be picked up at OLHR Parish Hall in Richmond from 5-6:30PM. To order visit: https://tinyurl.com/KnightsMeatPieDinner2022 or contact Paul Niekrewicz at (802) 316-8791. \$12 per meal.

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)



Readings For the Week



January 31

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20

February 1

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43

February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

February 3

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13

February 4

Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29

February 5

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

February 6

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 899-4632 $$\operatorname{WE}\ PRAY\ FOR$$

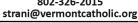
SICK: For all our sick: Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Fred Kreps, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Mary Parisi, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Jay Tisbert, Lawrence Lecours, Don Gingras, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Rosemary Breen, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Gene Wells, Diane Dufresne, Audra Goss, Peggy Lynch, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Evangeline McSoley, Maureen Mayes, Marietta Brush, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

<u>DECEASED</u>: For all who have died, especially Alicia Alesandrini, Bob Bates, Bob Boyd, Robert Legrand, Dan Novembrino, Joyce Brush, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Natural Family Planning

"NFP opened up a whole world of awareness about my body. I love that it's based on science and I love even more that it coincides with my faith. It is true whole health".

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Do you have friends and family members who no longer practice our Catholic Faith? Why not invite them to "come home". Invite them to come to Holy Mass with you and never stop praying for them.



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 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

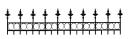


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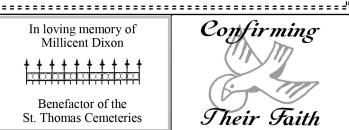
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David Warren

In loving memory of Millicent Dixon



Benefactor of the St. Thomas Cemeteries



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 godparent 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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