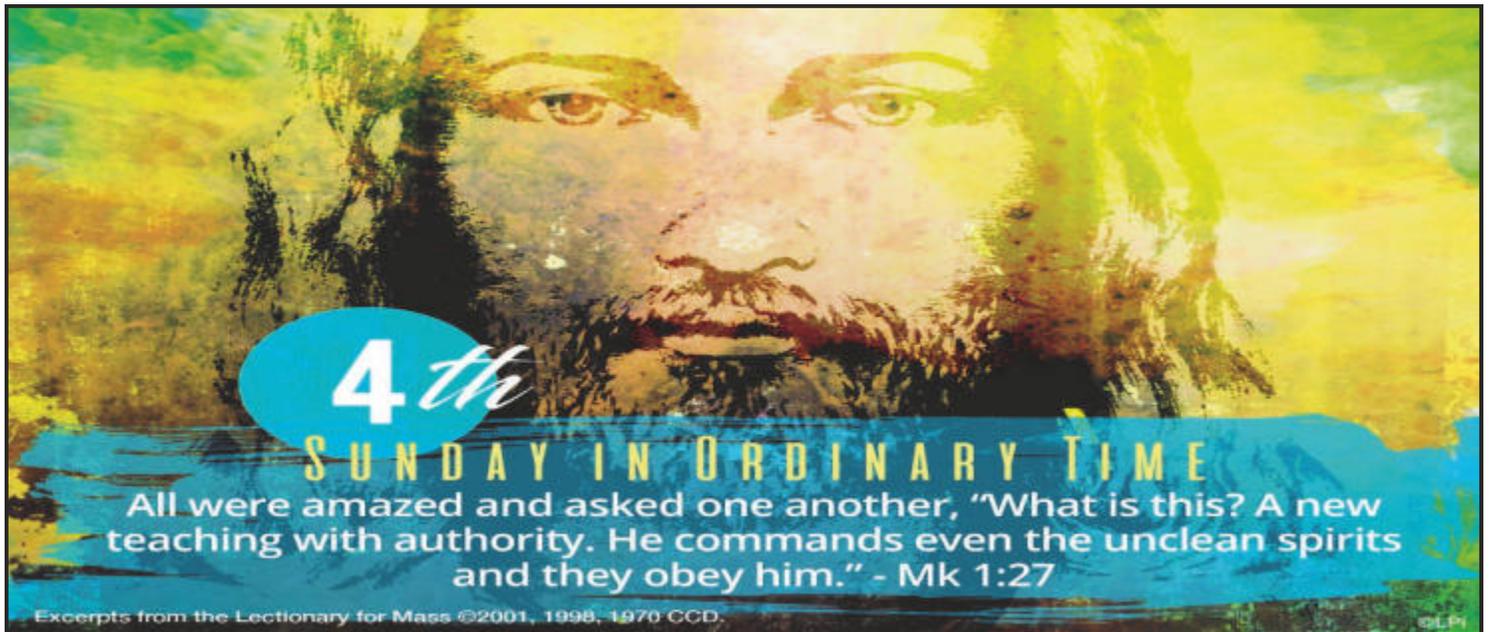


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Parish Email stmark@vermontcatholic.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Please consult current bulletin
Vigil for Sunday 4:00 P.M. Saturday
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Wednesday ----- 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
and by appointment

MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory six months in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-6 meet Sunday, 11:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.
Grades 7-10 (Confirmation) meet Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Please contact the parish office for meeting dates & info.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Located in Family Center - Temporarily Closed
Wednesday, Exposition/Benediction in Church
6:30-7:30 P.M.
Visitors always welcome

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please contact the rectory well in
advance to allow time for preparation.

ORESTES BROWNSON LIBRARY

Sunday: 9:15 - 11:30 A.M. All year.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the rectory to inform us of people
who are in need.

CHITTENDEN EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

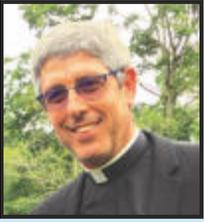
First Sunday of the month.

NORTH END FOOD SHELF

Third Sunday of the month.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the rectory or come in to visit and register.



As we welcome a new political leader, we as Americans should pay attention to what Jesus speaks to us, because as we see in the Gospel for today - Jesus' words have authority and what he says happens! No other world leader has such authority. Listening and acting on the words of Jesus will make His promises be fulfilled in us. Jesus is showing us how we can **truly** achieve the American dream. This dream is inscribed in the Preamble to the US Constitution, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their **creator** with certain inalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The president and most Americans see the fulfillment of this dream in getting a good paying job, making good money so that we can afford nice luxuries, TV, Cars, nice house, etc... All these things are good and important, but they are not what makes us truly happy.

What is not highlighted by our American culture is the reference to God, our Creator, in the preamble. It is God, and only God, who knows the way to pursue and achieve true happiness. One of the more famous sermons of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us the attitudes we need in order to be happy. Jesus speaks of humility, mourning, meekness, hungering for true justice, being merciful, and having a pure heart and seeking peace.

Finally, Jesus says rejoice when you are persecuted for seeking truth and justice, and for living your faith and speaking out in defense of Jesus Christ and the Church. Jesus promises us that by maintaining these attitudes we will be blessed now and receive a great reward in heaven. Sounds demanding and challenging, can we really do this?! The dream Jesus has is for all people not just Americans; it is possible for all people to achieve whether they are rich or poor, weak or strong, Republican or Democrat. Jesus requires only one thing – that we humble ourselves, recognize we are God’s children and seek his guidance and help. These Beatitudes show us how we can find true happiness, and the lives of the saints show us how we can live according to God’s guidance in our lives. St. John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa were able to live holy lives because they responded to the grace Jesus offered them through the sacraments. John Paul II went to confession daily for healing and strength. Mother Teresa began everyday with Mass and the reception of Holy Eucharist so she would have Jesus within her to strengthen her, with the courage and help she needed to serve the poor. The beatitudes are challenging, but as we see through the lives of Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa, they can be lived and true happiness achieved because Jesus not only guides us, but assists us with the graces of the sacraments.

Jesus, grant us the courage to follow the example of the saints and live according to the dream you have for us!

~FATHER DALLAS

UPCOMING
Events

- Jan. 31 Envision Life St. John Vianney 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 2 World Day of Consecrated Life
 - Feb. 2 Hour of Praise 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Church
 - Feb. 3 Prayer for Vocation in Church 5:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 6 First Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m.
 - Feb. 7 Marriage Day Mass St. Joseph’s Church 10:00 am
 - Feb. 7-14 National Marriage Week
 - Feb. 8 Theology Night Zoom 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 14 World Marriage Day
 - Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday (Mass Times TBD)
 - Feb. 28 Family Faith Formation Community Mtg 12:00-1:00 p.m
- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Fridays after 9:00 a.m.
Mass till 9:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Please pray for the safety of our service men and women throughout the world, and for the sick: Emily Shea, Kathy Hebert, Patricia Emerson, Barbara Jewett, Gabrielle Celeste, Richard St. Amour, Monica Hahn, Huguette Paquette, Jed Marcellino, Hilda Carrier, Bobby Santor, Kayden Riley, Lonnie Atkins, Cara Cook, Carolyn Sheehan, Douglas White, Vanessa Hyde, James Smith, Jeffrey Claude Danis, Kenneth Smith, Lori Carron, Paul Baer, Denise King, Krista Bora, Hin Biznu, Richard Kochanski, Joe Ward, Thomas Hibbs, Connor Burke, Joseph Gilbert, Maureen Piontek, Ed & Mim Maxfield & Joan Halpin and for the repose of the soul of Roseanne Thibault & Melvin A. Prim.
To have someone enrolled on this list, call 864-7686.

HOUR OF PRAISE

Please join us for an hour of praise at St. Mark Church, Tuesday, February 2, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Our God loves us, pardons our transgressions and He is always near us, ready to listen. Do you wish you could spend more time recognizing Him for all that He is and all that He does? Come spend time in adoration, with prayers and songs of praise offered to our loving and gracious God. All are welcome!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jan 24	\$2,138
Weekly Goal	\$4,700

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTION

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Divine Mercy: Gabrielle Celeste

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. MARK PARISH

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer." - Saint Mother Teresa

All are invited to participate in this opportunity for prayer in the presence of our Lord.

- Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Adoration begins after the 6:00 p.m. Mass)
- Fridays 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. (Adoration begins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.)

It is not required to sign up or stay for a set length of time; however, to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone we need at least two adorers for each hour on Friday and are looking for volunteers to commit to an hour.

To sign up for an hour of adoration, please go to stmarksvt.weadorehim.com

For more information, contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org

FEBRUARY THEOLOGY NIGHT

On Monday, Feb. 8th, the parish continues its "Theology Night" series. Sister Barbara Cline, FSE, will present on the Sacraments of Healing, with a focus on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Please join us online from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for this evening of faith formation and discussion. All are welcome! For information about how to attend this online gathering, go to Theology Night webpage at stmarksvt.com/theology-nights or email Simeon Lewis, Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation, at slewis@vermontcatholic.org

VOCATION CORNER

The Call to Religious Life

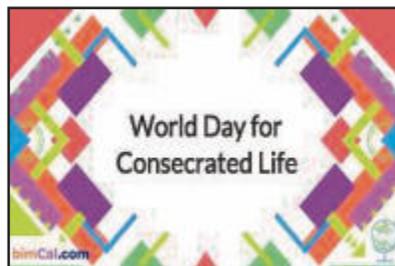
The vocation to religious life is a call to give oneself totally to God through a religious community. **Some orders choose a cloistered life** in a monastery or convent, apart from the world, devoting their lives to prayer, and to service to their community by doing those chores needed to be self-sustaining. They spend time in study and prayer for their needs, for those in the world, and to deepen their personal relationship with God. Those called to this type of religious life are called **monks or nuns**.

Other religious orders, along with the call to prayer and life in community, are called to serve their neighbors outside of their religious community. They may teach in Catholic schools or in after school programs; do nursing and care for those in nursing homes, hospitals, and hospice care; operate community food or clothing pantries; work in crisis pregnancy centers; help the homeless, etc. Members of these orders are called **brothers and sisters**.

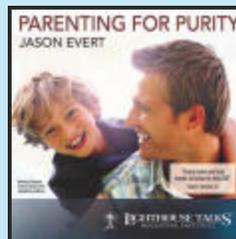
Whether cloistered or serving in the public arena, they all provide a vital service to the church and to our world. **Let's keep them in our prayers**, and ask our Lord to increase vocations in our diocese and in the world.

(Questions? Comments? Email Donna at stmarkvocation-ministry@gmail.com)

St. Alphonsus Liguori, please pray for us.



LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK HIGHLIGHT Parenting for Purity by Jason Evert



Do you want to be the #1 influence in your teen's sexual behavior? In this presentation, Jason Evert provides parents with 10 powerful strategies to safeguard the innocence of their children and effectively communicate the benefits and beauty of chastity to their family.

Jason has spoken about chastity to more than one million people around the world and is the author of more than a dozen books.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN!

The National Catholic Men's Conference is a FREE virtual event for Catholic men of all ages. Pray with men across the nation and hear from 30+ presenters with live and recorded presentations. There is something here for every man. The free event is being held February 19-21. Register today at go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021

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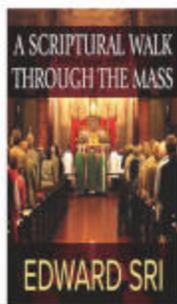
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 31, 2021

A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

LISTEN

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Mass? Are you looking to stop going through the motions at Mass? Join Dr. Edward Sri as he dives into the Scriptural roots of the Mass that will help you to pray the Mass like never before.



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MARRIAGE DAY MASS WITH BISHOP COYNE

Married Catholic couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2021, who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass with Bishop Coyne, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, February 7, 2021 at the 10:00 am Mass. Given health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at the Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). Registrations will be accepted through January 28, 2021, at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/> Please contact Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org with any questions. If you would like to have your marriage recognized here at the parish, please contact the parish office for more information.

ENVISION LIFE!

An evening of prayer and reflection on the gift of human life. This online event will be streamed from St. John Vianney Church, Sunday, January 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations: Molly Sheahan, from the Respect Life office in the Diocese of Baltimore, and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way, a pro-life organization focused on those who have lost siblings to abortion. Learn more and register for free at vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Williston, VT, is hiring a part-time Director of Religious Education. This person will be a practicing Catholic, and will be responsible for planning and implementing the curriculum for the parish's educational programs, including preparation for the sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. For more information contact the parish office at IHMChurch@vermontcatholic.org or 802-878-4513

MORAL QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID VACCINES?

Because there is a connection between COVID vaccines and abortion, questions have been raised about their use. For helpful information about this issue, including an "ethical profile" of all potential vaccines, please go to the St. Mark Respect Life webpage at stmarksvt.com/covidvaccines

WORD OF LIFE



"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)." NABRE © 2010

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THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT, FEB 11-13

Do you wish you could have clarity about God's will for your life in big and small decisions?

Do you want to begin reading the Bible, or maybe you've begun and would like to go deeper?

Are you searching for hope, but finding it difficult to keep a positive outlook?

JOIN US! Feb 11-13th! The WORD 2021 Virtual Conference will help you find clarity, hope, and joy, even in the midst of uncertain times. For details & free registration visit: catholic-biblesummit.com

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - Jan. 30

4:00 p.m. Theresa Alexander

SUNDAY - Jan. 31

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

10:30 a.m. Theresa Alexander

MONDAY - Feb. 1

9:00 a.m. Theresa Alexander

TUESDAY - Feb. 2

9:00 a.m. August Scarpone

WEDNESDAY - Feb. 3

5:30 p.m. Prayer for Vocations in Church

6:00 p.m. John & Esther Doran

6:30-7:30 Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY - Feb. 4

9:00 a.m. Fr. Tom Nadeau

FRIDAY - Feb. 5

9:00 a.m. Lois & George Jette

SATURDAY - Feb. 6

9:00 a.m. Estrellia Estacio & Forgotten Souls

4:00 p.m. Theresa Alexander

SUNDAY - Feb. 7

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Hevey Family



Submit Your Prayer Requests Online

Our online Prayer Request Form may be found at <https://www.stmarksvt.com/>. In the top menu bar, click on "Welcome," then "Prayer Requests." Fill in the form with your name, e-mail address, and prayer intentions, then hit "Submit." **To pray for posted intentions**, click on "Prayer Intentions" to the left of the request form. Please pray for one another.

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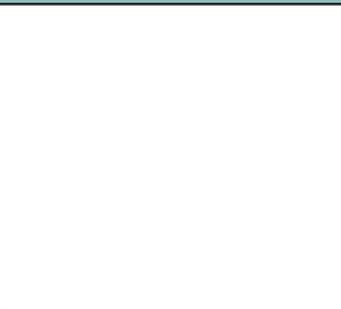
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