

Saint Mark Roman Catholic Church

1251 North Avenue • Burlington, VT 05408
February 7, 2021

5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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PARISH STAFF

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION/CONFESION

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.



Work hard, but pray harder!

This week we are reminded that our lives here on earth are about persevering in work, and primarily the work of the Gospel. Job expresses the exasperation it can bring and the seeming drudgery of the daily grind. Does our work really matter? St. Paul also speaks about being a slave to all as he works to preach the Gospel free of charge in order to bring people to Jesus.

Then in the Gospel, Peter's mother-in-law is cured of her illness only to go back to work, showing hospitality to Jesus and the apostles. Even Jesus is put to work in helping to cure people of their diseases, illnesses and demonic possession. He barely gets any time to himself. Perhaps you can relate to this drudgery of work and seemingly endless work. Working at the office all day only to come home to nurse a sick child, cook dinner, clean dishes, wash clothes, repair household items, or shovel snow!

Indeed life can very well seem like a drudgery and make us weary, worn and sad. However, there is something simple that can make a profound difference in transforming our life of work. It is mentioned in one small sentence and can easily get missed, "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." This line from the Gospel reminds us that yes our lives are mostly devoted to work and we will work hard, however we must pray even harder! Jesus is the most sought after man ever in history, yet he makes time for prayer and goes to where he can have some time for uninterrupted prayer.

A great reminder for us to find and make time for prayer in a quiet/deserted place. The beauty of prayer is we need only a little bit to be refreshed and renewed. A mere fifteen minutes of quiet prayer can bring a renewed energy because we are filled and inspired by the goodness and grace of God. It reminds me of the Lord of the Rings movie with the elvish bread - a special bread that can sustain a grown man for days from only a small bite.

Our willing effort to make even a short time for quiet prayer will sustain us for hours with energy to love and serve the people we will encounter in our day. Jesus thank you for the gift of yourself in the Eucharist and the opportunity to rest in your presence at Mass. Strengthened by Jesus in word and example may we all commit ourselves to set aside some time each day for quiet prayer.

Work hard indeed, but pray harder and life will not be a drudgery, but a joy!

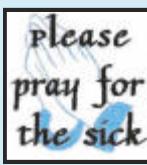
~FATHER DALLAS

UPCOMING Events

- 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 Meeting
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC 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: Patrick Fay, Emily Shea, Patricia Emerson, Barbara Jewett, Gabrielle Celeste, Richard St. Amour, Monica Hahn, Huguette Paquette, Jed Marcelino, 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.

To have someone enrolled on this list, call 864-7686.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Jan 31	\$4,298
Weekly Goal	\$4,700

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTION

(14-day, 8-day)

Tabernacle: Theresa Marcelino

Blessed Mother shelf: Charles Worcester

St. Joseph shelf: Joshua Gilbert

Divine Mercy: Gabrielle Celeste

EUCARISTIC 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 stmarksytwadorehim.com

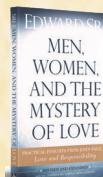
For more information, contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Sign up today for free by visiting formed.org/lent!



LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK HIGHLIGHT Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love-Book Dr. Edward Sri



This updated and expanded edition of Edward Sri's classic meditation on Pope John Paul II's *Love and Responsibility* includes a new introduction, new chapters for singles and engaged couples, and more stories of people whose lives have been transformed by Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author, and well-known Catholic speaker. He has written several best selling books, and serves as professor of theology and vice president of mission at the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado. He is the content director for the acclaimed film series *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained and Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*.

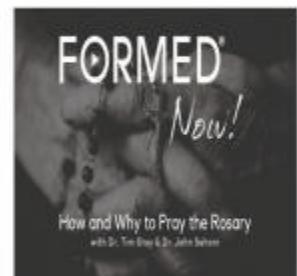
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PICK OF THE WEEK

February 7, 2021

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HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY
As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

THE SEARCH

Coming to our parish this Lent! A new and impactful video series called *The Search* will be part of our Lenten journey as a parish.

Have you ever wondered why the things we expect to fulfill us don't?

Why is life this way? Why are we here? Why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing?

The Search is an award-winning series for everyone that explores fundamental questions and mysteries like these. But *The Search* is not meant just to be watched . . . and it's certainly not meant to be watched alone. That's why we are planning to form small groups – to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing *The Search*. To sign up or for more information, please visit stmarksytwadorehim.com/thesearch or contact the parish office.

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

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

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.” Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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

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: catholicbiblesummit.com

VOCATION CORNER

The Vocation to Married Life

Marriage was instituted by God when He created Adam and Eve. It is a vocation because, as with other vocations, it is a special calling on the lives of two people, in this case, to live in a covenant relationship with each other.

Marriage is a covenant, not a contract. A contract is an agreement between two or more parties for a specific purpose, enforceable by law, and involves the exchange of goods/services in which one party provides compensation for the goods/services provided by the other party. It exists for a specified time, and can be broken when one party doesn't live up to their part of the agreement.

A covenant relationship involves the total giving of each party to the other, and is intended to be “until death do us part.” It is not a 50/50 proposition, or “until you do something I don’t like,” but a total giving of oneself to one’s spouse in a lifelong, exclusive relationship. In Matthew 19:4-6, Jesus said, “Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Through this lifelong, intimate, and sacramental relationship, the married couple is called to mirror God’s love and mercy in service to each other, their children, and their community.

Congratulations to all of our married couples at St. Mark Church. May your love for each other, and for our Lord, continue to deepen and grow as you live your vocation.

(Questions? Comments? Email Donna at stmarkvocationministry@gmail.com)

St. Alphonsus Liguori, please pray for us.



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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY - Feb. 8

9:00 a.m. Theresa Alexander

TUESDAY - Feb. 9

9:00 a.m. David Dutchburn (5th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY - Feb. 10

6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving for healing -
Bob & Patty Geffken
6:30-7:30 Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY - Feb. 11

9:00 a.m. Fr. Thomas Nadeau

FRIDAY - Feb. 12

9:00 a.m. Theresa Alexander

SATURDAY - Feb. 13

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

SUNDAY - Feb. 14

8:30 a.m. Henry Priester
10:30 a.m. Ida Polesel



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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