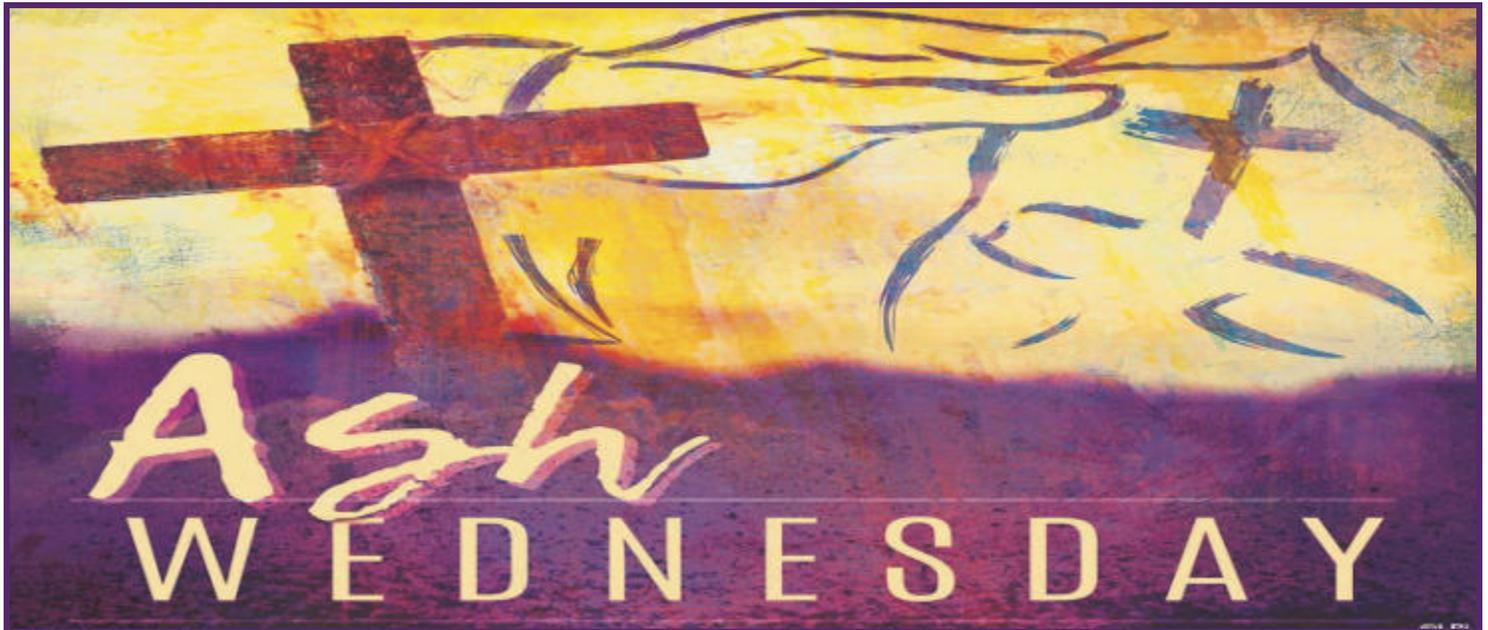


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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION/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.



“If you wish, you can make me clean.”

Do we believe that Jesus can make us clean? This COVID pandemic has helped us all experience the pain of separation that comes from being sick or infected, and gives us an acute awareness of what lepers of Jesus’ day had to endure - isolation and quarantine to keep from spreading the disease. We, all over the past year, have felt the pain of separation and loneliness that isolation and quarantine bring. The pandemic encourages us all to be cautious and courteous by wearing masks and isolating so as to prevent the spread of illness. Our whole world has had a unique experience of what sickness brings, a separation both physically and socially from all other people. This time can help us better understand what a leper endured. For a leper in the time of Jesus, the separation was extreme and for most unending. As we hear from the first reading, a leprous person must stand outside the community and declare vocally that they are unclean. Basically, saying to people, “Keep away from me. I am not fit to live with you.”

With the advancement of medical treatments and the understanding we have today of the need for community and love, the isolation of those who are sick is no longer so extreme. The sick are rightly separated for treatment, but they are not left alone to fend for themselves; nurses and doctors tend to their needs to cure them.

Thanks be to God for the generosity and courage of the doctors, nurses and first responders throughout this pandemic. Yet, there is still a disease from which we all suffer, which cannot be healed by any human doctor or nurse, or any prescribed drug. We are unclean with the disease of sin. Sin is only cured by our freely choosing to approach Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with that very same faith of the leper in today’s Gospel. “If you wish, you can make me clean.” We can try to ignore our sin, minimize it, or worse be oblivious to it. Regardless, just like any serious physical disease, our acceptance does not stop it from harming or even killing us. Physical illness can only kill the body, but untreated sin will lead to eternal death and eternal isolation if we refuse to be made clean.

Lord give us the courage to confront our sin, and accept that we are sick and in need of your healing love. Jesus, you do want to make us clean! Help us to courageously admit our faults and seek healing from your Mercy through a commitment to regular confession as we approach this Lenten Season.

~FATHER DALLAS

UPCOMING Events

- Feb. 7-14 National Marriage Week
- Feb. 14 World Marriage Day
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses
- 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.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTION

(14-day, 8-day)

- Tabernacle:** Theresa Marcelino (2/7 & 2/14)
- Blessed Mother shelf:** Yvette Armstrong (2/14)
- St. Joseph shelf:**
- Divine Mercy:**

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, Krista Bora, Hin Biznu, Richard Kochanski, Joe Ward, Thomas Hibbs, Connor Burke, Joseph Gilbert, Maureen Piontek, Ed & Mim Maxfield & Joan Halpin. Please pray for the repose soul of Denise King, Yvette Armstrong and Richard Gamache Jr.

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

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Feb. 7	\$4,296
Weekly Goal	\$4,700

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GUIDELINES FOR LENT

- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance, and works of charity (almsgiving).
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals (snacks), “sufficient to maintain strength”, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18-59.
- **Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The substantial observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.
- Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.
- Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

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



Deepen your faith this Lent! Our kiosk has many inspiring, entertaining, and informative resources available, including several Lenten themed CDs: “Why Almsgiving?”, “The Sacrament of Penance”, “The Passion of Christ”, “Seven Last Sayings of Christ”, “Love, Sacrifice, Trust”.

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 stmarksvt.com/theseach or contact the parish office.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

February 14, 2021

WATCH

BELOVED—SESSION 1:
DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the *Beloved* series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



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

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

THEOLOGY NIGHTS

In order to grow in the knowledge and love of our Catholic Faith, we are hosting a monthly Theology Night (Adult Meetings), open to everyone. The topics follow our family faith formation curriculum, which this year focuses on the Sacraments. The Theology nights will be held virtually on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. until further notice. Please see the schedule of dates below. Theology Nights will be video-recorded and made available on our website for those who would like to watch at home. To receive an invitation to the zoom meeting email Simeon Lewis at slewis@vermontcatholic.org.

THEOLOGY NIGHTS

Monday, March 8, 2021 Monday, May 10, 2021
Monday, April 12, 2021

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. MARK PARISH

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." -Jesus (Mt 11:28)

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.)

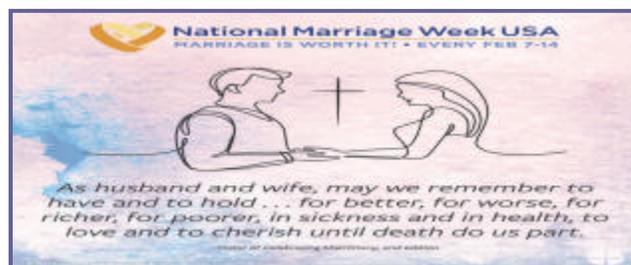
It is not required to sign up or stay for a set length of time; however, to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone we need at least two adorers for each hour on Friday and are looking for volunteers to commit to an hour.

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

WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life



VOCATION CORNER

World Marriage Day/National Marriage Week

National Marriage Week is February 7-14, and World Marriage Day is February 14. We wish to recognize and congratulate all married couples in our church. May your love be a testimony to our modern world that God's plan for marriage is not only possible, but enduring. Please **clip the following prayer** from the bulletin so you and your spouse can pray it together often.



PRAYER FOR OUR MARRIAGE



Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and each other. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more one in heart, mind, and body. Strengthen our communication with each other, and help us become living signs of Your Love. Help us to be examples of commitment, love, and service to our families and children. Make us a sign of the unity which Jesus prays for at the Last Supper. We open ourselves to the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, who empowers us to love in Jesus' name and walk in His footsteps. Amen.

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

St. Alphonsus Liguori, please pray for us.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - Feb. 13

4:00 p.m. Ida Polesel

SUNDAY - Feb. 14

8:30 a.m. Henry Priester

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

MONDAY - Feb. 15

9:00 a.m. Reta Bean

TUESDAY - Feb. 16

9:00 a.m. Well Being of Lori Carron

WEDNESDAY - Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark Parish

6:00 p.m. Bill Guyette

6:30-7:30 Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY - Feb. 18

9:00 a.m. Rit McClintock

FRIDAY - Feb. 19

9:00 a.m. Mary Scarpone

SATURDAY - Feb. 20

4:00 p.m. Frank Generazio, Jr.

SUNDAY - Feb. 21

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

10:30 a.m. Helene Meunier

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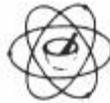
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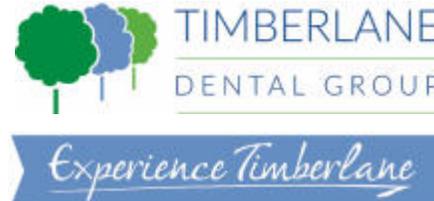
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