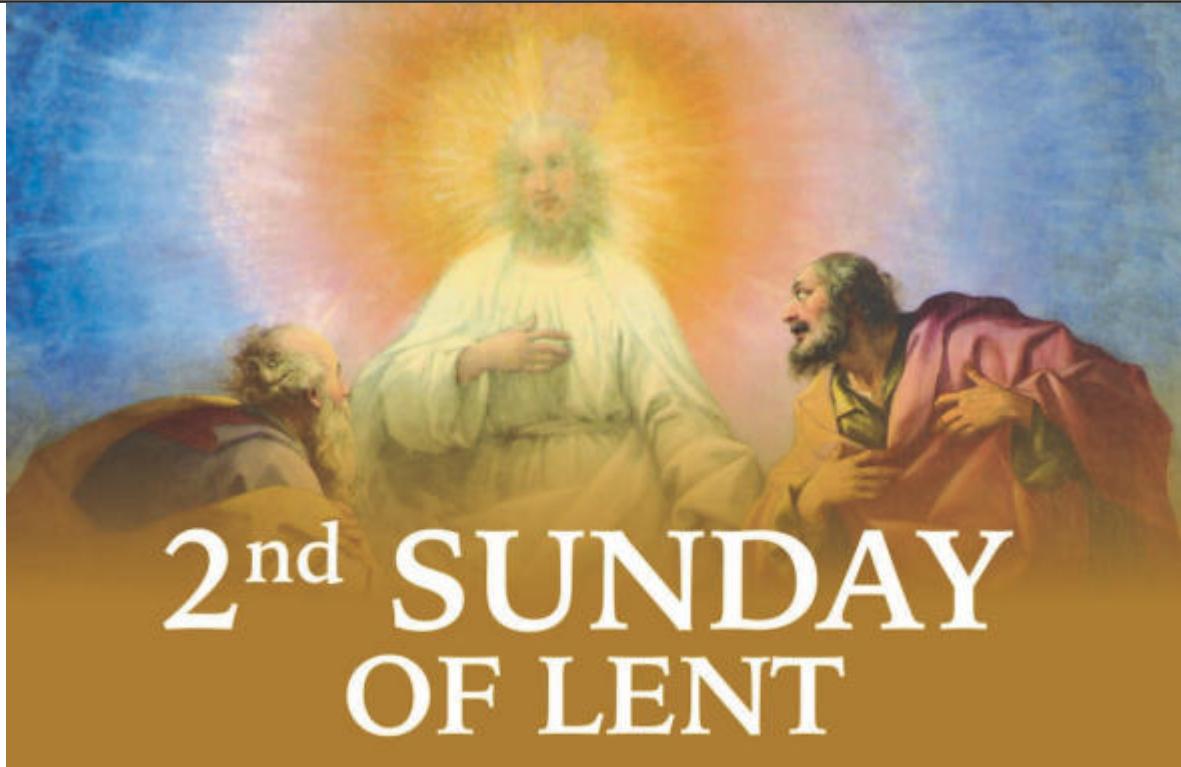


# Saint Mark Roman Catholic Church

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February 28, 2021



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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 parish office six months in advance.

## BAPTISM

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Faith Formation meetings  
Sundays, 11:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.  
Theology Night meetings online Monday 7-8 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.  
Every Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in church  
Visitors always welcome

## ORESTES BROWNSON LIBRARY

Temporarily Closed

## ANointing of the Sick & Communion Calls

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

## CHITTENDEN EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

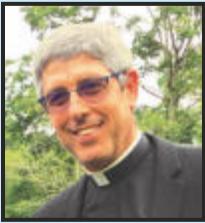
First Sunday of the month.

## NORTH END FOOD SHELF

Third Sunday of the month.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office to register.



Masked super-heroes are fascinating to us. Superman, Batman, Spiderman, Wonder Woman, Zorro, and the Lone Ranger are some examples. Somehow their “disguises” are closer to the reality of who they are and their “everyday” personas are masks that help them to understand us mere mortals. Superman, for example, really is an alien who has superhuman powers and uses them to help people; Clark Kent is just a way for him to get to know and get close to the people for whom he cares so much. Today’s Gospel reveals to us a REAL hero: Jesus. His transfiguration and appearance alongside Moses and Elijah are far more representative of his true identity than his “disguise” as a Galilean carpenter.

Abraham reveals that we too are called to be heroes of love for God. Abraham’s love for God compels him to obey God and willingly sacrifice his only son, and through this obedience and love Abraham is blessed abundantly. We are called to be heroes as we show our love for God through obedience to Him and His Church. Our actions and words help to reveal to others our true identity - children of God. We are heroes to the people in our lives by our willingness to follow the example of Abraham and by heeding the command given by the Father, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.” In our lives we have our “everyday” persona – perhaps we are a student, secretary, carpenter, plumber, politician, teacher, nurse, doctor, etc..., whatever our persona we are called to be heroic. We bring with us the truth of who we really are – sons and daughters of God.

Abraham revealed his identity through his willingness to sacrifice his only son; he obeyed God above all things, showing himself to be God’s son first and foremost. Jesus shows His true identity through His actions and words among the people; He heals the sick and dying, forgives sins and raises the dead to life. To further clarify His real identity Jesus reveals to His chosen disciples His glorification with Moses and Elijah. This shows His disciples that Jesus is more than the law and greater than any prophet. He is not just a great man among men, but the very God that these men worshiped.

We are called to show our true reality to others by our actions and words: by our patience with others, listening to those who are alone and depressed, befriending those who society rejects, visiting the sick and those in prison and in the many other ways Jesus calls us to serve the needs of others. Our love for God is shown in how we love and respond to our neighbor. Let us be heroes to our world by bringing the sacrificial love of Christ to all we meet.

Our faith unmasks for us the reality of the Eucharist. Faith tells us what our senses cannot – this is Jesus’ Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Let us be nourished by Jesus so that strengthened by His grace we can be true heroes of love to our world.

~FATHER DALLAS

### UPCOMING Events

- Feb. 28 Family Faith Formation meeting 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- Mar. 2 Hour of Praise in church 7-8 p.m.
- Mar. 3 5:30 p.m. Prayer for Vocations before Mass
- Mar. 4 The Search every Thursday 7-8 p.m.  
in person or online [stmarksbt.com/thesearch](http://stmarksbt.com/thesearch)
- Mar. 5 Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. in church and confessions and Adoration from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 8 Theology Night 7-8 p.m., online info:  
[stmarksbt.com/theology-nights](http://stmarksbt.com/theology-nights)

### 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, 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 of the souls of Charlie Auer and Christopher Gamache.

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

### VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTION

**Tabernacle:** The Messier Family & for the souls lost in the Pandemic.

**Blessed Mother shelf:** Christopher Gamache

**St. Joseph shelf:** Charboneau family

**Divine Mercy:** Gabrielle Celeste

### Submit Your Prayer Requests Online

Our online Prayer Request Form may be found at <https://www.stmarksbt.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.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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.

## HOUR OF PRAISE

Please join us for an hour of praise at St. Mark Church, Tuesday, March 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!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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## JESUS: THE MODEL AND MASTER OF PRAYER

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

## 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](http://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](http://formed.org/lent)!



## LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK HIGHLIGHT

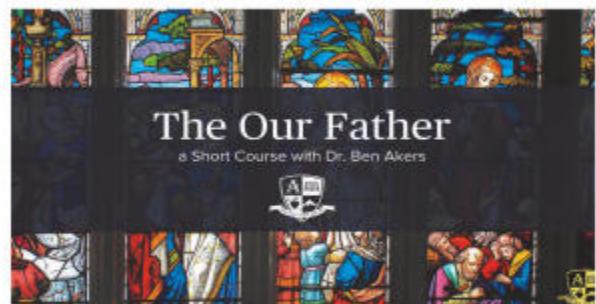
### Prayers

This handy pocket-sized booklet is filled from cover to cover with beautiful prayers from every corner of Catholic tradition. A perennial best-selling booklet at parishes across the nation, this little treasure is perfect for Catholics of all ages!

## THE SEARCH

**The Search** continues this Thursday, March 4th! From 7-8 pm we will gather online to watch Episode 2, "Who Are You?" and then discuss in small groups. Please join us, and bring a friend! If you missed last week's episode, you can still participate. For details about how to sign up, or if you would like to view last week's episode, please visit [stmarksvt.com/thesearch](http://stmarksvt.com/thesearch), or contact the parish office.

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To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Feb. 21	\$2,787
Weekly Goal	\$4,700

## **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 [stmarkspringvt.com/covidvaccines](http://stmarkspringvt.com/covidvaccines)

## **MARCH THEOLOGY NIGHT**

On Monday, March 8th, the parish continues its “Theology Night” series. Simeon Lewis, parish Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation, will present on the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. 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 the Theology Night webpage at [stmarkspringvt.com/theology-nights](http://stmarkspringvt.com/theology-nights) or email Simeon Lewis at [slewis@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:slewis@vermontcatholic.org)

### **THEOLOGY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

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 [stmarkspringvt.weadorehim.com](http://stmarkspringvt.weadorehim.com)

For more information, contact the parish office at 864-7686 or [stmark@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stmark@vermontcatholic.org)

## **WORD OF LIFE**

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”

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Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.

[usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)

## **VOCATION CORNER**

### **Are You Persistent?**

Scripture teaches us to be persistent in prayer. We see this in such passages as Jesus’ parable of “The Widow and the Unjust Judge” (Luke 18:1-8) and His encounter with the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:21-28). These women were persistent in asking for what they desired. If we want to see growth in vocations, including our own, we must follow their example. Here is a simple prayer that can be used daily to help you to be persistent.

### **Daily Prayer for Vocations**

**God, our Father**, in Baptism You called us by name making us members of your people, the church. We praise You for Your goodness. We thank You for Your gifts. We ask You to strengthen us to live in love and service to others after the example of Your Son, Jesus.

**Father, Look upon Your Church** with love and bless Your people with generous single men and women, with loving husbands and wives, with understanding parents, with trusting children, with dedicated priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons.

**Help us to see our Vocations** as a journey toward You. You have called us, not to set us apart, but to bring us together with others who need our love. Make us faithful signs of Your presence in their midst.

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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(Questions? Comments? Email Donna at [stmarkvocationministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkvocationministry@gmail.com))

**St. Alphonsus Liguori, patron of vocations, please pray for us.**

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - Feb. 27

4:00 p.m. Andree Milizia

SUNDAY - Feb. 28

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

10:30 a.m. Bobby Santor (healing)

MONDAY - March 1

9:00 a.m. Martha Ryan

TUESDAY - March 2

9:00 a.m. Melvin A. Prim

WEDNESDAY - March 3

6:00 p.m. Pierre Bunduki

6:30-7:30 Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY - March 4

9:00 a.m. John and Ester Doran

FRIDAY - March 5

9:00 a.m. Lorraine Hevey Perkins

SATURDAY - March 6

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

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

SUNDAY - March 7

8:30 a.m. Bill Guyette

10:30 a.m. Norah Auer

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