

Saint Mark Roman Catholic Church

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July 18, 2021



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Dallas St. Peter ----- Pastor
Rev. Tim Sullivan ----- Priest in Residence
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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 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 - OPEN
Wednesday, Exposition/Benediction in church
6:30-7:30 P.M.
Every Day 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel
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.



Perhaps you have had the experience of being the focus of people's needs. Athletic stars get inundated with requests for autographs. Millionaires get swamped with people asking for donations for charitable causes and needs. Parents have this experience when children are hungry, tired, or hurting. In the Gospel, Jesus cannot get away from the throngs of people who are continually coming after him for help and healing. Not giving him a moment's rest. Jesus wants to get away for rest and prayer. Yet the people find out, and when he arrives expecting a deserted place for rest and relaxation, instead he finds the people gathered and crowding in on him. This would be similar to an athlete leaving the stadium and going home only to find his or her yard crowded with fans, or parents retreating to their bedroom to find their children there pleading for attention and help. How do we respond when we are being bombarded with people and their needs? Whose concerns are most important to us? Jesus challenges us by teaching us the way to respond, "his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Jesus calls us to respond with generosity, selflessness, compassion and love. It is supernatural to respond with such compassion when we are at the end of our patience and weakened by fatigue. The selfless love we are asked to emulate is only possible when we are fueled by prayer and remain united to Jesus. Our celebration of the Eucharist is our source of love and strength. Jesus continues to be fully present to us, to be our shepherd and supply for our every need at anytime. Lord, through Holy Communion fill us with your love and help us to be patient, loving and generous to those who come seeking our help. ~ **Father Dallas**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 19 Hour of Prayer 7-8pm. With Father Dallas.
- July 20 Knights of Columbus meeting 6-8 multi-purpose room
(back of sacristy)
- July 22 Salvation Army dinner-downtown. 4-6pm.



Your prayers are requested for the souls of Thomas Halpin, George Trieb, Sr., and Leland Welch. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful rest in peace.

Invitation to Family Faith Formation 2021-2022 at St. Mark

All families are welcomed to join our family faith formation program this fall! The goals of our program are to encourage and equip parents to live and teach their children the Catholic Faith. The program provides parents with the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the Faith. For more information about our program, contact the parish office at 802-864-7686 or email: stmark@vermontcatholic.org.



Important Pro-Life Action Opportunity

For decades the Hyde Amendment has kept your tax dollars from going to abortion. This has saved millions of lives and billions of taxpayer dollars. Now there is an attempt by some in the government to change this. Our Catholic Bishops are organizing an effort to prevent this change with a goal to get millions of signatures. Our voices together can make an impact. To learn how you can take action, please go to: notaxpayerabortion.com or visit our website stmarksvt.com/respect-life

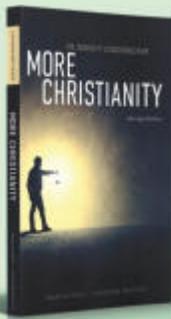
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LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK

More Christianity

C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* is a work that has impacted generations of Christians. It is a brilliant explanation and defense of the Faith that has led many to follow in the way of Christ. But as profound and wise as it is, it is still incomplete. It gives direction for a sincere disciple to follow Christ, but that disciple might not be quite as willing to follow Christ through St. Peter.

This is what **Dwight Longenecker's** book, *More Christianity*, does. It follows Peter into the Catholic Church. In a time when thousands of Christian denominations exist, and Protestantism still remains strong in the United States, why be a Catholic? *More Christianity* gives thorough and insightful answers to many of the main questions and hotly contested debates that arise from non-Catholic Christians. Lest someone think Longenecker presumes to piggyback or cash in on Lewis' work, or set himself up as Lewis' successor, that is not the case. What he does-and does brilliantly-is present the doctrine of the Church with succinct explanations of topics that arise in Catholic/Protestant discussion: common ground in the Scripture, the role of tradition, the Mass, the papacy, Marian dogmas, purgatory, the communion of saints, prayer, and more.



Join St. Mark Prayer Group!

St. Mark's parish has a prayer group that meets once a week on Thursday mornings at 9:30, after morning Mass in the Multi-Purpose room in back of the sacristy. The group prays the Rosary, builds community and also helps Deacon Tim with some of his easy ministry projects. Have a cup of coffee or tea and join us! All are welcome, no reservations needed! For more information, please call Pat Burke at 863-4297.



Dismas House Meals

St. Mark Church has signed up to do a monthly dinner at the Burlington Dismas House. Dismas of Vermont provides shelter and support to men and women making the difficult transition from incarceration to new lives in society. We are looking for interested families to prepare a meal for 10 people. Our meals will be on the **first Tuesday** of each month. If interested, in preparing a meal, please contact Deacon Tim at 802-862-3616. Thank you!

FORMED Pick of the Week

GIVEN FORUM TALKS:

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women

Katherine Meeks

This week we celebrate Mary Magdalene, the most well-known woman in the Gospel accounts besides Christ's holy mother. In honor of this great saint and disciple, enjoy this presentation on the nature and dignity of women by Katherine Meeks. In her talk, Katherine shares how she chose to pursue a mission-driven life for Christ.

Not on FORMED yet?

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

Family Room Gardens—Update

The Family Room Gardens in Burlington, located at the Ethan Allen Homestead is looking for help. If you or your family are interested in helping, please email Justine at: Justine@thefamilyroomvt.org and she will set up a time to show you around the gardens and where to find the tools. There will be weeding, planting and more to do. Staff are there Mon. thru Fri. 9-12. Once you know where things are, you can work the gardens according to your schedule.

These gardens help feed the community.

Salvation Army Meals

The Salvation Army has opened back up to serve supper to the homeless and those in need. St. Mark is scheduled for one Thursday of every month (4-6pm) **July 22**. Deacon Tim and Tina prepare the main dish ahead of time and are looking for volunteers to help prep salad, dessert, coffee and help serve and clean-up. You don't have to bring anything but yourselves. If you can help, please contact Deacon Tim or Tina Gibbo at 802-862-3616. This is a great opportunity to feed the hungry and comfort those in need by just being there to help.

Agape Food Pantry

We thank everyone who has brought food items to our new Agape Food Pantry! There are many who are giving and many who are receiving! We are always looking for non-Perishable items to keep it stocked. Any questions please contact Deacon Tim or Tina Gibbo at 802-862-3616.

As always thank you for your continued generosity.

WORD OF LIFE

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation...."

"We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

Read more at: www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

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Peace starts here

Call 802-658-4118 to speak to someone who will listen and help.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

July 4 Offertory and online	\$3,827
July 11 Offertory and online	\$3,055
Average Weekly	\$3,441

Submit Your Prayer Requests Online

Our online Prayer Request Form may be found at: <https://www.stmarksvt.com/prayer-requests>. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

is OPEN at ST. MARK PARISH

Our Adoration Chapel is open!

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

- Every day from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Please sign up at the below website or call the parish office if you would like to come at a particular time.

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



Thank you St. Mark parishioners for all your donations to the Garage Sale this year!

A special thank you to those who organized, collected items and assisted at the sale! This sale brought \$3,300 for St. Mark Parish.

VOCATION CORNER

Forming a Habit of Praying for Vocations

In forming any new habit, having a plan helps you to be consistent. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

1. Set aside a specific time or day for prayer.
2. Add a brief vocation prayer to your regular morning or evening devotions; before meals; before Mass; set a prayer reminder on your phone, tablet, or computer; put a reminder on your refrigerator, bathroom mirror, etc.—wherever you are most likely to see it.
3. If you want to pray weekly and participate in Adoration on Wednesdays or use the Adoration Chapel each week, take a few minutes of that hour to pray for vocations.
4. If you decide to pray daily, you might assign one day of the week to pray for the different vocations and for our spiritual leaders. For example:
 - Sun.** — for our Pope.
 - Mon.** —for our bishop.
 - Tues.**— for priests (especially our own).
 - Wed.**— for deacons (permanent and transitional), and seminarians.
 - Thur.**—for married or engaged couples.
 - Fri.**— for religious brothers/sisters, and consecrated singles.
 - Sat.** — for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life; for young people to be open to God's call; for parents and friends to support and encourage those in the process of discerning a vocation; for your own vocation; and for the universal call to holiness.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, please pray for us.

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

St. Mark 300 Club Tickets!

Tickets are on sale now and continue through August 15th. The goal is to raise \$8,000 to continue work on St. Mark Revitalization Campaign. One weekly prize of \$500 will be drawn from September 14th through December 14th. **If you win once, your ticket will be put back in for another chance!**



Ticket price of \$50/per ticket will remain the same as last year. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and at the parish office.

14 chances to win with one ticket!

HOOR OF PRAISE

Please join us for an hour of praise at St. Mark Church, **Tuesday, August 3, 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 experience praising our loving and gracious God through song, Scripture and Adoration! All are welcome!

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Tabernacle: Sgt. Jordan Snow

Blessed Mother: Open

St. Joseph: For the Avery Family

Divine Mercy: Sgt. Jordan Snow

Adoration Chapel: Open

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

St. Mark is 33% to our Bishop's Appeal goal! This year the Superintendent's Office provided the Catholic schools with the safety protocols and support necessary to provide in-person education thanks to your support. Please consider a gift or pledge by visiting: vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

1 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - July 17

4:00 p.m. Denise King

SUNDAY - July 18

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark
10:30 a.m. David Dutchburn and Stephanie Carron

MONDAY - July 19

9:00 a.m. Rita Curtis

TUESDAY - July 20

9:00 a.m. Earnest and Lee Gilbert

WEDNESDAY - July 21

6:00 p.m. Well being of Lori Carron
6:30-7:30 Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY - July 22

9:00 a.m. Sr. Jeanne Fournier R.S.M.

FRIDAY - July 23

9:00 a.m. Carroll and Cecile Fuller

SATURDAY - July 24

4:00 p.m. Denise King

SUNDAY - July 25

8:30 a.m. Michele DiGregorio
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark

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, Monica Hahn, Jed Marcelino, Hilda Carrier, Bobby Santor, 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, Emma, Katherine Schumpf, Gene Clowers, Roger Donaldson, Trudy Bardwell, Margaret Redfield, Karen Paquette.

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

CHALLENGES TO GROW IN YOUR FAMILY

Quiet time

Jesus taught people many things, but also took time to be alone with God in quiet. Take time this week to be with God in silence. Try starting with 5 minutes for everyone to be quiet at the same time. Try to build up to 10 minutes by the end of the week. Use a timer if needed.

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/>

CHALLENGES TO GROW IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Marriage challenges

Share a quiet time together, holding hands, and offering prayers of thanksgiving for your relationship. Spend 15 minutes in quiet prayer, and end with an *Our Father* prayed together.

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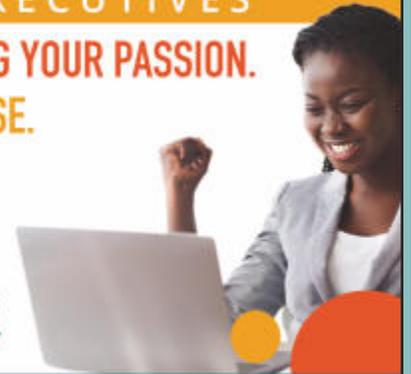
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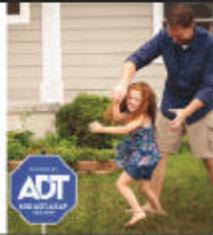
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