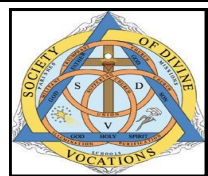




Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/12/2020 - 09/20/2020

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
AT 9:00 AM AT ST. MARY'S
WEEKDAY 4:00 PM MASSES
MONDAY - FRIDAY AT
ST. MARY'S RESUMED ON
SEPTEMBER 1ST



WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. JAMES
4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S
5:30 PM @ ST. BENEDICT'S
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM @ ST. EDWARD'S
9:30 AM @ ST. MARY'S
11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
MANY DATES ARE STILL OPEN. PLEASE CALL
THE PARISH OFFICE AT (802) 334-5066 TO
SCHEDULE A MASS FOR A LOVED ONE
OR TO MARK A SPECIAL OCCASION.

Thank You for Your Generosity to
our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of August 30, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 4,253.00
Loose: \$ 3,694.26
Online: \$ 296.00
TOTAL: \$ 8,243.26

Repairs & Maintenance: \$1,041.00

Budget: \$11,710.58
Surplus/Deficit: \$- 3,467.32



There is a second collection next week for Insurance.
Please be as generous as possible.



RCIA IS COMING SOON!
RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS
WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?



IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, ARE THINKING
ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC, WANT TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH, OR WISH TO
BE BAPTIZED, RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION, OR BE
CONFIRMED, WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CHECK
OUT THE FORMAL WELCOMING PROCESS INTO THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHERE: ST. MARY'S RECTORY

SUBJECT: JOURNEY OF FAITH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
DEACON WARD NOLAN AT (802) 624-4964
OR EMAIL: NEKDEACON@GMAIL.COM.



Bruce Gilbar

is retiring after 35 years of faithful service
as janitor at St. Edward's. The people of
Mater Dei Parish owe Bruce a huge debt of
gratitude for taking such wonderful care
of St. Edward's for all these years.

We wish Bruce and his wife Evelyn all of
God's blessings in his retirement.



FOOD SHELF NEEDS

Mater Dei's Food Pantry is
looking for the following items
this week:



Peanut Butter & Hamburger Helper

Thank you for your continued support of our
food shelf and your generosity toward the less
fortunate. May God Bless you.

A REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST

Plan to join Josh Perry, Director
of the Office of Worship for the
Diocese of Burlington, via Zoom
on Saturday, September 19th from
11:00 am - Noon for a time of



reflection on how the graces of the Eucharist are
still available to us, even when we are not able to
attend Mass in person.

This hour of spiritual reflection is in place of our
usual annual seminar for Lectors and Eucharistic
Ministers. All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are
urged to attend. If you plan to join us, please
contact Retha Piette at (802) 323-2422 or Mary
Nolin at (802) 766-8829 by September 14th.

YOUR LIFE
HIS CALL



“For if we live, we live for the Lord..”

How is God calling you to live for the Lord?
Could it be as a priest, sister, or brother?
Visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org
or call Fr. James Dodson, Director of
Vocations, at the Vocation Office at
(802) 658-6110 X 2275 for more information.



VOCATIONIST’S CORNER

Fr. Rijo has learned that both of his parents, his brother, sister-in-law and three of their four children have contracted the Covid-19 virus in India. Only their one-year old baby is free from the disease. Right now, the entire family is in quarantine.

Please join your prayers with Bishop Coyne’s and Msgr. McDermott’s that Fr. Rijo’s family will recover quickly and completely from Covid-19 and that the baby will be spared from contracting the virus.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE FORGIVE?

THE RABBIS TAUGHT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD GENEROUSLY FORGIVE THOSE WHO OFFEND THEM, EVEN THREE TIMES IF NEEDED. ST. PETER, WANTING TO BE ESPECIALLY GENEROUS, ASKED JESUS IF SEVEN TIMES WOULD BE BETTER. IN OUR LORD’S TIME, SEVEN WAS THE COMPLETE NUMBER. BUT JESUS ANSWERED, “SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES”. HE WAS IMPLYING THAT WE SHOULDN’T EVEN KEEP TRACK OF HOW MANY TIMES WE FORGIVE SOMEONE.



SERIOUS LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AWAITED THOSE WHO INCURRED DEBTS BUT COULDN’T REPAY. BACK IN JESUS’ TIME, A LENDER COULD FORCE THE DEBTOR OR HIS FAMILY TO WORK UNTIL THE DEBT WAS PAID. HE COULD EVEN HAVE THE DEBTOR AND HIS FAMILY THROWN INTO PRISON OR SOLD INTO SLAVERY. IT WAS HOPED THAT THE DEBTOR, WHILE IN PRISON, WOULD SELL HIS LANDHOLDINGS, OR THAT RELATIVES WOULD PAY HIS DEBT. IF NOT, THE DEBTOR COULD REMAIN IN PRISON FOR LIFE.

TODAY’S READINGS FROM SIRACH AND PSALM 103 TEACH THAT BECAUSE GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS - OUR DEBTS - AGAINST HIM, WE SHOULD FORGIVE OTHERS FROM THE HEART. KNOWING HOW COMPLETELY GOD FORGIVES US SHOULD PRODUCE IN US A SINCERE, FREE, GENEROUS ATTITUDE OF FORGIVENESS.

TODAY’S READINGS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHEN WE DON’T FORGIVE OTHERS, WE ARE SETTING OURSELVES OUTSIDE AND ABOVE GOD’S LAW OF LOVE.

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*Christ Our Hope: Building
A Vibrant Church*

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

[Philippians 4:19]



Thank you to those who have already offered to support the **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** campaign. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Remember that a successful campaign will provide great benefits to Mater Dei. Most of the funds - 60% - will return to our parish and allow us to address our many needs, such as the roof & Church window repairs at St. Mary’s; the sound system & choir loft at St. Edward’s, the Church windows & parking lot at St. James; and the parking lot at St. Benedict’s.

The remaining funds will be directed into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance, and funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it.

Volunteers from our parish will begin outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer any questions you may have. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form or give online by visiting the campaign website christourhopevt.org.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of † Renald Messier & † Sr. Frances Comeau and for their grieving families.



St. Mary’s Tabernacle Light
burns this week in loving memory of
Armand & Aimee Rose Laplume

St. Mary’s Chapel Light
burns this week for our
**Law Enforcement Personnel,
Firefighters & First Responders**

