



All Saints Day
10/31/2020 - 11/08/2020
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

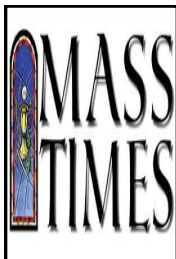


DAILY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:
 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM AT ST. MARY'S
 SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASSES

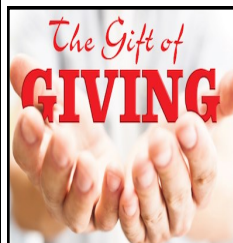
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S
 5:30 PM @ ST. BENEDICT'S
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM @ ST. EDWARD'S
 9:30 AM @ ST. MARY'S
 10:30 AM @ ST. JAMES
 11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S



MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THERE ARE STILL MANY OPEN DATES. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (802) 334-5066 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A MASS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO MARK A SPECIAL OCCASION.

Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches



Week of October 25, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 5,510.00
 Loose: \$ 4,377.00
 Online: \$ 700.00
TOTAL: \$10,587.00
 Priests' Retirement Fund: \$ 970.00

Budget: \$10,439.00
 Surplus/Deficit: \$+ 148.00



RCIA CONTINUES THIS WEEK ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BEGIN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH, PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION, OR STARTING THE FORMAL PROCESS OF JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

CLASS DAY HAS CHANGED TO TUESDAY.

CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY OTHER TUESDAY. THE

NEXT RCIA CLASS WILL BE;

WHEN: NOVEMBER 3, 2020

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHERE: ST. MARY'S RECTORY

TOPIC: THE STORY OF SALVATION

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



All Souls' Day

Monday, November 2nd is All Souls' Day. The Catholic Church has chosen this day to commemorate the faithfully departed. On All Souls' Day Mater Dei Parish especially remembers those members of our parish who have died during this past year.

All Souls' Day Masses are celebrated at each of our parish churches.

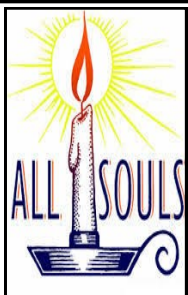
9:00 am - St. Mary's 4:00 pm - St. James
 11:30 am - St. Benedict's 5:30 pm - St. Edward's
 6:30 pm - St. Mary's followed by the Rosary

Please join us to pray for our parishioners and members of your own families that you have lost.

All Souls' Day Envelopes

Please fill out your All Saints' Day Envelopes with the names of loved ones you would like remembered during November.

The names will be placed on the Altars of our churches, and your loved ones will be prayed for throughout the month of November.



St. Mary's Tabernacle Light
burns this week for the health of:
Rita Lantagne's Son

You are invited to reserve a Tabernacle Vigil Light or Chapel Light in any of our Parish Churches in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Call the Parish Office at (802) 334-5066 to reserve your light.



ADORATION AT ST. EDWARD'S
 THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION AT ST. EDWARD'S THIS WEEK ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of † Jeanine Garneau and for her grieving family.



**YOUR LIFE
HIS CALL**



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at the Vocation Office at **(802) 658-6110 X 2275** or visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org for more information.



VOCATIONIST’S CORNER

“If there is no love, put love, and there will be love.”

St. John of the Cross

We Are Called Children of God

The question posed in the passage just before today’s first reading is “who can stand?” It asks whose soul can stand unscathed in judgment at the end of the age. The answer to that question is the souls found in today’s first reading. We see an angel ordering the agents of destruction to stop and wait until an identifying seal can be stamped on the foreheads of God’s servants. A seal was a sign of ownership and family - those who were sealed belong to God and His family. By that seal, God’s people are protected in the day of wrath. The seal of the Holy Spirit is found in Ephesians 1:13.



If a multitude too great to be counted from every race and nation will belong to Christ, then we can be sure that even during times when the Gospel isn’t making much headway and few are being converted, the Gospel will achieve great success. God’s people will consist, not of a few, but of a number so great that no one can count them. In Genesis 22:17 and Galatians 3:29, God’s promise to Abraham of innumerable descendants is given to the Church.

Let’s act like those holy early Christians. How do we dare? Today’s second reading reminds us of who we are: “the children of God”. St. John reminds us that we are already God’s children, not just in the future in Heaven. Knowing this can give us the faith and hope we need to purify ourselves. The prospect is so glorious that, although we are already God’s children, we don’t know what we will be - except that we will be like Him, and we will see Him as He is! Romans 8:14-17 and Galatians 3:26-27 and 4:6-7 contain other references about being God’s children.

Today’s Gospel reading shows us how God’s judgment works in the beautiful words of the Beatitudes. Position, authority and money are not important. What matters is being “poor in spirit”, which does not mean weak-willed, but knowing that we need God and the commitment to do His will. Jesus is showing us what leads to eternal life with Him: meekness (submitting ourselves to God) - not pride, hungry for righteousness - not for what tempts us, merciful - not condemning, pure - not weak-willed, peaceful - not wrathful.

We must strive to practice all of these qualities - even if some people look down or insult us for it. “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven!” Matthew 25:31-46 tells us more about how the judgment works.

**Christ Our Hope:
Building a Vibrant Church**

26 families have pledged 10% of our parish goal. Thank you very much to our generous parishioners who have already shown their support of our parish and the diocese!



If you have not already pledged or donated to the capital campaign, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Your assistance is essential to meet the many important needs of both the diocese and our parish. Remember that every donation to the campaign brings us closer to our goal, and no contribution is too small to help. We need your support!



Christmas Masses at St. Edward’s & St. Mary’s

It may seem early, but COVID-19 restrictions of social distancing and limited Church capacity make it necessary for us to plan early for Christmas.

If you are planning to attend Christmas Mass at either St. Edward’s or St. Mary’s, you **MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**. Sign-up sheets will be at the churches and parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, WE HONOR AND PRAY FOR OUR COURAGEOUS VETERANS.



PATRIOTIC ROSARIES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AT EACH OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES:

ST. BENEDICT’S: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
4:30 PM PRIOR TO THE 5:30 PM MASS

ST. EDWARD’S: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
PRIOR TO THE 8:30 AM MASS

ST. MARY’S: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
3:15 PM PRIOR TO THE 4:00 PM MASS

ST. JAMES: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
PRIOR TO THE 10:30 AM MASS

WE OWE OUR VETERANS A HUGE DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS. PLEASE JOIN US TO PRAY FOR THEM.