



# Our Lord Jesus Christ: King of the Universe

**11/21/2020 - 11/29/2020**

*Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!*



## DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:  
9:00 AM, 12:00 NOON & 4:00 PM  
AT ST. MARY'S  
SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:00 AM

DURING THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, AN ADDITIONAL MASS IS BEING OFFERED AT ST. MARY'S MONDAY - FRIDAY AT 12:00 NOON FOR ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MATER DEI PARISH FAMILY.

### 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 & 11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S  
10:30 AM @ ST. JAMES



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

*Week of November 15, 2020*



Envelopes:	\$ 1,148.00
Loose:	\$ 2,804.11
Online:	\$ 519.00
TOTAL:	\$ 4,471.11
Budget:	\$10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$- 5,967.89

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 6TH

Confirmation Classes will be held at St. Edward's Parish Hall beginning Sunday, December 6th on the **1st & 3rd Sundays of the month following the 8:30 am Mass.**



If anyone would like to add their children to the Confirmation class, please call Fr. Tom at the parish office at (802) 334-5066 before December 1st.



## *Is Jesus the King of Our Lives?*

My Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. It is the culmination and last Sunday of the liturgical year. It proclaims that

Christ is the king of the universe. But the question is, do we acknowledge Jesus as our King, or are we ashamed to say that Jesus who had died for me is the king of my life? And if we accept Him as the king of our life, do we live the values of the Kingdom of God? For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 14:17*) This feast invites us to be brothers and sisters under the reign of God, producing the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and living the life of the children of God.

So let us make Christ the King of our personal, familial and social life. Personal: by allowing Christ to be king and center of our hearts through prayer, receiving the sacraments, and freely entering a personal relationship with Him; Familial: by creating a proper role and servant leadership in the family, and making Jesus our priority in our family life; and Social: by being part and parcel of our society and by pronouncing God and the priority of our society.

## St. Edward's Christmas Giving Tree



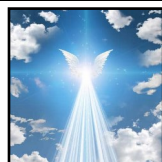
St. Edwards will once again have their "Giving Tree" set up next Sunday, November 29th decorated with ornaments listing gift ideas for a resident at Michaud Manor.

Please feel free to take an ornament and return your wrapped or bagged gift by

**Sunday, December 13th.** Be sure to place the ornament gift tag on the gift as well. We ask that all sanitary precautions be taken when purchasing and wrapping your gift. The gifts will be sent to Michaud Manor and put in isolation for at least a week before distributing them to the residents to be sure there is no contamination.

We thank everyone for your generosity and participation to help make this Christmas season a joyful one for the residents. God Bless and Merry Christmas!!

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of † Dorothy D. Begin who was buried at St. Edward's Cemetery on Tuesday. She was the last living member of her family.*



## Parish Office Closed

The Parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th, to celebrate Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!



YOUR LIFE  
HIS CALL



**“I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.”**

Is Christ calling you to make Him your king as a sister, brother, deacon or priest?

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](mailto:vocations@vermontcatholic.org) for more information.

### 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.

There is still space available to reserve your seat at Christmas Mass if you are planning to attend one of the Masses at either St. Edward's or St. Mary's, but **YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**. Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to sign-up for the Christmas Mass you wish to attend.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Thanking You for Your Service to Our Parish



### Thanksgiving Message from Deacon Ward

During this time when we are giving thanks for the gifts received from our Heavenly Father, let us pause and give special thanks to our own

parish priests, our diocesan priests, and all priests throughout the world. As everyone is aware, our priests are being spread thin. There is much pressure on their shoulders as our shepherds, especially during this stressful and uncertain time in history.

The Prayer of Grace we recite before our meal is an important prayer that should never be neglected. I would suggest the following also be prayed this Thanksgiving Day, and every day, as well.

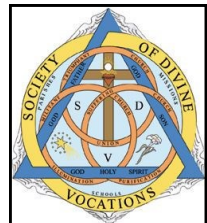
**Eternal Father,  
We lift up to You these  
and all the priests of the world.  
Sanctify them, heal and guide them.  
Mold them into the likeness and holiness  
of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.  
May their lives be pleasing to you.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

To all Mater Dei parishioners, I prayerfully wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

In His peace,  
Deacon Ward

### VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

Fr. Rijo, Fr. Benny & Fr. Tom wish each of you and your families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. May God continue to bless you and Mater Dei Parish.



Please Wear a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

### Message from Bishop Coyne About Wearing Face Masks

With the recent sharp increase of Covid-19 cases in Vermont, Bishop Coyne has mandated that beginning this weekend, **masks are required for all attendees**, for the entire celebration of the Mass, excluding children age 2 and under. This action is being taken to ensure that all our parishioners are safe at Mass so we are able to continue the public celebration of the Sacraments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

As a reminder, the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time.

### Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church

This week we celebrate reaching **\$2.6 million** in gifts and pledges for the *Christ our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. We are grateful for the sacrifice made by hundreds throughout the state that has allowed the campaign to reach **26%** of its goal. **43** Mater Dei families have generously given gifts totaling **\$65,814**, which is **14%** of our goal.

This weekend the diocese is hosting a **Virtual Weekend of Giving**. It is a time to recognize our donors and to encourage those who have not yet participated to join others in our faith community to support our parish and the diocese. As part of the celebration, Bishop Coyne will match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online during the weekend with a \$1,000 gift. Each \$1,000 gift will go to the donor's parish toward their goal. Visit [www.christourhopevt.org/donate](http://www.christourhopevt.org/donate) to take part in Bishop Coyne's challenge.



### Thursday is Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 26th will be at St. Mary's at **8:00 am** to give cooks plenty of time to prepare their Thanksgiving meal.

You are welcome to bring bread and wine to Mass to be blessed. Please put them in a basket with your name on it and place it in front of the Altar. Your baskets can be picked up after Mass.

