



First Sunday of Advent
11/28/2020 - 12/06/2020
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

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

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



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR AND IS YEAR B IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK AS WE PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEAR.

Blessing the Symbols of Christmas

Each Sunday during Advent, we bless a symbol of the Christmas season.



Next Sunday, on the Second Sunday of Advent, we bless the Christmas Tree. You are invited to bring an ornament from your tree to be blessed at Mass.

We bless the Christmas manger on the Third Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring a figure from your manger scene to be blessed on December 13th.



On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we bless the most important symbol of the Christmas season - baby Jesus. Please bring your baby Jesus to be blessed on December 20th.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of † **Norman Graveline** and his grieving family.



Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of November 22, 2020



Envelopes:	\$ 3,984.00
Loose:	\$ 2,788.00
Online:	\$ 261.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,033.00
Budget:	\$10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$- 3,406.00

Have you ever wondered how your Christmas collection gift is divided? Our priests receive 35% of the collection, 20% goes to the diocese, and Mater Dei receives the remaining 45%. You are invited to bring your Christmas Collection envelope on any Sunday during Advent.

St. Edward's Christmas Giving Tree

St. Edwards "Giving Tree" is ready this weekend and 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!!



Are you planning to Christmas shop on Amazon?

Query [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

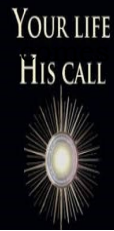
You will be prompted to select a charity you wish to support.

Select **Mater Dei Charitable Trust**.

Make your Amazon purchase as usual and a portion of the amount you pay for your purchase will be automatically donated to Mater Dei Parish.

What an easy way to donate to our parish!

Advent is a time of watching & waiting.



Are you open to the surprising ways God to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary things of life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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



Vocationist Raffle Winners
1st prize: \$16,240 Ticket # 40669
F. Adubbbato
2nd Prize: \$4,640 Ticket # 06175 (K. Caruso)
3rd Prize: \$2,320 Ticket # 32796 (B. Yanone)
Congratulations to the lucky winners!

Christmas Masses at St. Mary's

COVID-19 restrictions of social distancing and limited Church capacity make it necessary for us to plan attendance at our Christmas Masses.



There is still space available to reserve your seat at St. Mary's for the 7:00 pm or Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, or the 9:30 am Mass on Christmas morning. 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.

Please Wear a Face Mask



Message from Bishop Coyne About Wearing Face Masks

With the recent sharp increase of Covid-19 cases in Vermont, Bishop Coyne has mandated that **masks are now required for all Mass 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. Bishop Coyne also requests that you sign into the guest book with your name and phone number when you arrive for Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Many opportunities for Confession have been scheduled at all our parish churches during the Advent season.

St. Mary's

Friday, **December 4th** after 4:00 Mass
Sunday, **December 6th** from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm following 11:00 am Mass
Friday, **December 11th** after 4:00 Mass
Sunday, **December 13th** from 12:00 pm-1:00pm following 11:00 am Mass
Friday, **December 18th** after 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, **December 20th** from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

St. Edward's

Monday, **December 7th** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Monday, **December 14th** from 10:00 am - 12:00
Monday, **December 21st** from 10:00 am - 12:00

St. James

Sunday, **December 6th** from 9:30 am - 10:30 am before 10:30 am Mass
Sunday, **December 13th** from 9:30 am -10:30 am before 10:30 am Mass
Sunday, **December 20th** from 9:30 am - 10:30 am before 10:30 am Mass

St. Benedict's

Saturday, **December 5th** after 5:30 pm Mass
Saturday, **December 12th** after 5:30 pm Mass
Saturday, **December 19th** after 5:30 pm Mass

You are also invited the call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to schedule an appointment with one of our priest for Confession.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Knights of Columbus are once again selling religious Christmas cards. The cards are available in the Tree of Life alcove at St. Mary's, in the entrance at St. Edward's, and at St. James. Select the cards you want and mail your payment in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your support.



Christmas Flowers Envelopes

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL OUR PARISH CHURCHES. YOU ARE INVITED TO FILL OUT AN ENVELOPE WITH THE NAME(S) OF A LOVED ONE YOU WOULD LIKE REMEMBERED DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. ANY OFFERING TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE FLOWERS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH

Confirmation Classes will be held at St. Edward's Parish Hall beginning next 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.