



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

12/26/2020 - 01/03/2021

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



## 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 ARE AT ST. MARY'S

MASS IS ALSO CELEBRATED  
EACH FRIDAY AT ST. JAMES AT 4:00 PM

### 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



Thank You for Your Generosity to  
our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of December 20, 2020



Envelopes:	\$ 5,821.00
Loose:	\$ 2,369.51
Online:	\$ 723.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,913.51
Fuel:	\$ 1,601.50
Budget:	\$10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$- 1,525.49

Have you ever wondered how the Christmas collection is divided? 35% of the collection goes to the Vocationist Fathers, 20% goes to the Diocese and the remaining 45% goes to our parish.

## New Years Mass Schedule

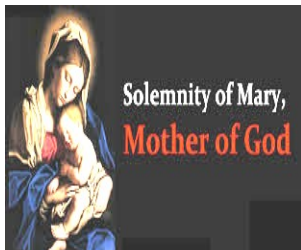
### Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st  
Vigil Masses

4:00 pm - St. James  
5:00 pm - St. Mary's  
5:30 pm - St. Edward's

Friday, January 1st

10:00 am - St. Mary's



Mater Dei is Latin for Mother of God.  
January 1st is the feast day of Mater Dei Parish.

## Christ Our Hope:

### Building A Vibrant Church

From our 700 parish families, Mater Dei has received 83 gifts totaling \$122,800, which is 26% of our parish goal. Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the campaign. If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Every gift makes a difference. Your sacrifice will help us build a vibrant parish now and well into the future.



## Tabernacle Lights

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 mark a special occasion.

Call the Parish Office at (802) 334-5066 to reserve your light.



## Christmas Message from the Desk of Fr. Ryo.....

Let the Word of God reign in our hearts so we can also say to our Heavenly Father, "Thy will be done". When the Light pierces the darkness, when Peace grows from a ground of hatred, when Joy merges from rocky mountains of sorrow, the change that occurs is called struggle or growth depending on where you stand at the Cross of Jesus. If we stand at the feet of Jesus with Mary, the mother of Jesus, we meet agony that we have never witnessed before. But if we stand at the top of the Cross where with our Heavenly Father, we might see a willing sacrifice given free out of love for humanity.

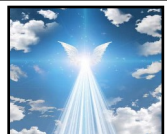


## Parish Office Closed December 31st & January 1st

The Parish office will be closed this week on Thursday and Friday, December 31st & January 1st to celebrate the New Year



Please pray for the repose of the soul of † **Russell Blais** and for his grieving family.





**“The Word became Flesh and lived among us.”**

Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. Is this the day He has called you? Visit [vocations@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vocations@vermontcatholic.org) or contact Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at the Vocation Office at **(802) 658-6110 X 2275.**

**VOCATIONIST’S CORNER**



The Vocationist Fathers wish all our Parishioners and their families a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and all of God’s Blessings in the New Year.

Congratulations & Special Blessings to Fr. Benny who celebrates the 10th Anniversary of his ordination on January 1st. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Prayer to the Holy Family**

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.



**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and our own Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-Father of Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us during all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with yours. Help us be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by faith, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

Pope Francis has proclaimed that the year beginning on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and continuing until December 8, 2021 as the **Year of St. Joseph.**



This proclamation marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

The Holy Father described St. Joseph as “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

**Birthday Gift**



We all give gifts to birthday celebrants. But do we give gifts to the baby Jesus? We give gifts among ourselves. This is fine because Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. He came into this world to be a gift to all humanity. So He would be happy when we share our gifts with others, especially the needy and the poor.

On a Christmas Eve long ago, Jesus appeared to St. Jerome and asked, “**Jerome, what will you give me for my birthday?**” Jerome began to tell Jesus that he would offer this or that. But Jesus said no to all of them. Finally Jerome said, “Then You tell me, Lord. Tell me what would give You the most joy on Your birthday and You shall have it.” “**Do you promise Jerome?**” “Yes Lord, anything at all.” Jesus replied, “**Give me your sins....**”

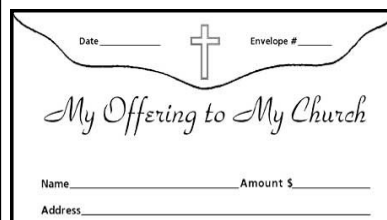
*So let us offer our brokenness, sinfulness, pain, struggles, and troubles. He came to save us. Let’s not withhold anything from Him. May the Baby Jesus give us peace and joy.*

**THANK YOU FROM THE VOCATIONIST FATHERS**

THE VOCATIONIST FATHERS WISH TO THANK ALL OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS WHO SENT CARDS, GAVE GIFTS, OR BROUGHT FOOD TO THE RECTORY FOR CHRISTMAS. YOUR KINDNESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.



**2021 Church Envelopes Have Arrived!**



You will find the 2021 church envelopes by the doors of each Church. If you are unable to find your box of envelopes where you usually

attend Mass, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 and we will track them down for you. Thank you for your continued generosity to Mater Dei Parish.



**Homebound & Parish Prayer List**  
Please remember our Homebound Parishioners and those on our Parish Prayer List in your prayers, especially during the holiday season.