



Third Sunday of Easter
04/17/2021 - 04/25/2021
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE
DAILY MASSES

ST. MARY'S: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 9:00 AM IN CHURCH & 4:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL
 SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 AM

ST. JAMES: FRIDAYS AT 11:00 AM
ST. EDWARD'S: WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 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 & 11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S
 10:30 AM @ ST. JAMES



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of April 11, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 2,567.53
Loose:	\$ 4,063.00
Online:	\$ 366.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,996.53
Budget:	\$10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$~3,442.47



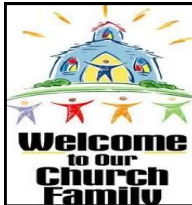
There will be a special collection next weekend for Mother's Day.

Welcome to the Catholic Faith!

The Mater Dei Parish Community joyfully welcomes the children of Amber Coffin who were baptized at St. Mary's on April 14th.

Kesiah Davani
Javeritay Dakari

Heavenly Father, surround these children with Your love and protect them from evil. Fill them with the Holy Spirit that they may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of Your love.



Christ Our Hope Campaign

Thanks to your generosity, Mater Dei Parishioners have contributed **\$140,389**, or 36% of our goal of \$471,571.

Remember that 60% of your donation is returned to our parish. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign, please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Thank you for your continued support of Mater Dei Parish and the diocese.



April is Prevent Child Abuse Month



National Child Abuse Prevention Month, is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983.

In 2018, an estimated 678,00 children in the U.S. were abused or neglected. Children in their first year of life had the highest rate of victimization and an estimated 1,700 children died of abuse or neglect.

In Vermont, Department for Children & Families reported that 1,182 children were victims of abuse or neglect - the highest number in 14 years. It is likely that the number has only increased with the stress of the Covid pandemic.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Mater Dei parishioners have donated **\$50,973**, or 77% of our parish goal of \$67,682.

Thank you for your generous support.

Do you shop online?
Make purchases on Amazon?
 Query [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

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

Select **Mater Dei Charitable Trust** and make your purchase as usual.



Substitute Needed for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Edward's



St. Edward's is looking for a substitute for Eucharistic Adoration on:

May 17th & May 24th
from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Please call Norm at (802) 873-3309 if you can help.



St. Mary's Tabernacle Light
burns this week in loving memory of:
 † Rene Valley



St. Bernard's Chapel Light
burns this week for
Margaret Lawvinger

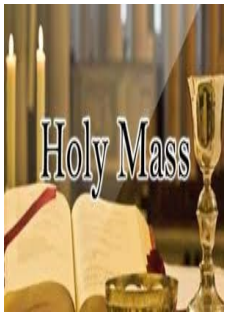
Jesus opened the minds of His followers to the understanding of scripture and pronounced them as His witnesses. Be the hands and feet of Jesus today. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at **(802) 658-6110, X 2275**, or visit **vocations@vermontcatholic.org**.



VOCATIONIST'S CORNER
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE
PRIESTHOOD.

The Theme is Forgiveness

Today's readings discuss Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and why all this is important:
Forgiveness.



Weekday Mass at St. Edward's
Weekday Mass is now celebrated at **St. Edward the Confessor** each **Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 pm.**
Plan to join us each Wednesday for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In the first reading, Peter literally blames the Jewish people for Jesus' death by denying the Holy and Righteous One in exchange for a murderer. Peter wants them to repent, telling them that he knows they acted in ignorance. He wants them to realize that Christ's death was for us, to forgive us our sins.

St. John tells everyone in the second reading that although we commit sins, our sins can and will be forgiven, but we must know Jesus Christ and follow His Commandments.

St. Luke tells us of Jesus' visit to the disciples after His death. Everyone is afraid, and even though Jesus had told them He would return, they did not believe Him. Jesus invited them to touch His wounds, and ate with them to prove to them that He was not a ghost.

The first disciples knew they had sinned during Jesus' walk to Calvary. Peter denied knowing Him, but Jesus forgave him and asked the disciples to spread *that* forgiveness to others. As forgiven sinners, they proclaimed with their lives the presence of a forgiving and faithful God.

Why were they afraid? Are we also afraid? Are we afraid of God? If we believe His Words and His Commandments, we should not be afraid of life or death, nor especially of God. Remember, God is the one Person we should trust. With His Divine Mercy, He forgave our sins. That is why He died on the cross for us. We must extend this forgiveness to others. Jesus promised His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit upon them.

It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit that the disciples would be able to engage in the task that Jesus was entrusting to them. We need the same Spirit if we are to forgive as we have been forgiven.

In the weeks ahead that lead us to the feast of Pentecost, we might pray the prayer: **"Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart and enkindle in me the fire of your love"**, especially when we find ourselves struggling to pass on to others the gift of forgiveness that our Lord continually gives us.



St. Mary's Cemetery
St. Mary's Cemetery will reopen on **May 1st** for burials and to place flowers on your loved one's graves.

Care Packages for Fr. Scott Gratton

Our own Fr. Scott Gratton is now serving with the Vermont National Guard In Saudi Arabia.



Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Randolph is spearheading a campaign to send Fr. Gratton regular care packages. In addition to anything maple, Fr. Gratton has asked for coffee, beef jerky, snacks, nuts, sunflower seeds and candy which he shares with the rest of his unit - except for Sour Patch candies which are his favorites!

If you would like to send Fr. Gratton a letter or an item for a care package, contributions can be sent to: Our Lady of the Angels Church, 46 Hebard Hill Road, P.O. Box 428, Randolph, VT 05060.

Don't forget to keep Fr. Gratton and his National Guard Unit in your prayers.

Congratulations to Fr. Gratton on his promotion to Captain!



Please pray for the repose of the souls of † **Randy Carter** and † **James Cunningham** and for their grieving families.