



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/18/2021 - 09/26/2021

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



### MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY MASSES

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

ST. JAMES: FRIDAYS AT 11:00 AM  
ST. EDWARD'S: WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM



### WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S  
4:00 PM @ TROY

MASS IS NO LONGER CELEBRATED  
ON SATURDAYS AT 5:30 PM AT  
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 September 13, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 4,802.00
Loose:	\$ 2,682.00
Online:	\$ 301.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,785.00</b>
Insurance:	\$ 1,851.00
Budget:	\$ 10,756.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ -2,971.00



There is a special collection this weekend for **Fuel**.  
Please be as generous as possible.



### FAMILY FORMATION HAS BEGUN!

Family Formation began for  
all grades last Sunday at  
St. Edward's Parish Hall

with a "Meet and Greet" session.

**The next class will be on September 26th  
from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at St Edward's Hall.**

It is still not too late to register your child!  
Registration forms are available online, at our  
church entrances, or at the parish office.

Completed forms may be returned to the  
parish office in person or sent to us via email.

**Please submit the forms before the next  
Family Formation classes on September 26th.**

It is recommended that anyone who has not  
been vaccinated wear a mask.

Please call Mary at the parish office at  
(802) 334-5066, ext. 2 with any questions.

### SHOES FOR ST. NICHOLAS

THE ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT IS  
CONDUCTING ITS ANNUAL FALL  
BACK TO SCHOOL SHOES  
FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN AT  
THE KURN HATTIN HOME FOR  
CHILDREN IN WESTMINSTER, VT.



THE BOYS AND GIRLS RANGE IN AGE FROM 5 TO  
15 YEARS OLD AND THE MONEY COLLECTED IS  
USED TO BUY SHOES FOR THE CHILDREN WHO  
LIVE AND ATTEND SCHOOL AT KURN HATTIN.  
DONATIONS BETWEEN \$25 AND \$50 WILL HELP  
BUY SHOES FOR 85 KIDS. CHECKS SHOULD BE  
MADE OUT TO KURN HATTIN HOMES AND WRITE  
"SHOES" IN THE MEMO SPACE.

YOU CAN MAIL YOUR DONATION DIRECTLY TO  
THE HOMES AT: KURN HATTEN HOMES FOR  
CHILDREN, P.O. BOX 127, WESTMINSTER, VT  
05158, OR SEND IT TO FR. LANCE HARLOW,  
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, 49 WINTER ST.,  
ST. JOHNSBURY, VT 05819.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FR. LANCE  
HARLOW AT WWW.THENICHOLASPROJECT.COM.  
BE SURE TO VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT  
WWW.KURNHATTIN.ORG.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



† Yves Daigle, † Yolande  
Bronson & † George Lanoue  
and for their grieving families.

New office email: [materdei@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:materdei@vermontcatholic.org)

Get Your Mater Dei Parish  
50/50 Fundraiser Raffle Tickets!

Limited number of Tickets sold...  
30 prizes... Top prize is 10% of ticket  
sales up to \$10,000! \$50 per ticket  
or 3 for \$100. Tickets on sale after  
Masses or at the parish office.

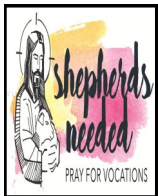


Winning tickets will be drawn at Mater Dei's 2022  
annual picnic on August 14, 2022.

Raffle to benefit Mater Dei Parish.



Welcome!! to our **Sacred Heart  
Alumni** who have come to the  
area this weekend to attend  
their Alumni Banquet.



If we want to be great, we must serve others. Are you willing to serve others? 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**.

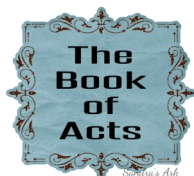


### VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

The Vocationist Fathers' annual 50/50 raffle is in full swing! Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20 and are available after Masses and at the parish office. Fr. Michael Reardon, SDV, Provincial of the U.S. Province and Fr. Thomas Naduviledath, SDV, Treasurer and chairman of the raffle ask you to please support the Vocationist Fathers and their Seminarians. Thank you for your support! Good luck!!

## HUNGRY TO GROW CLOSER TO GOD?

Others are too! Please join us!



We'll focus on the Bible's exciting **Book of Acts** to help us drink in the Spirit of those who lived closest in time to Jesus. The course is called "**Mystagogy**".

The only requirement is a desire to grow closer to God - for yourself and with friends.

We'll meet once a month in St. Mary's Rectory starting September 30th from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

#### Schedule of Mystagogy Classes

September 30, 2021	January 27, 2022
October 28, 2021	February 24, 2022
November 18, 2021	March 24, 2022
December 30, 2021	April 28, 2022

**RCIA meetings** will be every **Tuesday evening beginning on December 7th**. Watch the bulletin for more information

For more information and to sign up, please contact Deacon Ward Nolan at (802) 624-4964 or nekdeacon@gmail.com or the parish office at (802) 334-5066.

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"For the first shall be last and the last shall be first."**



The Old Testament Book of Wisdom discusses "wicked" vs "righteousness". The wicked are those who oppose Jesus, the Just One, who is also the "Son of God". This was written almost one hundred years before Jesus was even born! The wicked believed Jesus and His teachings were "obnoxious". Why? Because their lives and agendas meant more to them than God's justice and righteousness. So they portrayed the Passion of Jesus Christ as a shameful death.

The second reading from the Book of James talks about jealousy and self-ambition. That is, when we make ourselves the center of our lives, everything else revolves around us. But will this type of life bring us happiness and fulfillment? NO! "Pride comes before the fall." A selfish life and "give me" attitude can lead to our lives falling apart without peace, wisdom, joy or purpose. Without God in our lives, there can be no fulfillment in our lives. Consider the acronym **JOY: Jesus** first, **Others** second and **You** third. That is how JOY is spelled, but it is much harder to live out.

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is trying to tell His followers about His coming Passion. No one wants to hear anything about it. Jesus' disciples did not want to imagine Jesus talking about His death. They wanted to hear how He would be a great leader against the Romans. During their walk to Capernaum, the disciples even discussed who among them was the greatest. They considered greatness through the eyes of the world, not the Lord's eyes. Jesus had to use the care of a child as an example of innocence – one who lacks power, experience and independence – to make them understand.

The main focus of Jesus' words in all of today's readings is putting others before ourselves. Only then can we become great. **FOR THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST AND THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST.** Our purpose in life is to make ourselves responsible for the oppressed by using social justice, fairness, integrity and service to others. When God becomes the center of our lives, then and only then can we find true happiness.

### CALLING ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS

ST. JAMES MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 6:00 PM VIA ZOOM**



PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US TO HEAR ALL THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT ST. JAMES.

ST. EDWARD'S MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE ON **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 6:00 PM AT ST. EDWARD'S PARISH HALL.**



*St. James Tabernacle Light burns this week in loving memory of † Ghislain Fauteux*



**Coming on October 2nd: Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels - White Mass to honor Medical Personnel in the Northeast Kingdom at 4:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's.**

