



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/19/2020 - 09/27/2020

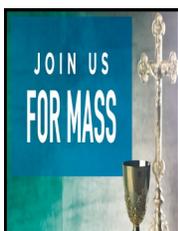
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
AT 9:00 AM AT ST. MARY'S
WEEKDAY 4:00 PM MASSES
MONDAY - FRIDAY AT
ST. MARY'S RESUMED ON
SEPTEMBER 1ST



WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. JAMES
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
11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of August 30, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 2,849.00
Loose: \$ 2,678.56
Online: \$ 389.00
TOTAL: \$ 5,916.56
Insurance: \$1,104.00



Budget: \$11,710.58
Surplus/Deficit: \$- 5,794.02

There is a second collection next week for Catholic Formation & Religious Education. All the money collected stays in our parish to support our youth programs. Please be as generous as possible.

2020 - 2021 Family Formation

Because of Covid-19 concerns,
Family Formation will begin
this fall with the
First Communion and
Confirmation Classes.



First Communion: If your child is at least 7 years old or will turn 7 by May, 2021 and would like to receive their First Communion, please contact Fr. Benny at (802) 624-4912 with your child's name, parent(s) name(s) and telephone number.

Confirmation: If your child is between grades 7-9 and would like to be confirmed, please contact Fr. Tom at (802) 624-4103 with your child's name, parent(s) name(s) and telephone number.

RCIA IS STARTING SEPTEMBER 23RD!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, ARE THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC, WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH, OR WISH TO BE BAPTIZED, RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION, OR BE CONFIRMED, WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CHECK OUT THE FORMAL WELCOMING PROCESS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

**WHEN: EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY
STARTING SEPTEMBER 23, 2020**

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHERE: ST. MARY'S RECTORY

SUBJECT: JOURNEY OF FAITH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
DEACON WARD NOLAN AT (802) 624-4964
OR EMAIL: NEKDEACON@GMAIL.COM.

4th Degree K of C Meeting

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly
1157 invites all 4th Degree
Knights of Columbus members to
join our monthly meeting on:



**Wednesday September 23rd at 6:30 pm
at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Troy.**

A light social will be provided after the meeting. Social distancing and face mask requirements remain in place.

K of C 300 Club Tickets



The Vermont State Council Knights of Columbus has 300 Club tickets to sell for \$50 each. There are 19 weekly cash drawings of \$100, \$75 & \$50. On the 20th week, the grand prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$25 will be drawn. A few tickets are available. Please call Grand Knight Maurice Basseur at (802) 334-5501 to arrange to purchase a ticket.

Thank you for your support of the K of C.

St. Mary's Tabernacle Light

burns this week in loving memory of
Theresa Brunelle



YOUR LIFE
HIS CALL



“The Kingdom of Heaven is built by mutual cooperation, not competition.”

Work together to build the Kingdom, regardless of when God calls.

If you want to talk about your discernment, call Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at the Vocation Office at (802) 658-6110 X 2275 or visit vocations.vermontcatholic.org for more information.

THE PATH TO HEAVEN

TODAY’S READINGS TELL US OF GOD’S GENEROSITY AND THE WAY TO HEAVEN. FOR MANY OF US, OUR FAITH JOURNEY BEGINS WHEN WE ARE TAUGHT TO LOVE

THE LORD EARLY IN OUR LIVES . BUT FOR SOME PEOPLE, THEIR FAITH DOES NOT COME UNTIL LATER IN THEIR LIVES,

COMPARE THIS TO TODAY’S PARABLE ABOUT WORKING IN THE VINEYARD: THE FIRST WORKERS HIRED BY THE LANDOWNER BEGAN WORKING EARLY IN THE DAY. AS THE DAY WENT BY, THE LANDLORD CONTINUED TO HIRE MORE WORKERS. WHEN THE DAY ENDED, THE LANDLORD (GOD) PAID EVERYONE THE SAME.

PAY THE LAST FIRST AND THE FIRST LAST. WHY? BECAUSE EVERYONE DESIRES GOD’S LOVE. GOD GIVES HIS LOVE, *ALL OF HIS LOVE*, TO EVERYONE WITHOUT EXCEPTION, BUT THEY MUST OPEN THEMSELVES UP TO THIS LOVE.

THE LIFELONG DISCIPLES OF JESUS - THE WORKERS WHO STARTED EARLY IN THE DAY - MUST HAVE FAITH THAT GOD KNOWS THEY HAVE WORKED HARD FOR JESUS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. THEY MUST NOT BE ENVIOUS OF THOSE WHO WORKED JUST A SHORT TIME AFTER FINALLY FINDING GOD.

THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO FIND GOD LATE ARE NOT ANY LESS THAN THOSE WHO FOUND

GOD EARLY IN THEIR LIVES. BEING A CHRISTIAN DEMANDS WORK – FAITH. IT IS NOT A PASSIVE EXISTENCE, BUT RATHER AN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF GOD. SO IT DOES NOT MATTER IF THIS ACCEPTANCE OF GOD’S LOVE COMES EARLY OR LATE IN LIFE BECAUSE THIS LOVE CAN NEVER BE EARNED, ONLY ACCEPTED.

FAITH, HUMILITY AND LOVE. SO HOW BIG IS YOUR NEED FOR GOD TODAY? CAN YOU SHARE THIS LOVE FROM GOD? YES, THAT IS OUR MISSION. THAT IS OUR PATH TO HEAVEN.



VOCATIONIST’S CORNER

Your prayers worked! Thanks be to God! Father Rijo’s family has tested Covid-free! They will remain in quarantine for one more week.

May God bless you for your prayers.

Christ Our Hope: Building A Vibrant Church

“He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.”

[Proverbs 28:27]



God calls us to support the most vulnerable among us and the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign offers us the opportunity to do that. A portion of the dollars raised will fund an endowment for Catholic Charities so it may expand its ability to serve the needy. This is a pressing need because right now Catholic Charities is not able to serve - on average 70 families or 280 people - per month. Beyond that need, the campaign offers great hope at home here at Mater Dei Parish. Sixty cents of every dollar will come back to us so we may address our many needs, such as the roof and church windows at St. Mary’s, the sound system and choir loft at St. Edward’s, the church windows and parking lot at St. James, and the parking lot at St. Benedict’s.

While considering your gift, it’s worth remembering that a key provision of the CARES Act states that a donor may deduct 100% of any gift to a qualified charity against their 2020 adjusted gross income. Please note that this deduction expires at the end of 2020.

A volunteer from our parish will be calling you to discuss the campaign and answer any questions you may have. Please be receptive to their call and take time to talk to them. Remember that these are your fellow parishioners, neighbors, friends, your brothers and sisters in Christ. They are serving God in their volunteer role.



St. Edward’s Tabernacle Light burns this week in loving memory of **Gaston & Marielle Morin**



FOOD SHELF NEEDS

Mater Dei’s Food Pantry is looking for the following items this week:

Dry Milk and Saltines

May God Bless you for your continued support.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of † Raymond Sykes, † Herman Cross, † Simone Brodeur & † Susan Greene and for their grieving families.

