



# First Sunday of Advent

## 11/26/2022 - 12/04/2022

### Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



#### MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE

##### WEEKDAY MASSES

MON – SAT: 9:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S  
 MON – FRI: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S CHAPEL  
 MON & FRI: 5:30 PM @ ST. EDWARD'S  
 FRIDAY: 11:00 AM @ ST. JAMES

##### "SUNDAY" MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S  
 4:00 PM @ SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
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 November 20, 2022

Envelopes:	\$ 2,907.00
Loose:	\$ 2,095.00
eCatholic:	\$ 503.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 5,505.00</b>

Weekly Budget Expenses (5 year basis): \$ 10,756.00  
 Deficit/Surplus: \$ -5,251.00

#### CALLING ALL ST. EDWARD'S PARISHIONERS!

St. Edward's monthly Informational Meeting is:  
**Monday, November 28th @ 6:00 pm**  
 at **St. Edward's Parish Hall**

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend to share your ideas and concerns.



#### Stay Awake and Be Prepared

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Lord calls us to stay awake and to be prepared, so that when the Son of Man

comes, we will be ready to receive Him in our homes and hearts. As we prepare for Christmas, the Lord wants us to also experience a deep and meaningful preparation for His Second Coming: "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Matthew 24:44)

Today, unlike in the past, we have to make decisions almost every moment in our constantly changing world. True, we make decisions, but are they deeply rooted in the Person of Christ and His Second Coming? Speaking on the Christian decision-making process, Pope Francis urges young people: "It has to do with the plan of God for me. It has to do with the meaning of my life before the Father who knows and loves me, with the real purpose of my life, which nobody knows better than He." (Christus Vivit, no. 154).

#### ST. EDWARD'S GIVING TREE



St. Edward's is beginning their annual Giving Tree campaign this weekend for the residents of Michaud Manor. The tree is decorated with ornaments listing gift ideas for individual residents.

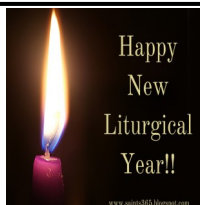
Please take an ornament home, and return your wrapped or bagged gift by **Sunday, December 18th**. Be sure to place the ornament gift tag on the outside of your package.

Thank you for your participation. Your generosity helps to make the Christmas season more joyful for the residents.

#### Happy New Year!!

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year in the church calendar.

New *Breaking Bread* missals have been placed in church pews. We rotate to "Year A" in the Church's three year cycle and will explore the Gospel of Matthew throughout the year.



#### Christmas Flower Donations

Envelopes have been placed in the pews for donations for Christmas flowers to decorate our beautiful churches. Please consider making a gift to remember or honor a loved one and place your envelope in the collection basket.

Your continued generosity to our parish is greatly appreciated.



CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION IS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 3:30 PM AT ST. EDWARD'S FOR ST. MARY'S & ST. EDWARD'S STUDENTS & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH AT 3:00 PM AT ST. JAMES.



### Cookies & Shopping with Santa

The K of C Second Annual Shopping with Santa event will take place on:  
**Saturday, December 10th**  
**1:00 pm — 3:00 pm**  
**Vermont National Guard Armory**  
**Union Street in Newport**

Donations of gently used or new candles, puzzles, cookbooks, jewelry, angels, toys, etc. may be left under the K of C Christmas card/magnet tables at any of our parish churches through December 4th.

Christmas elves are asked to volunteer to make cookies, organize and price items, and help the children pick out and gift wrap their purchases.

Please contact Linda Brasseur at (802) 274-6137 to volunteer to help bring joy to our area children during this Christmas season. Thank you for your support!

### *Blessing the Symbols of Christmas*

Next Sunday, **December 4th**, on the **Second Sunday of Advent**, we will bless the **Christmas Tree**. Please **bring an ornament from your tree** to bless during Mass.



3rd Sunday of Advent — Manger Figurine  
 4th Sunday of Advent — Baby Jesus

### *Do You Have Hidden Musical Talents?*



The Music Ministry is an important part of the Holy Mass and of our parish.

Do you play either the piano or organ? St. Mary's dedicated and talented accompanist at the Sunday 9:30 am Mass, Nancy

Goad, has retired. We are looking for either a pianist or organist who is able to accompany the Senior Choir at the 9:30 Sunday morning Mass.

We are hoping that this individual will also be available to accompany the choir at some funerals.

The position pays \$40 per Mass.

Please contact the parish office at (802) 334-5066, ext. 2 if you have any questions or if you are interested in this position.

Thank you for sharing your talent with St. Mary's.

### AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

**November 27th:** 3:00 pm @ Sacred Heart of Jesus in Troy  
**December 4th:** 3:00 pm @ St. Paul's in Barton  
**December 11th:** Mater Dei Parish  
 3:00 pm @ St. Mary's



### VOCATIONIST CORNER

Important Dates in December

12/5: Brother Jerome Bauer's BD  
 12/8: Fr. James Butt's Birthday  
 12/28: Fr. Shiju's 15th Ordination Anniversary  
 12/31: Fr. Thomas K's 11th Ordination Ann.

### HELP WANTED!

#### MATER DEI JOB OPPORTUNITY

Mater Dei Parish is seeking a qualified candidate for a part-time bookkeeping position at the parish office in Derby Line.

Successful candidate should have some knowledge of bookkeeping and Quick Books, plus computer skills in Word and Excel.

Interested candidates may send their resume to:  
 Mater Dei Parish  
 P.O. Box 1078  
 Derby Line, VT 05830  
 ATTN: Reynold Sicotte  
 or call (802) 487-9013

### Do You Have Your Raffle Tickets Yet?



Have you bought your tickets yet for Gibbons Council 2285's Knights of Columbus Christmas Charity Raffle? There are **81 amazing prizes** to be drawn between December 1st and 24th.

Will you win one or more of these exceptional prizes and maybe even one of **two \$1,000 grand prizes** to be drawn on Christmas Eve?

Tickets are available at the K of C Christmas card & magnet table at each of our parish churches.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25. You can put your tickets and money in an envelope marked K of C Raffle and place it in the collection basket.

Join in the fun and help our council continue its charitable work in 2023.

Thank you for your continued support of the K of C.

### Mater Dei Parish Gift Shop

Advent Wreaths & candles are available at the Mater Dei Parish Gift Shop located at St. Mary's Rectory in Newport.



Advent wreaths: \$25

Battery operated Advent Candles w/battery & remote: \$25

Stop by to see the variety of Catholic gifts available to put under your tree this Christmas.



### *With heartfelt sympathy...*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of † **Bernie Pepin** and for his grieving family.