



Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

04/15/2023 - 04/23/2023

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY MASSES

MON – SAT: 9:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S
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

April 9, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 6,856.00
Loose: \$ 5,258.00
eCatholic: \$ 835.00
TOTAL: \$ 12,949.00



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROUS
SUPPORT!

Fuel: \$ 2,261.00
Easter Flowers: \$ 236.00
Holy Thursday: \$ 1,109.00
Good Friday: \$ 1,094.00
Easter Collection: \$ 7,183.00
Weekly Budget Expenses (5 year basis): \$ 10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus: \$ +2,193.00

Calling all Engaged & Married Couples!



"SPRING FLING" DATE NIGHT

**Saturday, April 22, 2023
5:00 pm–6:30 pm**

St. Edward's Parish Hall
59 Elm Street, Derby Line

Join us for Fellowship, Fun & Games and
Door Prizes!

Babysitting provided free of charge!

Please RSVP by April 14th by calling the
Mater Dei Parish Office at (802) 334-5066.

Bring a dish to share if you are able to.
Sponsored by Marriage in Christ Ministry.

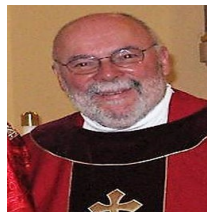
SPEND THE WEEKEND WITH MSGR. PETER ROUTHIER

NATIVE SON, MSGR. PETER
ROUTHIER, WILL BE AT MATER DEI
PARISH NEXT WEEKEND

APRIL 22ND & 23RD.

HE WILL BE CELEBRATING SATURDAY'S 4:00 PM
MASS AND SUNDAY'S 9:30 AM MASS AT
ST. MARY'S. PLEASE STOP BY TO WELCOME HIM
AND SAY HELLO.

FR. RIJO WILL BE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL
IN BURLINGTON FOR THE WEEKEND.



With sincere sympathy...

*Please pray for the repose of
the soul of † Ralph St. Peter, Jr.,
father of Rev. Dallas St. Peter,
and for his grieving family.*



WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

We wish to sincerely thank all
our Mass Coordinators, music
ministers, lectors, Eucharistic
Ministers & ushers from
St. James, St. Edward's and
St. Mary's for all their help and
hard work during Holy Week.

We especially thank Mater Dei's Liturgy
Coordinator, Retha Piette, who worked tirelessly
to prepare the Holy Triduum services, and Fran
Sicotte, who organized St. Edward's services.

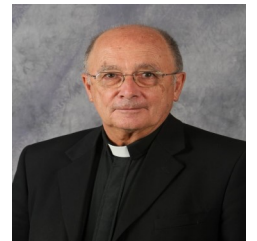
We are also grateful to the decorating
committees for making all our churches so
beautiful for the Holy Triduum and to celebrate
Our Lord's Resurrection.

We give special thanks to Fred Barker who
taught our OCIA candidates and prepared them
to enter the Church during the Easter Vigil and
to the candidates' sponsors who walked beside
them during their faith journey.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and
the time & talents you continue to share so
generously to serve our Risen Lord.

Welcome Home Fr. Roger!

Mater Dei Parish joyfully
welcomes Fr. Roger
Charbonneau back from
his winter residence in
Florida! We are so blessed
to have him continue to
share his wisdom and faith with us.



**There is NO Faith Formation on Monday, April 17th for St. Edward's and St. Mary's
students or on Tuesday, April 18th for St. James students since the children are on
school vacation. Classes will resume on April 24th and 25th. Enjoy your vacation!**

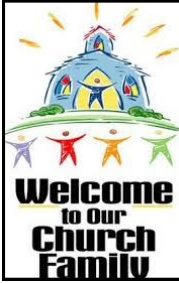


VOCATIONIST CORNER

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLICS

The Mater Dei Parish community joyfully welcomes our OCIA (formerly called RCIA) candidates who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil service.



Callie Beloin
Todd Diaz

Jeff Jarvis
José Rodriguez

In addition, six more candidates will be received into full communion on April 30th during the 11:00 am Mass when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Coyne.

Kristin Jarvis

Daniele Warner

David Lamoureux

Dale Woodworth

Gail Singer

Roxy Woodworth

During the Easter Vigil, these candidates stood up and proudly proclaimed their faith to the entire congregation. In return, we promise to pray for them as they continue their journey in the Catholic Faith.

Are you interested in becoming a full Catholic? Are you unsure, or have questions? Maybe you are already Catholic, but need a refresher in the faith to finally get those still-present questions answered or get help in growing closer to our Lord. Then the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for you! OCIA will help all who enroll to know Our Lord better and to embrace Him more whole-heartedly. Just ask any of our newest Catholics. OCIA meetings will begin again in the fall.

And if you are ready for the “next step” after OCIA, it’s going on right now. It meets once a month, year-round. It’s called Mystagogy, which is an ancient Christian word for the study of the mysteries of our faith that become no-longer-so-mysterious when we see them in the light of Our Lord. For those of you who attend either St.

Mary’s or St. Edward’s, our next Mystagogy (pronounced MIST-a-go-gee) gathering is on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary’s. For those who attend St. James, our first meeting will be announced soon.

Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 with any questions or to sign up. We hope to see you there!



Divine Mercy Sunday

This weekend’s readings on Divine Mercy Sunday show us Jesus’ incredible love for us and His willingness to display His care for us. The Apostles devoted themselves to teaching God’s words and the breaking of the bread, miraculous healings, and to spreading the Gospel. Today’s Gospel reveals Jesus’ identity to us and reminds us of Jesus’ love and mercy for all people. There is emphasis on the power of the Holy Spirit that guides those who believe and empowers them to proclaim the message of the Gospel.

The whole meaning of God’s work in Jesus is at the heart of a Work of Mercy for us. Starting with the Passion, as Jesus travels the road of Calvary to His death, and in the Resurrection, God the Father accepted His Son’s sacrifice as a new and eternal model of God’s plan, by His Son’s ever-marked body with open wounds – His tortured body that is mercy’s response to human hatred and cruelty. This is the message embedded in the icon of Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska.

The Chaplet is an extension of the liturgical-sacramental offering of the same Slain-Risen Lord that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To see this, we only need to reflect on the words of Eucharistic Prayer I that follow the Consecration: “We, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty, from the gifts you have given us, this pure victim this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.”

We can look at the Chaplet of Mercy as a superb way to prepare for, and extend forward, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist into our life. It shapes us with deeper awareness that we share in Christ’s royal priesthood through Baptism. This priesthood calls all of us, at every moment, to offer both our own lives as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1) for the life of the world, and to offer the living sacrifice of Christ Himself. “Through him, and with him and in him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is your, forever and ever.”

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is like a para-liturgical devotion; the moment we come to the “Great Amen”, it affirms the astonishing truth that in Christ, if we choose to apply it to our life, we find his infinite treasury of God’s mercy, and we can also join Jesus in His self-offering. “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.” Does it make you tremble?

May the Risen Christ forever intercede for us before His Father, sustaining us daily in faithfulness by His grace.

*“Blessed are those who have not seen,
but still believe.”*