



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**01/24/2026—02/01/2026**  
*Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!*



*The Gospel According to Matthew...*



Last week's study of St. Matthew's Gospel was based on Chapter II of his Gospel. This week, our multiple choice questions come from Chapter III of Matthew's Gospel.

Circle the correct answer to each question and cut this section out of your bulletin. Write your name on the bottom of your entry and put it in the collection basket during Mass.

Thank you to the 4 parishioners who submitted entries for our Chapter I study. Last week's winner was **Pat Royer**. Her entry will be submitted for the Grand Prize when we are finished with our study. Congratulations, Pat!

- John the Baptist was predicted by what prophet as a voice calling out in the desert?
  - Jeremiah (Mt. 3:3)
  - Hosea
  - Daniel
  - Isaiah
- What task did Isaiah say the John the Baptist was to do? (Mt. 3:3)
  - Prepare the hearts of God's people
  - Announce the Word of the Lord
  - Warn the Romans of the king's coming
  - Prepare the way for the Lord
- What did the people coming to John the Baptist do before being baptized? (Mt. 3:6)
  - Threw dust in the air
  - Tore their garments
  - Confessed their loyalty to Christ
  - Confessed their sins
- Who did John the Baptist warn the Pharisees not to call their father? (Mt. 3:9)
  - Abraham
  - Jacob
  - David
  - Moses

Answers to Chapter II Questions

- The Magi came from: the East (C)
- The Magi went to Jerusalem to : worship the King of the Jews (B)
- Jesus' family stayed in Egypt: until the death of Herod (B)
- Herod ordered the deaths of: all Bethlehem boys under the age of 2 (A)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$ 3,410.00
Loose:	\$ 1,709.00
eCatholic:	\$ 730.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 5,849.00</b>



Catholic Education:	\$ 1,627.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ - 4,907.00

There is a special collection this weekend for the **Church in Latin America**. Latin America is home to nearly 40% of the world's Catholic population. Your gift helps to train catechists in remote rural areas, build up programs that address the needs of refugees and victims of natural disasters, and helps to nurture vocations for seminarians and religious sisters. Please be as generous as possible.

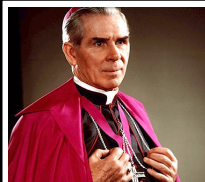
There will be a special collection **NEXT WEEKEND** for **Repairs & Maintenance**. Your contribution supports snow removal, lawn care, and smaller repairs that often come up during the year at our parish churches and buildings. Thank you for your support of our parish.

**MATER DEI YOUNG APOSTLES**

The Young Apostles monthly meeting will be on **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's meeting room.



Join us for **pizza at 5:00 pm** followed by a **meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 pm** and **Adoration from 6:30 – 7:00 pm**. Come and share in the food, fun, conversation and faith.



**ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN NAMED VENERABLE**

Pope Leo XIV has recognized Archbishop Fulton Sheen's life of heroic virtue and granted him the title of "Venerable". This recognition is part of the process leading to his possible beatification and canonization.

Archbishop Sheen hosted a weekly television show in the 1950s and 60s called *Life is Worth Living* which reached an estimated 30 million viewers each week.

*St. Mary's All Souls' Tabernacle Light burns this week in loving memory of the: Gerard Rivard Family.*



## ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>



Mater Dei is looking for palms to burn to use on Ash Wednesday. Please bring your palms to Holy Mass with you or to the Parish Office in Newport by **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Boxes will be available at each of our churches for your palms. Thank you.

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

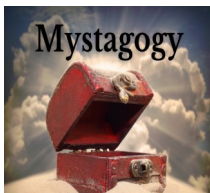
THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THEORIES ABOUT IT. ONLY ONE GOES BACK TO THE BEGINNING.

GET A SOLIDLY CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING.

JOIN US AS DR. FRED BARKER UNPACKS REVELATION FROM BEGINNING TO END DURING **MYSTAGOGY**.

WE BEING ON **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM IN ST. MARY'S**.

MYSTAGOGY MEETS ONCE A MONTH FOR ONE HOUR.



## PARISH LENTEN RETREAT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

ST. EDWARD'S  
9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Join us on *February 14<sup>th</sup>* at *St. Edward's in Derby Line* for *Mater Dei's Lenten*

*Retreat beginning with Holy Mass at 9:00 am, followed by a spiritual talk, Adoration, Anointing of the Sick and Confession from 10:00 am — Noon.*

*Please join us as we prepare to enter the holy season of reflection, prayer, penance, and almsgiving.*

*I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power of his resurrection, and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

[PHILIPPIANS 3:10 - 11]

*With Deepest Sympathy...*  
*Please pray for the repose of the souls of † Gloria Vincent, † Lucille Jacobs Collins and † Steven Merrill and for their grieving families.*



## VOCATIONISTS CORNER

*"O my God and my All."*



The ultimate goal of the Society of Divine Vocations is to bring all members, and through them the whole world, to perfect divine union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## Christian Unity Week

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from January 18<sup>th</sup> — 25<sup>th</sup>.

This year's theme, *One Body, One Spirit*, reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere.



## Prayer for Christian Unity

*Heavenly Father, You are the source of all truth, love, and peace. We thank You for calling us into one body through Christ, and for the gift of fellowship with believers across the world. Lord, where there is division, sow seeds of reconciliation. Where there is misunderstanding, bring clarity and grace. Help us to see one another through Your eyes — as brothers and sisters, redeemed by the same Savior. In His holy name we pray.*

## JOB OPENING AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's School in Barton is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant. Requirements include,

but are not limited to, a fingerprint background check, 3 references, competent phone and computer skills, and a few classes.

Call (802) 525-6578 for more information or email [office@stpaulscatholicsschool.org](mailto:office@stpaulscatholicsschool.org)



## MATER DEI OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS



The parish is still finding messages left on the phones in Derby Line. All members of the office staff now work at the rectory in Newport.

To reach the Parish Office please call: (802) 487-9881 or (802) 334-5066.

For Finance, call (802) 487-9880.

For Faith Formation, contact PCL Donna Cheney at (802) 487-7278.

Please do not leave a message in Derby Line. There is no one in the office to monitor phone calls and it may be more than a week before we find it. Thank you for your cooperation.