



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
01/31/2026—02/08/2026
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 **7** parishioners who submitted entries for our Chapter II study. Last week's winner was **Clara Barker**. Her entry will be submitted for the Grand Prize when we are finished with our study. Congratulations, Clara!

- 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 24th & 25th, 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 6,458.00
Loose:	\$ 1,492.00
eCatholic:	\$ 1,890.00
TOTAL:	\$ 9,840.00



Church in Latin America:	\$ 1,627.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ - 916.00

There is a special collection this 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.

There will be a special collection **NEXT WEEKEND** for **Fuel**. Last weekend's weather was a perfect example of the reason our fuel collections are so important to our parish during the winter. Please be as generous as possible.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

ST. EDWARD'S
9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Join us on February 14th at St. Edward's in Derby Line for Mater Dei's Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Dallas St. Peter.



*9:00 am: Holy Mass at St. Edward's
 10:00 am: Spiritual talk by Fr. Dallas
 10:30 — 12:00 pm: Adoration,
 Anointing of the Sick & Confession*

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]



St. Mary's Tabernacle Light this week in loving memory of: Clarence Nolin.

Jesus, Mary & Joseph





FEAST OF ST. BLAISE & BLESSING OF THROATS

St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebastea, Turkey and a doctor of medicine. He was considered a healer and later, a “physician of souls”. St. Blaise once cured a child who was choking to death on a fishbone, which led the Catholic Church to mark his feast day by blessing the throats of the faithful.

The feast of St. Blaise is on **February 3RD**.
Mater Dei Parish will bless throats at all weekend Masses on Saturday, January 31ST and Sunday, February 1ST, as well as on February 3RD.

VOCATIONISTS CORNER

“O my God and my all”



How do you know when God is calling you? By the grace of God and the virtue of our Baptism, we all have a vocation. We are all called to live a life of holiness and service. The challenge is to figure out and understand how God wants us to live that call.



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

CFF FOR ST. EDWARD'S & ST. MARY'S

February's Catholic Faith Formation classes for St. Mary's & St. Edward's students are **next Sunday, February 8th** beginning with 8:30 am Holy Mass at St. Edward's, followed by class from 10:00 – 11:30 am.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18TH

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 9th**.



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

Father of mercy and God of all consolation, graciously look upon me and impart to me the blessing which flows from this holy Sacrament. Overshadow me with Your loving kindness, and let this divine Mystery bear fruit in me.
[ST. BLAISE – FEBRUARY 3RD]

WAYS FOR PARENTS TO PASS DOWN THE CATHOLIC FAITH TO THEIR CHILDREN



1. TEACH THEM THROUGH YOUR OWN WITNESS. PARENTS MUST BE TRUE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. YOUR CHILDREN WILL LISTEN TO YOU IF THEY SEE YOU “PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH”.

2. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH OTHER FAITHFUL CATHOLICS. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH FRIENDS WHO ARE ALSO STRIVING TO LIVE THEIR FAITH. WHEN CHILDREN SEE OTHER FAMILIES LIVING THEIR FAITH, THEY WILL SEE IT AS NORMAL AND REAL.

3. PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW TO PRAY AND MAKE PRAYER A REGULAR AND ROUTINE PART OF YOUR DAY.

4. SHARE STORIES OF THE SAINTS WITH YOUR CHILDREN. SHOW THEM REAL PEOPLE WHO LIVED REAL LIVES AND WERE TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST.

5. TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC CURRICULUM. PARENTS – NOT TEACHERS OR CATECHISTS – ARE THE PRIMARY EDUCATORS OF THEIR CHILDREN. TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING IN RELIGION CLASS AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR LESSONS.

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.

St. James All Souls' Tabernacle Light burns this week in loving memory of: Theresa Lavoie.

