

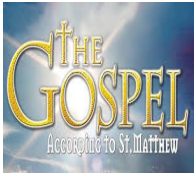


# Third Sunday of Lent 03/07/2026 — 03/15/2026

## Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



### The Gospel According to Matthew...



This week we move on to Chapter 7 of St. Matthew's Gospel. The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 7:1-21.

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.

Last week's winner was **River Barker**. His entry will be submitted for the Grand Prize when we are finished with our study. Congratulations, River!

- What should not be given to dogs?
  - A speck
  - What is sacred
  - The children's food
  - The food that could feed the hungry
- Jesus recommended that we do all of the following EXCEPT
  - Ask
  - Enter
  - Seek
  - Knock
- What does the rule "do unto others what you would have them do to you" summarize?
  - All righteousness
  - The Law and the Prophets
  - The message of Christ
  - The whole of the Gospel to all nations
- Who alone will be the ones allowed to enter the kingdom of heaven?
  - Those who believe
  - Those who do the will of the Father
  - Those who help the poor
  - Those who repent and have faith

#### Answers to Last Week's Questions

- The Father sees what is done in secret. (D)
- Pagans think they will be heard by God because of their many words. (B)
- The Lord's Prayer asks that our daily bread be given to us. (C)
- According to Jesus, your Heavenly Father will forgive you when you forgive those who sin against you. (D)

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

Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches  
*February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026*

Envelopes:	\$ 3,899.00
Loose:	\$ 4,077.00
eCatholic:	\$ 525.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,501.00



Fuel:	\$ 3,562.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ -2,255.00

There is no second collection this weekend.

There is a special collection **NEXT WEEKEND** for **Catholic Relief Services**. CRS is the official international relief agency of the Catholic Church. In addition to the U.S., Catholic Relief Services offers assistance to people in need in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be as generous as possible.

### LADIES OF MATER DEI PARISH

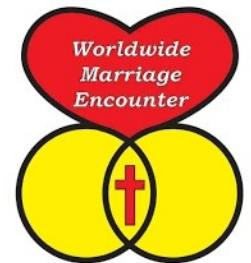
The ladies of Mater Dei Parish meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is **March 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Edward's from 5:30—7:00 pm.**



Each meeting begins with a novena or devotional and all ladies of the parish are welcome. Snacks are provided...We look forward to our time of prayer and fellowship with you!

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENTS  
UPCOMING RESIDENTIAL  
WEEKEND EXPERIENCES**

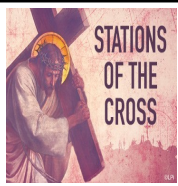
**MARCH 13-15, 2026  
SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT**



**CONTACT GARY & LYNN ROOT  
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*St. Mary's All Souls' Tabernacle Light  
burns this week in loving memory  
of: † Joanne Nolin.*





## STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE PRAYED AT EACH OF OUR CHURCHES EVERY WEEK DURING LENT.

**ST. EDWARD'S:** EACH THURSDAY AT 5:30 PM AFTER 5:00 PM MASS.

SOUP AND BREAD WILL BE SERVED IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE STATIONS.

**ST. JAMES:** EACH FRIDAY AT 10:30 AM BEFORE 11:00 AM MASS

**ST. MARY'S:** EACH FRIDAY AT 5:30 PM

SOUP AND BREAD WILL BE SERVED IN THE RECTORY AFTER THE STATIONS.

PLEASE JOIN US AND WALK THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH JESUS DURING THIS HOLY SEASON.

### *Ignite the Flame of the Holy Spirit*

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
FOR STUDENTS GRADE 6  
AND ABOVE RECEIVING  
CONFIRMATION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>  
8:45 AM—2:45 PM**

**ST. EDWARD'S PARISH HALL IN DERBY LINE**

Don't miss out on inspiring talks, fun activities and lunch!

Join us for a day of faith and fellowship. Attendees are asked to bring a journal and pen to use throughout the day and a dessert to share. Parents are invited to join at 1:00 pm for Adoration and Confession.

Please contact PCL Donna Cheney at (802) 487-7278 with any question or email her at [pclmaterdeiparish@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:pclmaterdeiparish@vermontcatholic.org).



**Vermont's Men's Catholic Conference  
Saturday, March 21, 2026  
9:00 AM—2:00 PM  
At Our Lady of Angels in Randolph**

The theme is Band of Brothers and Mark Kutolowki, Founder of Metanoia of Vermont will be the keynote Speaker. Only 19 SEATS left

Price: Adult -\$40.00 , College Students \$15.00 and Under 18 are Free with a paying adult  
Contact: Nicole Hamilton—[nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org)  
Ph. 802- 658-6110 ext. 1131

### **DID YOU REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD??**

Daylight Savings Time returned on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am. Did you remember to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour?



## VOCATIONISTS CORNER

*"O my God and my all"*



*QUOTE OF ST JUSTIN ON LOVE:*

THE IDEA OF EXCHANGE IS THE MOST BASIC IN THE LANGUAGE AND RELATIONSHIP OF LOVE  
LOVE IS ESSENTIALLY AN ATTRACTION TO DO MORE AND BETTER FOR THE BELOVED: TO KNOW HIM MORE AND BETTER, TO PLEASE HIM BETTER AND MORE, TO MORE AND BETTER OFFER HIMSELF TO THE OTHER, TO POSSESS THE OTHER MORE AND BETTER

LOVE IS THE SUPREME, ULTIMATE GOAL OF CREATION, REDEMPTION AND SANCTIFICATION AND OF THE WHOLE MAN IN LIGHT OF REVELATION AND IN THE ELEVATION TO THE SUPERNATURAL.

### MATER DEI'S MYSTAGOGY IS NOW ON ZOOM!



Join Dr. Fred Barker anytime as we discover the ancient Catholic approach to the Book of Revelation.

Here's the easy link: <https://youtu.be/gTC71UmfgB8?si=04N1JB4JQjP4edkT> or else go to Youtube, type in "Mystagogy Revelation", and scroll down.

### OCIA ADORATION

*PLEASE JOIN OUR OCIA CANDIDATES FOR HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION AS THEY PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION THIS EASTER VIGIL.*

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026  
6:00 PM  
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH*

*THERE WILL BE PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC AS WELL AS A CHANCE FOR SILENT REFLECTION*



### WEEKLY LENTEN TIP

- #1: Commit yourself to attending daily Mass once or twice a week during Lent.
- #2: Set aside 20 minutes each day to read the Bible.
- #3: Give your spouse and children three compliments each day.