

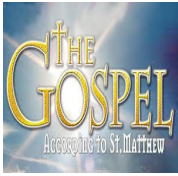


**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**03/21/2026 — 03/29/2026**

*Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!*



**The Gospel According to Matthew...**



As we continue to study Chapter 8 of St. Matthew's Gospel, The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 8:17-31.

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 **Brenda Isabelle**. Her entry will be submitted for the Grand Prize when we are finished with our study. Congratulations, Brenda!

- Which prophet said, "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."?
  - Jeremiah
  - Hosea
  - Ezekiel
  - Isaiah
- What did another disciple ask Jesus' permission to do before he came and followed Jesus?
  - To sell his house
  - To bury his father
  - To ask permission from his family
  - To get married
- What was the response of the disciples when they saw Jesus still the wind and the waves?
  - They were amazed
  - They believed in him
  - They followed him
  - They feared him
- What did the demons request of Jesus?
  - To be sent into the pigs
  - To be sent into the water
  - To be released into the desert
  - To be forgiven

Answers to Last Week's Questions

- What is sacred should not be given to dogs. (B)
- Jesus recommended that we do all of the following EXCEPT enter. (B)
- The rule "Do unto others what you would have them do to you" summarizes the Law & the Prophets. (B)
- Those who do the will of the Father will be the only ones allowed to enter the kingdom of heaven. (B)

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



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches  
**March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$ 4,009.00
Loose:	\$ 1,866.00
eCatholic:	\$ 410.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 6,285.00</b>

Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 1,664.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ -4,471.00



**Fr. Tom's Anniversary**

**Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>** marks the one-year anniversary when Jesus brought our beloved Fr. Tom home to spend eternity with Him.

Mater Dei will celebrate Holy Mass to honor Fr., Tom's memory at **St. Edward's on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and fellowship with soup and bread in the parish hall after the Stations.

*Dear Lord, we gather together to honor the memory of our beloved priest who has passed away. We thank You for the gift of his life and ministry which have touched our hearts in profound ways. Help us remember him with gratitude, love and respect.*

*St. Bernard's Chapel, St. Edward's & St. James Tabernacle Lights will all burn this week in loving memory of: † **Rev. Thomas LaRussa, SDV.***



**ST. PAUL'S LENTEN FISH FRY!**

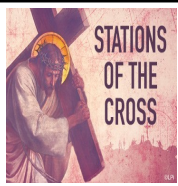
ST. PAUL'S FINAL FISH FRY FOR THIS LENTEN SEASON IS **FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>.**

**BARTON MEMORIAL HALL,  
 19 VILLAGE SQUARE, BARTON, VT**

EAT IN *or* TAKE OUT  
 DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM.

MEAL INCLUDES FRIED HADDOCK, BAKED POTATO VEGGIE, COLESLAW, ROLL, TARTAR SAUCE AND HOMEMADE DESSERT.

ADULTS: \$18.50; CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$10.25  
 FAMILY MEAL: 6 FOR \$100



## 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 IS 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 IS SERVED IN THE RECTORY  
AFTER THE STATIONS.

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



## VOCATIONISTS CORNER

*"O my God and my all"*

"Grant that I may dedicate my life to knowing,  
loving and serving your Divine Persons in every  
creature and Your will in every event."

## EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes have been placed in  
all our parish churches for  
Easter Flower donations. If you  
have not already done so,  
please consider making a gift  
to honor or remember a loved  
one during this Easter season.



Write the name[s] of the persons you  
would like to remember on your envelope  
and place it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your continued generosity  
to our parish.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

**Have you signed up yet for Holy Week?**

St. Mary's white board is in the Alcove.

We are still looking for Coordinators,  
Altar Servers and volunteers to have  
their feet washed on Holy Thursday.



St. Edward's sign-up sheet is at the  
church entrance. Please volunteer to have  
your feet washed.

St. James sign-up sheet is also at their church  
entrance. They are also looking for volunteers  
to have their feet washed.

Thank you for your service to Mater Dei Parish.



## ST. MARY'S TREE OF LIFE

Parishioners of St. Mary's have no  
doubt noticed the "Tree of Life"  
which adorns the alcove wall.

The tree was established by former pastor  
Fr. Forrest Rouelle in the 1990's as a fund to pay  
for repairs & maintenance needs at St. Mary's.  
"Leaves" for the tree in memory of or to honor a  
loved one are offered for \$1,000 each and  
engraved with the purchaser's name or a quote  
chosen by the donor. "Rocks" underneath the  
tree are offered for \$2,500 and \$5,000 each  
depending on the size of the "rock".

St. Mary's is looking to revive their Tree of Life. If  
you would like more information or are interested  
in donating a leaf or rock, please contact the  
parish office at (802) 334-5066.

## Totus Tuus at Mater Dei!

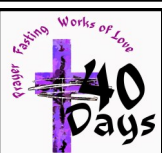
This year's Totus Tuus at Mater Dei  
will be during the last week of July.



High School Students: July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at  
St. Mary's

Elementary Students: July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> at  
St. Edward's

Registration forms are available at each of our  
parish churches and at the parish office. Watch  
the bulletin for more information!



## WEEKLY LENTEN TIPS

#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.

#4: Replace 30 minutes of TV time with praying  
the Holy Rosary as a family.

#5: Apologize to someone you have hurt and  
pray for someone who has hurt you.

*"Lent is a time of grace, a time for  
conversion, a time to come home to God."*

[ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE]

## With Deepest Sympathy...

Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of † Paul Gosselin, Jr.  
and for his grieving family.



*St. Mary's All Souls' Tabernacle Light  
burns this week in loving memory  
of: † Dennis & † Daniel Brasseur.*

