



## Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

04/11/2026 — 04/19/2026

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



### The Gospel According to Matthew...



This week we finish our study of Chapter 9 of St. Matthew's Gospel. The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 9:27-38.

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

- What did the blind men cry out to Jesus?
  - We would see Jesus
  - Son of God, give us our sight
  - Have mercy on us, Son of David
  - O Lord, how long until we can see the kingdom
- How did Jesus heal the blind men?
  - He anointed them with oil
  - He spoke the word
  - He touched their eyes
  - He put mud on their eyes
- Where did Jesus teach as he went through the towns of Galilee?
  - In the temple
  - On the mountain sides
  - In their synagogues
  - On the sea
- What did Jesus say his disciples should ask the Lord of harvest for?
  - The kingdom to come
  - To send workers into the harvest
  - To call many for the fall and rising of Israel
  - To ripen the harvest

#### Answers to Last Week's Questions

- The teachers of the law said that Jesus was blaspheming when He said "Your sins are forgiven". (A)
- Jesus said it was easier to say "Your sins are forgiven or get up and walk." (C)
- Jesus saw and called Matthew after he healed the paralytic. (C)
- Tax collectors and sinners came to eat with Jesus at Matthew's house. (D)

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



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 6,751.00
Loose:	\$ 2,250.00
eCatholic:	\$ 977.00
TOTAL:	\$ 9,978.00

Good Friday:	\$ 1,443.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ -778.00



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 continued support of our parish.

### PEOPLE OF HOPE: FAITH-FILLED STORIES OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Catholic Charities USA, the national office for Catholic Charities agencies across the country, has launched a national traveling museum

highlighting stories of compassion, service and hope from around the country.

**Vermont Catholic Charities is honored to host the museum April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's College from 10:00 am — 6:00 pm each day. As part of the project, Bishop John will celebrate Holy Mass at 4:00 pm on April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Museum visitors are invited to explore this unique, interactive exhibit which features video stories, hands-on activities and opportunities to reflect on how we are called to serve our neighbors.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend! You will be inspired by stories of faith and hope.

Brenda & Carmen sincerely thank our Mater Dei parishioners who stayed late into the evening on Good Friday to help decorate St. Mary's for Easter. May God bless you for your continued support of St. Mary's and our parish.



*St. Edward's Tabernacle Light burns this week in loving memory of*  
† **Inez E. Perry**

**NEW TO MATER DEI PARISH? WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US TODAY.**

## SAINT FAUSTINA & DIVINE MERCY



Sr. Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received prophetic messages from Christ including revelations about the infinite mercy of God and her obligation to spread the message throughout the world.

The devotion to Divine Mercy was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. Sr. Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000 and the Second Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In June 2002, the pope granted plenary and partial indulgences to the faithful who observe Divine Mercy Sunday.

An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven and can be plenary or partial.

A plenary indulgence is the full healing of the consequence for sin. It can be received by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, going to Confession, and receiving Holy Communion.

A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment caused by sin.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God and receive His abundant mercy.

### *Prayers for Peace*

You are invited to join Bishop John McDermott as he leads the Holy Rosary to pray for peace in our troubled world each **Wednesday at 8:00 pm.**

Click on the zoom link on the diocesan website at [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org).

*O Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, we turn to you with longing for a world free from violence. Inspire our leaders to walk the path of peace and justice.*



*With Deepest Sympathy...*  
*Please pray for the repose of the souls of † **Real Lanoue** and † **Paul Lahar** and for their grieving families.*



## VOCATIONISTS CORNER

*Gracious God, grant us holy ministers of Your Altar who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist. Call forth ministers of your mercy who, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of Your forgiveness. Amen.*

### 2026 WILFRED & YVETTE LEBLANC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Wilfred & Yvette Leblanc Memorial Scholarship.



Several \$1,000 scholarships will be available to seniors graduating from North Country or the United Christian Academy who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or an accredited trade program.

Email the Knights of Columbus at [gibbonscouncilscholarshipvt@gmail.com](mailto:gibbonscouncilscholarshipvt@gmail.com) for an application.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLICS

The Mater Dei Parish community joyfully welcomes our OCIA candidates who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church during last Saturday's Easter Vigil Service.

**Baptism/Holy Communion/Confirmation**

*Nicholas Bowen      Alaria O'Brien*

*Stephen Donahue and Spencer Smith*

received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and also entered into full communion with the Catholic Church.

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

### PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CATHOLICS

Lord, I desire to become holy. Help me to allow You to change me every moment of my life so that I can continually walk the path You have laid out for me.  
Jesus I trust in You.  
Jesus I love You.  
Jesus protect me.

