



Third Sunday of Easter 04/18/2026 — 04/26/2026

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



The Gospel According to Matthew...



This week we move on to Chapter 10 of St. Matthew's Gospel, The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 10:1-16.

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

- What was Peter's other name?
 - Didymus
 - Zebedee
 - Simon
 - Apollos
- In verifying the message the disciples were to preach, they were told to do all of the following EXCEPT.....
 - Heal the sick
 - Raise the dead
 - Cleanse the lepers
 - Open the eyes of the blind
 - Drive out demons
- In each town, who did Jesus direct his disciples to search out?
 - An elder of the city
 - The wisest person in the city
 - A worthy person
 - Another believer
- Jesus instructed his disciples to be _____.
 - As harmless as a lamb
 - Fishers of men
 - As shrewd as snakes
 - As quick as birds

Answers to Last Week's Questions

- One does not sew a patch on an old garment because it will pull away and make the tear worse. (A)
- A synagogue leader came to ask Jesus to raise his daughter from the dead. (C)
- The people were playing pipes when Jesus came to the synagogue leader's house. (D)
- The people laughed at Jesus when he said the girl is asleep. (A)

Name: _____



Thank You for Your Generosity to our
Mater Dei Parish Churches

April 11th & 12th, 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 4,174.00
Loose:	\$ 1,579.00
eCatholic:	\$ 555.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,308.00

Repairs & Maintenance:	\$ 2,299.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ -4,448.00

THANK YOU
for donating

There is a special collection **NEXT** weekend for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Catholic Home Missions offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the U.S. and their territories.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED MATER DEI PARISHIONERS

Congratulations to our youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John McDermott on April 9, 2026.

Rebel Case
Vivienne Perry
Adalene Pilker
Edward Thompson

Anthony Esposito
Damien St. George
Grace Staples
Eustace Thompson

Thank you to our PCL Donna Cheney and our 6th Grade Faith Formation teacher Ron Krisak who prepared our Confirmandi for this important step in their faith journey.

Loving Father, strengthen these newly confirmed members of Your Church with the gift of grace to love and serve You as a disciple of Christ. Fill them with the joy of Your presence. Increase in them the fruits of Your Spirit: the spirits of wisdom and understanding, the spirits of love, patience and gentleness, and the spirit of true holiness.



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 26th – 30th at St. Mary's

Elementary students: July 27th – 31st 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!



WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

Mater Dei Parish wishes to thank all our Mass Coordinators, Music Ministers and Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Ushers from St. James, St. Edward's and St. Mary's for all

their help and hard work during Holy Week.

We especially thank Theresa Forbes and Retha Piette who worked tirelessly to prepare the Holy Triduum services at St. Mary's, and to the Knights of Columbus for their help during the Holy

Thursday liturgy. Thank you also to Mike Gaudreau, Fran Sicotte, and Kevin Perry who organized St. Edward's liturgies and assisted Fr. Leo with their celebrations. We are grateful to Anita and Jocelyne Gervais and to those who helped them prepare St. James for their Holy Triduum services.

We owe a special thank you to Fr. Leo Antony, SDV and Brother Christian who came to Vermont to celebrate Holy Week with us at St. Edward's and St. Mary's.

We are also grateful to the decorating committees for making all our churches so beautiful for the Holy Triduum and to celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection.

We give special thanks to Fred Barker and Jose Rodriguez who taught our OCIA candidates and prepared them to enter the Church during the Easter Vigil, and to the candidates' sponsors who walked beside them during their faith journey.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and the time and talents you continue to share so generously to serve our Risen Lord.



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

From the beginning, St. Justin requested that all religious in his congregation use the words "Jesus, Mary & Joseph" when greeting each other. He wanted Vocationists to remember the three relationships with which the Holy Family of Nazareth loved God. So when you meet a Vocationist, greet them with "Jesus, Mary & Joseph". It's their greeting!

Welcome to the Mater Dei Parish Family



ABRAHAM BENNETT

son of

KATRINA PERRY BENNETT & JESSIE BENNETT

received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's on April 11, 2026 and became the newest member of Mater Dei Parish.

Heavenly Father, surround this child with Your love and protect him from evil. Fill Abraham with the Holy Spirit and receive him into the family of Your church, that he may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of Your love.



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.

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 28th & 29th 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 28th.**

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

SPRING CLEANING IS UPON US!!

The Ladies of Mater Dei will be holding a **Yard Sale** on **August 8th** during Derby Line Day. They are asking for donations of clean items that you no longer need that are still very usable with no missing parts. NO clothing, shoes or stuffed toys, please!



The Ladies will be available on the **FIRST SATURDAY of May, June, July & August at St. Edward's Hall from 9:00—11:00 am** to accept any donations. Please bring items **ONLY** at that time to the hall, and **DO NOT** drop off at any other times at our parish churches.

Please contact Brenda Isabelle at (802) 274-2151, Theresa Forbes at (802) 673-7905 or Louise at (802) 598-0485 with any questions.