



Fourth Sunday of Easter
04/25/2026 — 05/03/2026
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



The Gospel According to Matthew...



This week we continue our study of Chapter 10 of St. Matthew's Gospel. The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 10:17-28.

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

- Jesus warned his disciples that they would be flogged in what location?
 - The synagogues
 - The temple
 - Their homes
 - In the desert
- What did Jesus tell his disciples they should not worry about when why are arrested?
 - Whether they would get free
 - What they would say
 - Whether they would stay faithful
 - What would happen to them
- Because of the Gospel, what will brother do to brother?
 - Forgive him
 - Become jealous of him
 - Betray brother to death
 - Turn him in to the Romans
- Why did Jesus tell his disciples not to fear those who would kill them?
 - While they can kill the body, they cannot kill their souls
 - While they are more powerful they cannot hurt them
 - While they can punish them in their synagogues only God will judge in the end
 - God would forgive them

Answers to Last Week's Questions

- The blind men cried out to Jesus to have mercy on us, Son of David. (C)
- Jesus touched their eyes to heal the blind men. (C)
- Jesus taught in their synagogues as he went through the towns of Galilee. (C)
 Jesus told his disciples they should ask the Lord of harvest to send workers into the harvest. (B)

Name: _____



Thank You for Your Generosity to our
Mater Dei Parish Churches
April 18th & 19th, 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 4,277.00
Loose:	\$ 1,880.00
eCatholic:	\$ 230.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,387.00

Weekly Budget Expenses: **\$10,756.00**
 Deficit/Surplus: **\$ -4,369.00**



There is a special collection this 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.

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



Don't forget that Vermont Catholic Charities is hosting the People of Hope traveling museum this week **Tuesday & Wednesday, 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.

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.

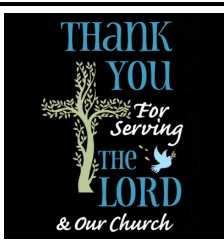


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IS NEXT WEEKEND!



FRIDAY, MAY 1ST at 5:00 pm
The Sacrament of First Reconciliation and practice for First Communion.
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND at 4:00 pm Mass
First Holy Communion

Our students have been preparing all year to receive Jesus for the first time. Please support them with your presence as they take this important step in their faith journey.



WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

St. James would like to especially thank Eileen Bailey and Julie Lamere for their help decorating the church for Easter and throughout the year.

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



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

Father, raise up abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life, who keep the faith and memory of Your Son Jesus alive through the preaching of His Word and the power of the Sacraments through which you renew Your faithful children.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, You have called Your apostles to be fishers of men.

You need them to become priests, religious and consecrated persons.

You need them to be witnesses of Your love and instruments of Your mercy.

Grant that many young people may hear Your call and respond with generous hearts.

Help them to understand that to serve You is to reign and to follow You is to find true happiness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.”

[POPE LEO XIV]

The 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations is this weekend on April 26th which is also Good Shepherd Sunday. Pope Leo calls the day an opportunity to “explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us.”

The Lord, Pope Leo reminds the faithful, knows us and enlightens our hearts with His loving gaze.

We are invited to get to know Him through prayer, listening to the Word, the Sacraments, the life of the Church and works of charity for our brothers and sisters.

The Pope calls on young people to listen to the voice of the Lord who invites them to a “full and fruitful life” and to put their talents to use. For young people to come to know the Lord, he urges them to make time for Eucharistic Adoration, to meditate faithfully on the Word of God so they may put it into practice each day, and to participate actively and fully in the sacramental and ecclesial life of the Church.

A vocation, Pope Leo explains, is a dynamic process of maturation sustained by intimacy with Our Lord. He describes it as a path that unfolds much like life itself. “The gift we have received must not only be protected, but also nourished by cultivating a daily relationship with God in order to grow and bear fruit.” “Pause, listen and trust yourself,” the Pope continues, “so the gift of a vocation will mature, bring happiness, and yield abundant fruit for the Church and the world.”

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 at St. Edward’s Hall on SATURDAY, May 2nd from 9:00 to 11:00 am to accept any donations, as well as on the first Saturdays of June, July & August. Please bring items ONLY at those times to the hall, and DO NOT drop items 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.

THANK YOU FROM MATER DEI PARISH



Reynold Sicotte has been Mater Dei’s bookkeeper since 2016 and is now retiring! The parish sincerely thanks him for his 10 years of dedicated service to our parish.

We wish Reynold and his wife Fran all of God’s blessings and a long, happy and healthy retirement.

“There is nothing we can desire or want that we do not find in God.”

[ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA]
FEAST DAY: APRIL 29TH