



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

06/20/2026 — 06/28/2026

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish! Happy Father's Day!!



The Gospel According to Matthew...



This week we continue our study of Chapter 14 of St. Matthew's Gospel. The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 14:21—36.

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!

- How many ate when Jesus multiplied the five loaves and two fish?
A. 1,000
B. 4,000
C. 5,000
D. 12,000
- What did Jesus do with the disciples while he dismissed the crowd after feeding them?
A. He sent them into the city to buy food.
B. He made them get into a boat and go on ahead of him.
C. He sent them out to proclaim the gospel
D. He had them bring the sick to him
- What watch of the night did Jesus come to the disciples walking on the water?
A. The first
B. The second
C. The third
D. The fourth
- When walking on the water, when did Peter get afraid?
A. When Jesus was out of sight
B. When he fell into the water
C. When he lost sight of the boat
D. When he saw the wind

Answers to Last Week's Questions

- In Jesus' parable, an enemy sowed weeds when a man planted good seed. (B)
- The servants proposed to pull up the weeds as a solution for ridding the field of weeds. (D)
- When Jesus entered the house, the disciples asked him to explain the parable of the weeds. (C)
- The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. (C)

NAME: _____



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

June 13th & 14th, 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 3,158.00
Loose:	\$ 2,748.00
eCatholic:	\$ 310.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,216.00

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$ 10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus: \$ - 4,961.00



There is a special collection this weekend for **Insurance**. Your contribution helps to pay for the insurance needed to protect our precious Churches and buildings.

Thank you for your generosity to Mater Dei Parish!

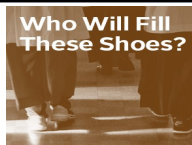


WALKING PILGRIMAGE

On Monday, Bishop John and Father Scott Gratton will begin a 90 mile walk through Vermont to raise awareness

of the need for vocations. They will begin their pilgrimage in St. Johnsbury on June 22nd and walk along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, ending in Swanton on June 27th. The pilgrimage daily schedule can be found on the diocesan website if you would like to join them on any part of their journey.

Bishop John recently appointed Fr. Scott as the new Vocations Director in the diocese. He will spend much of his time working to increase vocations in our diocese and helping young men discern their call to the priesthood while continuing his duties as Chaplain at the University of Vermont and Norwich University and Chaplain of the Vermont Army National Guard.



VOCATIONIST FATHERS ON RETREAT THIS WEEK

Father Benny and Father Anil will be away on retreat this week.

There will be **NO Adoration** on Monday at **St. Edward's**, on Wednesday at **St. Mary's** or on Friday at **St. James**.

There will be **NO 5:00 pm Mass** on **Tuesday or Thursday at St. Edward's** or on **Wednesday at St. Mary's**. There will also be **NO 11:00 am Mass at St. James on Friday**.

Fr. Roger will celebrate 9:00 am Mass Monday through Friday at St. Mary's.

Please keep Fr. Benny and Fr. Anil in your prayers this week so they will have a safe trip and return home from their retreat refreshed and renewed.

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



The 2026 Bishop's Appeal has begun! "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done."

[Proverbs 19:17]

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports individuals who are struggling financially through the Vermont Catholic Charities Emergency Aid Program. Many of your neighbors are silently struggling to make ends meet and the numbers keep rising. The emergency aid program is a lifeline to households who can't make the rent, pay their utilities, or must choose between food and prescription drugs.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2026 appeal by responding to the mailing you received or by placing your gift in the collection basket during the Offertory. To learn more, or to make a gift online visit bishopsappealvt.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the Bishop's Appeal.

Scholarships are Still Available!

Mater Dei is offering scholarships for parish students who attend St. Paul's, UCA, or a Catholic based home school program. Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to apply. **The deadline to apply is June 28th.**



RUMMAGE SALE & FLEA MARKET SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH HALL



June 25th & 26th
8:00 am — 3:00 pm
June 27th
7:30 am — 1:00 pm



Fill a 13 gallon bag for \$5!

Second hand household items, toys, etc.
Oak trees, perennials & house plant for sale.

Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Andre Bessette Parish

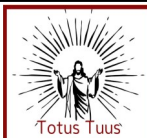
Totus Tuus at Mater Dei!

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

High School Students: July 26th – 30th
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Elementary students: July 27th – 31st
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

All Totus Tuus activities will take place at St. Edward's this year for both groups. Registration forms are available at each of our parish churches and at the parish office.



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

Celebrating Vocations in our Mater Dei Parish Family

If you have a family member who is a **priest, religious brother, or religious sister** from Mater Dei Parish — St. Mary's, St. Edward's & St. James, the parish would love to celebrate their vocation and recognize their dedication and service to the Church!

Please contact the **Mater Dei Parish Office** at **(802) 487-9881** with their **names and details** so we can include them in our parish records and honor their vocations.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the many ways God calls people to serve His Church.

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

GOD OUR FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR ALL FATHERS, YOUNG AND OLD, LIVING AND DECEASED.



WE PRAY FOR YOUNG FATHERS, NEWLY EMBRACING FATHERHOOD: MAY THEY FIND COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE TO BALANCE WORK, FAMILY AND FAITH IN JOY AND SACRIFICE.

WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN FATHERS WHO TEACH US, NURTURE US, AND PROVIDE FOR US, AND FOR FATHERS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE LOST OR SUFFERING: MAY THEY KNOW THAT THE GOD OF COMPASSION WALKS WITH THEM IN THEIR SORROW AND HEARTACHE.

WE PRAY FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT FATHERS, BUT WHO STILL MENTOR AND GUIDE US WITH FATHERLY LOVE AND ADVICE.

WE PRAY FOR OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE LEO, AND FOR OUR PRIESTS WHO NURTURE OUR FAITH AND GUIDE US ON OUR FAITH JOURNEY.

FINALLY, HEAVENLY FATHER, WE REMEMBER OUR FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND GREAT-GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US, BUT WHO CONTINUE TO NOURISH US WITH THEIR LOVE.

WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THEM ALL. PROTECT THEM FROM HARM AND KEEP THEM SAFELY IN YOUR LOVING CARE. AMEN.

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

With Deepest Sympathy...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of † Helen Robillard and † William "Bebe" Rivard and for their grieving families.

