



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

07/04/2026 — 07/12/2026



Welcome to Mater Dei Parish! Happy 4th of July!!

The Gospel According to Matthew...



This week we begin exploring Chapter 15 of St. Matthew's Gospel. The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 15:13 — 11.

Circle the correct answer to each question and cut this section out of your bulletin. Sign your name on your entry and put it in the collection basket during Mass.

Last week's winner was **Neena Gratton**. Her entry will be submitted for the Grand Prize when we are finished with our study. Congratulations, Nina!

- What did Jesus say happens when the blind lead the blind?
 - They both fall off a cliff
 - They both fall into a pit
 - They both walk into a wall
 - They both fall into the river
- What problem did the Canaanite woman come to Jesus with?
 - A demon possessed daughter
 - A paralyzed husband
 - An issue of blood
 - A son who was deaf and mute
- How did Jesus respond to the Canaanite woman's answer that the dogs eat crumbs?
 - O you of little faith
 - You have great faith
 - Come and follow me
 - I have not found such faith in all of Israel
- What was the reaction of the people when they saw the mute speak?
 - They shouted for joy
 - They carried Jesus on their shoulders
 - They spread their robes on the road in front of Jesus
 - They were amazed and praised God

Answers to Last Week's Questions

- 5,000 ate when Jesus multiplied the five loaves and two fish. (C)
- Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead of him while he dismissed the crowd after feeding them. (B)
- Jesus came to the disciples walking on the water during the fourth watch of the night. (D)
- While walking on the water, Peter got afraid when he saw the wind. (D)

NAME: _____

Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

June 27th & 28th 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 3,462.00
Loose:	\$ 2,068.00
eCatholic:	\$ 355.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5,885.00



Peter's Pence	\$ 1,492.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$ 10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ - 4,871.00

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 generosity to Mater Dei Parish.

MEALS FOR THE MISSIONARIES

Mater Dei is looking for volunteers to provide meals for the missionary teachers from **July 26th — July 31st** during Totus Tuus.



There are sign-up sheets in the back of our churches. Please include your phone number on the sign-up sheet so we can contact you.

Please contact Donna Cheney at (802) 487-7278 for more information.



EMERGENCY WEEKEND PHONE NUMBER

If you need to contact a priest **in an emergency** when the parish office is not open, please call **(802) 323-7752**. The call will be transferred to Fr. Benny's phone for you to leave a message including your name and phone number.

This number is intended for emergency sick calls or for an emergency Anointing of the Sick. It is not intended to be used for questions or requests that could easily wait until the office reopens on Monday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Friday, July 10th**.



With Deepest Sympathy...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the † Victims of the Venezuela Earthquakes and for their grieving families.

**thank
you**
FOR YOUR
vocation



Celebrating Vocations in our Mater Dei Parish Family

Do you have a family member who is a **priest, religious brother, or religious sister** from Mater Dei Parish — St. Mary's, St. Edward's or St. James?

If you do, 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 vocation.

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



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

"O my God and my All"

3 surprising doors the devil uses to enter your home:

1. The **DOOR OF UNFORGIVENESS** which can poison our hearts with resentment and bitterness.
2. The **DOOR OF FEAR & DOUBT** which can weaken our faith and make us vulnerable to the devil's influence.
3. The **DOOR OF DISOBEDIENCE & SIN** can also invite the devil into our homes. The seven deadly sins of pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth are pathways the devil uses to lead us away from God.

Are you vulnerable?

MATER DEI RAFFLE UPDATE

Have you bought your Mater Dei Raffle tickets yet? Tickets are available after all Masses every weekend until our **Parish Picnic on August 2nd**. Tickets are also available at the parish office during the week.



PRIZES:

1st Prize: \$3,000

2nd Prize: \$1,500

3rd Prize: \$1,000

5 prizes of \$100 each

Tickets are a bargain at \$20 each, 3 tickets for \$50 or 6 tickets for \$100.

Ticket sales so far total **\$4,210**. What are you waiting for? You can't win if you don't play!!

FOURTH OF JULY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this nation. May we never take for granted the liberties we have been given.



May we remain humble and grateful for the blessings we enjoy because of the sacrifices made by countless men and women.

May we be sensitive to those around us who are in need, and may our hearts be quick to help when we have the means to do so.

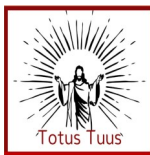
We pray for our leaders. Father, we ask that You guide every decision that those in authority over us make. May they lead us with wisdom, humility and grace.

Father, bless our nation with Your peace. May Your love flow through each of us, and may we never forget to always give You thanks.

May You receive all glory, honor and praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Totus Tuus is Coming to Mater Dei Parish in July!!

Write it on your calendars! Come and spend a week with old friends and make new ones. If your children have never attended Totus Tuus, we know that they will love it! If they have attended before, we know that they will want to return! They won't want to miss it!! Have you registered yet?



This year 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.

YARD SALE ON AUGUST 8th!

As you are probably aware, the Ladies of Mater Dei will be holding a Yard Sale at St. Edward's during Derby Line Day.



Next Saturday, July 11th, between 9:00 and 11:00 am, is the last day to bring your yard sale donations to St. Edward's Parish Hall.

As a reminder, no clothing, shoes or stuffed toys please!

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

St. Edward's, St. Mary's & St. James

Tabernacle Lights

burn this week for † Our Country.

