



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

07/25/2026 — 08/02/2026

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



The Gospel According to Matthew...



There are 28 chapters in the Gospel of Matthew. This week we begin our study of Chapter 17. The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 17:1 — 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 **Carol Ann Barker**. Congratulations Carol Ann!

- What two things were mentioned in describing Christ's transfiguration?
 - His eyes became flames of fire and his skin became white
 - His hair became white and his voice became like thunder
 - His face shone and his clothes became white
 - His hair became white and he had eyes of fire
- Where did the voice come from that said "This is my Son" on Mount Tabor?
 - From a cloud
 - From the thunder and lightening
 - From heaven
 - From a mighty wind
- What question did the disciples ask Jesus after they came down from Mount Tabor?
 - Who had spoken to them on the mount
 - How long would it be until the Kingdom of Heaven comes
 - Why the teachers of the law say Elijah must come first
 - Why the Pharisees did not believe in him
- Who did Jesus say that his suffering would be the same as?
 - Elijah's
 - Moses'
 - Isaiah's
 - Jeremiah's

Answers to Last Week's Questions

- The Pharisees and Sadducees asked Jesus to show them a sign from heaven. (C)
- The only miraculous sign given to that adulterous generation was the sign of Jacob. (C)
- When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. (B)
- Jesus asked his disciples at Caesarea Philippi who do people say the Son of Man is? (B)



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

July 18th & 19th 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 3,704.00
Loose:	\$ 2,177.00
eCatholic:	\$ 255.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,136.00

Church in Africa	\$ 1,612.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$ 10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ - 4,620.00

THANK YOU
for donating

There will be a special collection **NEXT** weekend for **Vocationist Seminaries**. The Vocationist Fathers have been guiding our faith since 2002 and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their service to God and to our parish. Please be as generous as possible.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE



On July 29, 1853, the Diocese of Burlington was founded with Bishop Louis de Goësbriand as its first bishop. Each year on this date, the Bishop's Annual Appeal celebrates Founder's Day of Giving—honoring the legacy of the clergy and laity who helped build the Church in Vermont. On Wednesday, July 29, please prayerfully consider making a gift in gratitude for the diocese's 173 years of ministry and in honor of our 11th shepherd, Bishop John McDermott. To learn more, or to make a gift online visit bishopsappealvt.org.

Thank you for your support of the Bishop's Appeal

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Mater Dei is looking for volunteers to help erect the tents for the parish picnic. The tents are arriving at St. Mary's on July 27 at 10:00 am. Servers are also needed on the day of the picnic. Please call Mike Coutu at (802) 624-3828 if you can help.



NO YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK

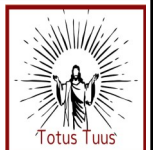


There will be **NO** Youth Choir practice on Monday this week because of Totus Tuus.

Totus Tuus is Here!

High School Students begin on **Sunday, July 26th** from **6:00 pm — 8:00 pm** at St. Edward's.

Elementary Students begin on **Monday, July 27th** from **9:00 am — 3:00 pm** at St. Edward's.





Celebrate the Feast of St. James the Greater

Join us as we celebrate the
July 25th Feast Day of
St. James the Greater.

Sunday, July 26th at 11:00 am.

**St. James the Greater Church
146 Middle Street, Island Pond, VT**

**Holy Mass will be followed by a social at the
Parish Center. All are welcome.**

Not much is known about St. James' early life other than that he was the son of Zebedee and Salome and the brother of the disciple, John. The title "the Greater" was added to his name to distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less" who is believed to have been shorter than James the Greater.

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. He was fishing with his father and John when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and instructed them to cast their nets into the water again, even though they had not caught any fish that day. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish onto their boats, they nearly sank from the weight of their catch. James and John left their boat and followed Jesus.

Later, James was one of only three Apostles called by Jesus to witness His Transfiguration. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the entire Roman kingdom. He traveled widely and spread God's Word for nearly 40 years in Spain. James eventually returned to Jerusalem where he was beheaded for his faith by King Herod. St. James the Greater is known as the first Apostle to die for his faith. Since he was not allowed to be buried after his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain by some of his followers to be buried.

St. James' remains were discovered in the 9th century and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago. Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place by pilgrims after Rome and Jerusalem.

*Holy Apostle, St. James, help us to imitate
the devotion you showed by giving up
your life to follow Jesus and serve His
Church.*

VOCATIONISTS CORNER

"O my God and my All"



IT'S FINALLY HERE!!

Come one and all to Mater Dei's
12th annual parish picnic **next Sunday
August 2nd** on St. Justin's feast day,
following St. Mary's 10:00 Mass.

Join our special guest Bishop John as
he celebrates Holy Mass before the picnic.

Bring your appetite and enjoy the pig roast,
hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and deserts galore!
There will be music for all to enjoy, games for the
youngsters, and drawings for the raffle and
themed baskets. Raffle ticket sales have
increased to **\$16,260** and continue to grow!

It's our biggest bash of the year! You don't want
to miss it! Can't wait to see you there!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY IS JULY 26TH

Please take a moment on Sunday to
thank God for our precious
grandparents and elderly members of
our parish community, and ask God to
bless them with good health.



**Lord God Almighty, bless our grandparents
and elderly with long life, happiness, and
health. May they remain constant in Your
love and be living signs of Your presence to
their children and grandchildren. We ask
this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**



BOOK OF REVELATION

We see what is happening in our world
so we are learning about the Book of
Revelation. Are we living in apocalyptic times?
Join us July 30th — and any last Thursday of the
Month—at 7:00 pm for 1 hour at St. Mary's, scan
the QR code, or go to YouTube and type in
Mystagogy Fred Barker.

SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK AT ST. EDWARD'S



Because of Totus Tuus this week
at St. Edward's, there will be **NO**
Adoration on Monday or 5:00 pm
Mass on Tuesday or Thursday.

Holy Mass will be celebrated each day at
11:30 am Monday through Friday. Monday's
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John.

All are welcome!

PLEASE RETURN ALL SOLD AND UNSOLD
RAFFLE TICKETS TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY
THURSDAY, JULY 30TH. THANK YOU.