



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/12/2026 — 09/20/2026

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



The Gospel According to Matthew...



This week we begin our study of Chapter 20 of St. Matthew's Gospel.

The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 20:1 — 20.

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 **Janet Gratton**. Congratulations Janet!

- How much did the landowner agree to pay those he hired in the morning to work in his vineyard?
A. A talent
B. A denarius
C. A shekel
D. A drachma
- In what order did the landowner pay those he had hired?
A. The first hired were paid first
B. The last hired were paid first
C. The first hired were paid after dinner
D. The last paid were sent away empty
- What did the equal paying landowner say to defend himself?
A. I have kept my promise and should you not keep yours?
B. I am not unfair, are you envious because I am generous?
C. I have given you what you asked for; now take it and go.
D. Take what you have and give it to the poor even as I have done.
- As they were going up to Jerusalem whom did Jesus warn the disciples he would be delivered over to?
A. Pharisees and Sadducees
B. Scribes and elders
C. Chief priests and teachers of the law
D. The Roman governor and leaders of the Sanhedrin

Answers to Last Week's Questions

- Jesus went into Judea after teaching on the unforgiving servant and leaving Galilee. (D)
- A man will be united with his wife when he leaves his father and mother. (B)
- According to the Pharisees, Moses commanded that a man could give his wife a certificate of divorce. (B)
- After hearing Jesus' position on divorce, the disciples concluded that it is better not to marry. (D)

Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

September 6th & 7th, 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 3,892.00
Loose:	\$ 3,400.00
eCatholic:	\$ 805.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,097.00



THANK YOU
for donating

Catholic University:	\$ 1,452.00
Weekly Budget Expenses:	\$ 10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ -2,659.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.,

LOOKING FOR YOUNG APOSTLES

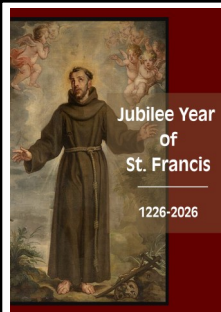


Are you a youth who has been confirmed? Would you like to continue learning about your faith? Would you like to spend time together with friends?

Mater Dei Parish is looking for you!!

We are preparing for another year of our Young Apostles youth group. Registration forms are available in the back of each of our churches and at the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket during Mass, brought to the parish office in Newport or mailed to Mater Dei Parish, 191 Clermont Terrace, Newport, VT 05855.

Plan to join us and share in the food, fun, conversation and faith!



You Are Invited

Come celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi with the Secular Franciscans of St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity.

Saturday, October 3rd @ 5:00 pm
St. John the Evangelist Church
49 Winter St., St. Johnsbury

Join us for the Transitus — the passing of St. Francis to eternal life. This 40-minute service includes readings, prayer, songs and a reflection by Fr. Lance Harlow. A dinner will follow in the church hall.

Please RSVP to Kevin S. Coy, OFS at (802) 525-3002 or thecoys1976@comcast.net by September 26th.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CFF!



Mater Dei Parish is preparing to begin a new school year of Catholic Faith Formation!

Registration forms are available on the Mater Dei website under Education, at the entrances of each of our churches and at the parish office in Newport.

Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket at Mass, brought to the parish office in Newport or mailed to Mater Dei Parish, 191 Clermont Terrace, Newport, VT 05855

CFF BEGINS NEXT WEEK! PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

CFF for **St. Edward's & St. Mary's** students will meet in Derby Line on **TWO SUNDAYS EACH MONTH**, beginning **September 20th from 10:00—11:30 am**. Faith Formation families are expected to attend the 8:30 am Sunday Holy Mass at St. Edward's. A snack will be provided after Mass.

St. James CFF students will meet at the Parish Center in Island Pond **each week on Tuesday after school until 4:15 pm** beginning **September 22nd**.

The cost is \$25 per child; additional children in the same family are \$10 each. Scholarships are available if needed. Contact the parish office at (802) 487-9881.

We look forward to starting a new school year with your children!

"Be constantly committed to prayer or to reading; by praying you speak to God, in reading God speaks to you."

[ST. CYPRIAN – MARTYR; FEAST DAY: SEPT 16]

St. James Tabernacle Light

St. James Tabernacle Light burns this week in loving memory of
Ghislain Fauteux.



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

"O my God and my All"

Loving Father, we ask You to raise up abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life who will keep the faith and the memory of Your Son Jesus alive through the preaching of Your Word and the power of the Sacraments. We make this prayer through the intercession of St. Justin Russolillo, Apostle of Vocations, who worked tirelessly during his life to encourage and educate young men to serve You as holy and fervent priests. Amen



YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a Youth Choir practice on **Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm at St. Edward's** for all members of the choir.

JOIN US FOR ST. JAMES ANNUAL LOBSTERFEST!!

You are cordially invited to St. James famous, incredible, always delicious annual Lobsterfest!!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
ST. JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH

147 MIDDLE STREET
ISLAND POND, VT

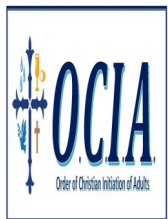
Join us for a delicious meal of lobster, corn, rolls and lots of side dishes.

Seatings at **4:30 pm & 5:30 pm**

Cost is \$25 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door, but **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

Call Anita Gervais at (802) 723-5006 to purchase your tickets and/or make your reservations.

Hope to see you there!



NOT BAPTIZED? NOT CONFIRMED? OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE BASICS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

OCIA IS FOR YOU!

OCIA — the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults — is the format the Catholic Church uses to teach and prepare adults to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments.

OCIA will begin on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. Classes will be held at St. Mary's every two weeks.

Fr. Anil will leading the OCIA classes this year.

For more information and/or to sign up, contact the parish office at (802) 334-5066.