

# JANUARY 13, 2024 – JANUARY 21, 2024

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday: Jan. 13 2024** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

4:00 pm St. Mary: Intentions of the Vocationist Fathers

**Sunday: Jan. 14, 2024** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

8:30 am St. Edward: † Merle & † Cecile Wheeler (Wedding Ann.)

9:30 am St. Mary: † Fernand Lanoue

10:30 am St. James: Special Intention for a Very Special Person  
and † Leon & † Edna Giroux

11:00 am St. Mary: Living & † Deceased Priests who have  
Served Mater Dei Parish

**Monday: Jan. 15, 2024** 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

9:00 am St. Mary: † Bertha Faherty

4:00 pm St. Mary: Racial Equality in the U.S. on Martin Luther  
King Day

5:30 pm St. Edward: † Dorothy Begin

**Tuesday: Jan. 16, 2024** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

9:00 am St. Mary: Healing for Fred Wilson

4:00 pm St. Mary: Selection of a New Bishop for Vermont

**Wednesday: Jan. 17, 2024** 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

### Saint Anthony: Abbott

9:00 am St. Mary: Peace in Ukraine & the Middle East

4:00 pm St. Mary: Nursing Home Residents & Homebound  
Parishioners

**Thursday: Jan. 18, 2024** 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

9:00 am St. Mary: † Arline Belisle

2:00 pm Northern State Correctional Facility: NO Mass

4:00 pm St. Mary: Blessings on Mater Dei Parish by Saint  
Justin Russolillo on his Birthday

**Friday: Jan. 19, 2024** 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

9:00 am St. Mary: † Rita Blais (30<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

11:00 am St. James: † Rita & † Frank Bouffard

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Eugene Cote

5:30 pm St. Edward: † Virginia Holbrook

**Saturday: Jan. 20, 2023** 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12; 19, 23-23;  
Mark 3:20-21

### Saint Fabian: Pope & Martyr / Saint Sebastian: Martyr

9:00 am St. Mary: Fr. Thomas Kuttikkatt, SDV on his Birthday

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday: Jan. 20, 2024** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
Mark 1:14-20

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Jeannette Davis, and for the Intentions of  
the Vocationist Fathers

**Sunday: Jan. 21, 2024** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
Mark 1:14-20

8:30 am St. Edward: † Betty Ann Backus Macbeth

9:30 am St. Mary: † Margaret Grimard and † Benoit Leblond

10:30 am St. James: † Ulric & † Kilda Gervais

11:00 am St. Mary: † Rachel Geoffroy & † Leonard Lizotte

11:30 am St. Edward: Catholic Faith Formation Students &  
Families, Catechists & Volunteers

**Saturday: January 13, 2023**

3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/Fr. Rijo & Fr. Jim

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

**Sunday: January 14, 2023**

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

**Monday: January 15, 2024**

### *Martin Luther King Day*

Parish Office Closed

NO Adoration at St. Edward's

11:00 am St. Mary: Funeral Mass for Madeline  
Poulin w/Fr. Jim

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

**Tuesday: January 16, 2024**

10:00 am St. Edward: Office Staff Meeting

11:00 am St. Edward: Pastoral Care Meeting

3:00 – 4:15 pm St. James: Catholic Faith  
Formation for St. James Students

7:00 pm: Parish Holy Rosary

**Wednesday: January 17, 2024**

9:30 am St. Mary: Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament w/Fr. Rijo

9:30 am – 3:30 pm St. Mary: Adoration

3:30 pm St. Mary: Benediction w/Fr. Rijo

6:00 pm St. Mary: Bible Class w/Fr. Rijo

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

**Thursday: January 18, 2024**

9:30 am NCH: Hospital Visits w/Fr. Jim

2:00 pm NSCF: NO Prison Ministry

6:00 – 7:00 pm St. Mary Rectory Chapel:  
Adoration w/all Priests

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

**Friday: January 19, 2024**

10:30 am St. James: Adoration w/Fr. Jim

2:00 pm St. Mary: VAUS Prayer Group w/Fr. Rijo

6:00 pm St. Edward: Bible Class w/Fr. Tom

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

**Saturday: January 20, 2024**

3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/Fr. Rijo &  
Fr. Tom

3:30 pm TROY: Confession w/Fr. Jim

4:00 pm TROY: Holy Mass w/Fr. Jim

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

**Sunday: January 21, 2024**

9:00 am TROY: Holy Mass w/Fr. Jim

9:30 am – 12:00 Noon St. Edward: Catholic  
Faith Formation for St. Edward & St. Mary  
Students

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## 2024 Prayer List



Tracy Ashman	Mary Lou Lantagne
Alexandra Bannach	Rose Lebeau
Chris & Betty Barrett	Alicia Letourneau
Betty Blair	Andrea Peden
Raymond Bowen, Sr.	Atreus Poquette
Steve Comeau	Joe Punk
Tony & Margo Daniels	Andy Ricard
Marcel Deslandes	Roger Roberge, Jr.
Katre Dirth	Timothy Roberge
Cindy Fournier	Corrine Ross
Macie Fournier	Lily Scott & Family
Nancy Goad	David Shmidt
Shirley Hand	Joe Tepe Family
Matthew Hilliker & Family	Valery
Kathy Howes	Peter Wenk
Elaine Langevin	Fred Wilson
	Wendy Wooden

*We begin a new prayer list  
in January of each year.*

*Please call the parish office at  
(802) 624-4970 or email  
[office@materdeivermont.com](mailto:office@materdeivermont.com)  
if you would like to add a  
name to the list.*

### **Prayer for the Sick**

*Heavenly Father, we place our  
sick in Your loving care, and  
humbly ask that You bring  
healing to Your servants and  
restore them to health. May  
they experience Your loving  
care during this difficult time.*

*Above all, grant us all the  
grace to accept and  
acknowledge Your will. Amen.*



### **"The Look of Jesus"**

"Jesus looked at him and said, you are Simon, the son of John. You shall be called Cephas (which means Peter)."

This look of Jesus was a look of choice. It entailed a calling, for Jesus had plans for Peter. He would commission him to continue His mission, to be the Rock who would give stability, strength and solidity as head of the college of the Apostles. This look of Jesus must have brought Peter immense joy and excitement.

However, in another scene during Christ's Passion, Jesus looked straight at Peter as he denied Him. This second look of compassion surely brought Peter sorrow and disappointment. Peter wept bitterly. Tradition has it that the tears caused furrows in Peter's cheeks.

Peter was indeed the rock, but what a porous rock he was! He just collapsed and crumpled before a servant girl and denied Jesus three times. Sadly, as the Gospel records, "Peter followed at a distance."

If we are to be faithful to Jesus, we need to follow Him very closely. When there is distance between us and Jesus, we are very likely to go our own way. Worse, we may lose sight and track of Jesus. The more we go our own way, the wider the distance becomes. When Jesus chooses and calls us, He already knows us inside out...our strengths and weaknesses, our assets and liabilities. He still chooses us, just as He chose Peter, knowing his weaknesses and liabilities. So let us close the distance between Jesus and ourselves and keep our eyes on the prize: Eternal Life with Him in Heaven.

### **PROCESS FOR SELECTING A BISHOP**

The ultimate decision for appointing a bishop rests with the pope, and he is free to select anyone he chooses. But how does he know whom to select?



The process for selecting candidates normally begins at the diocesan level and works its way through a series of consultations until it reaches Rome. It is a process bound by strict confidentiality and can be a time-consuming process, often taking eight months or more to complete.

#### **Stage 1: Priests/Bishops Recommendations**

Priests may submit the names of priests they think would make good bishops. Discussions and meetings are held on which names to recommend. Once a list is developed, it is forwarded to the apostolic nuncio in Washington and to the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops.

#### **Stage 2: The Apostolic Nuncio**

The Apostolic Nuncio is the pope's representative to the government and the Catholic Church. He conducts his own investigation about the suitability of candidates and oversees the final list of names forwarded to Rome.

What happens next? To be continued.....