

JANUARY 6, 2024 – JANUARY 14, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday: Jan. 6 2024 Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
 4:00 pm St. Mary: Intentions of the Vocationist Fathers

Sunday: Jan. 7, 2024 Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
 8:30 am St. Edward: † Merle Wheeler, † Jeannine Gratton and † Richard & † Regina Provost
 9:30 am St. Mary: † Adelard & † Claire Riendeau and † Frank Goad
 10:30 am St. James: Intentions of Fr. Thomas Naduviledath on the 16th Anniversary of his Ordination
 11:00 am St. Mary: † Leonard Lizotte, † Rev. Charles Davignon and Blessings on Fr. Yvon Royer on his Birthday

Monday: Jan. 8, 2024 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Mark 1:7-11

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 am St. Mary: † Romuald Kuczek
 4:00 pm St. Mary: Peace in the Middle East
 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Jim Hrdlicka

Tuesday: Jan. 9, 2024 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Mark 1:21-28
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Lawrence & † Janalene Fournier
 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Paul & † Alice Chicoine

Wednesday: Jan. 10, 2024 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
 9:00 am St. Mary: Healing of those on our Prayer List
 4:00 pm St. Mary: Intentions of Fr. Roger Charbonneau

Thursday: Jan. 11, 2024 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
 9:00 am St. Mary: Vocationist Fathers who are Sick
 2:00 pm Northern State Correctional Facility: Intentions of Inmates
 4:00 pm St. Mary: In Thanksgiving to God for Healing from Illness

Friday: Jan. 12, 2024 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
 9:00 am St. Mary: † John Wallace
 11:00 am St. James: † Priests who Served Island Pond
 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Anthony Lague
 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Virginia Holbrook

Saturday: Jan. 13, 2023 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17
Saint Hilary: Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 9:00 am St. Mary: A Eucharistic Revival at Mater Dei Parish

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
 11:00 am St. Mary: Priests who have Served Mater Dei Parish

Saturday: January 6, 2023

3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/Fr. Rijo & Fr. Jim
 7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Sunday: January 7, 2023

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Monday: January 8, 2024

10:00 am St. Edward: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 10:00 am – 12:30 pm St. Edward: Adoration
 12:30 pm St. Edward: Benediction
 6:00 pm St. Mary: Monthly Informational Meeting
 7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Tuesday: January 9, 2024

3:00 – 4:15 pm St. James: Catholic Faith Formation w/Sacramental Preparation
 6:00 – 7:30 pm St. Mary: Eucharistic Revival Seminar

Wednesday: January 10, 2024

9:30 am St. Mary: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament w/Fr. Rijo
 930 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 11, 2024

9:30 am NCH: Hospital Visits w/Fr. Jim
 10:30 am St. Paul/Barton: Deanery Meeting w/all Priests
 2:00 pm NSCF: Prison Ministry w/Fr. Tom
 6:00 – 7:00 pm St. Mary Rectory Chapel: Adoration w/all Priests
 7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Friday: January 12, 2024

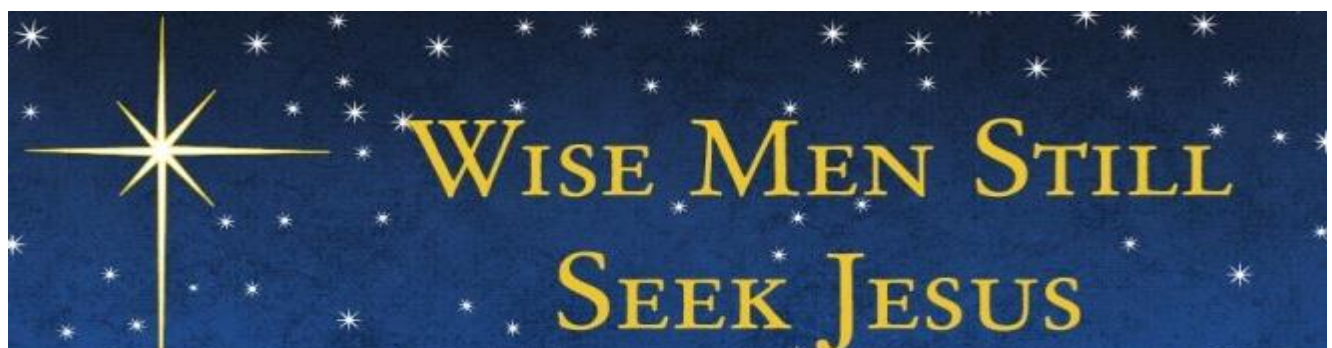
10:30 am St. James: Adoration w/Fr. Jim
 2:00 pm St. Mary: VAUS Prayer Group w/Fr. Rijo
 6:00 pm St. Edward: Bible Class w/Fr. Tom
 7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Saturday: January 13, 2024

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

Sunday: January 14, 2024

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary



2024 Prayer List



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



Westward Leading

Think about the Magi [the 'wise men'] introduced by Matthew in today's Gospel who sought out Jesus soon after He was born.

There are many references in ancient literature to magi. They were sought out by leaders at all levels, including royalty, because their wisdom was based, not only on the stars, but on the Scriptures. And now these Magi have come to seek the newly-born king, the heir to the then-already-ancient throne of the mighty and legendary King David

Matthew notes that the Magi were from the east. That may seem like an insignificant detail, but it actually provides great insight. There is a theme in Scripture about the direction east.

- ★ When Adam and Eve were banished from Eden, they had to go east.
- ★ Lot ended up in Sodom and Gomorrah to the east.
- ★ The Israelites were exiled to Babylon in the east.

When the Bible tells you that someone is heading east, it is a sign that they are heading farther away from God's presence.

When the magi came searching for the king, notice the direction the star led them.

***Westward leading, still proceeding; guide us to thy
Perfect Light.***

The Magi were heading closer to God.

It was Herod who held the official title of King of the Jews at that time. He shouldn't have. It was central to the job of the King of the Jews to lead his people ever closer to the Lord. But Herod caused the Magi – pagans traveling closer to God – to flee in the wrong direction: back to the east.

Herod is such a tragic person. If he had just accepted the one true King of the Jews instead of feeling threatened by the child he saw as a possible rival for the throne, then today Herod would be reigning with Jesus forever in heaven. But Herod squandered and destroyed that opportunity.

It matters for eternity whether we embrace Jesus or keep Him at a distance. In 2024, may all of us in Mater Dei Parish be westward leading. The world is looking for a king and seeks out different Herods who offer only counter-kingdoms. May we continue to head west, guided by the Perfect Light, drawing ever-closer to the presence of the only true King – Jesus Christ the Lord.