



Mass Intentions For 01/06/2018 Through 01/14/2018  
The Epiphany of the Lord



**Saturday: Jan. 6, 2018** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11

**St. Andre Bessette**

9:00 am St Mary: In Thanksgiving for Rosemary Hall

**Saturday: Jan. 6, 2018** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 pm St. James: Lorraine Cauoette†

4:00 pm St. Mary: Leo & Claudette Chapt†

6:00 pm St. Edward: Arlene Ricard†

**Sunday: Jan. 7, 2018** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 am St Edward: Mark Perry†

10:00 am St Mary: Gerald Giroux† & Will Strouse†

10:10 am St James: Benjamin Martin†

11:30 am St Benedict: Health of Suzanne Daniels

7:00 pm St. Mary: Deacon John Gratton†

**PLEASE NOTICE NEW DAILY MASS TIMES**

**Monday: Jan 8, 2018** Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11

**The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 am St. Mary: Charlie Veilleux†

5:30 pm St. Edward Intentions of Rev. Charles Davignon

**Tuesday: Jan 9, 2018** 1 Sam 1:1-8; Mk 1:21-28

9:00 am St Mary: Intentions of Rev. Dwight Baker

2:00 pm Derby Green: Intentions of the Residents

5:30 pm St. Edward: Claude Desrochers†

**Wednesday: Jan 10, 2018** 1 Sam 3:1-10; Mk 1:29-39

9:00 am St. Mary: Intentions of Rev. Scott Gratton

2:00 pm N.S.C.F.: Intentions of the Residents

5:30 pm St. Edward: All Souls in Purgatory†

**Thursday: Jan 11, 2018** 1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

9:00 am St Mary: Wilfred & Yvette Leblanc†

4:00 pm St. James: Thanksgiving to St. Jude for Favors Obtained

5:30 pm St. Edward: Deceased Bishops of Burlington†

**Friday: Jan 12, 2018** 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

9:00 am St Mary: Parishioners of St. Mary's Church

4:00 pm St. Benedict: Parishioners of St. Benedict's

5:30 pm St Edward: Parishioners of St. Edward's

**Saturday: Jan. 13, 2018** 1 Sam 9:1-4; 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

9:00 am St Mary: Joanne Nolin†

**Saturday: Jan. 13, 2018** 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm St. James: Chuck Roth†

4:00 pm St. Mary: Wilfred & Yvette Leblanc† & Joanne Nolin†

6:00 pm St. Edward: Norbert Lessard†

**Sunday: Jan. 14, 2018** 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am St Edward: Robert Wheeler† & Katherine Delisle†

10:00 am St Mary: June Messier†

10:10 am St James: Jeannine Stebenne†

11:30 am St Benedict: Health of Lane Young

7:00 pm St. Mary: Bernadette Nadeau†



If you would like to have your home blessed, or if you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound or hospitalized, and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 with their name, address and telephone number.

We will contact them and arrange for a Priest to visit them.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH**

*Weekend of December 30 & 31 2017 & January 1, 2018*

Offertory	\$6,072.00
Fuel	56.00
Repairs & Maintenance	82.00
Religious Retirement	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	1,381.00
Christmas Collection	445.00
Envelope Offering	144.00
Donations—Radiators	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,300.00</b>

Please pray for the sick






**We will be starting a new prayer list for 2018. Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to add a name to the list.**

**New Phone System at Parish Office**

A new phone system has been installed at the Parish Office. If you receive an automated answer when you call, you may choose from one of the following options:

- Press 1 for the Secretary's desk
- Press 2 to speak to Fred Wilson
- Press 3 to speak to Reynold Sicotte
- Press 4 to reach the Receptionist or to schedule Masses

The office number (802) 334-5066 remains the same. Please be patient with the office staff as we learn the new system.

We pray in a special way for the souls of **Lorraine Dubois†** and **Gilles Blais†** who have entered into eternal life and for their grieving families.

## Mater Dei Parish (After) Christmas Party



Please join us at  
**St. Edward's Parish Hall**  
**Sunday, January 7**  
**12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm**  
**for Soup & Sandwiches**  
 to celebrate Christmas

and the New Year as a Parish Family.

Our Youth will be performing a Children's Pageant at 1:00!

The cost is **FREE**. All are welcome!

Please come and share the Spirit of the Season with your Mater Dei Parish Family.

### Thank You Very Much

*A huge Thank You to everyone who worked so hard to make our Advent and Christmas services such beautiful celebrations in all our parish churches. Thank you to all who decorated our churches to make them fitting places to welcome the baby Jesus, to those who provided the music to lift our souls and our spirits, to the Liturgical Committees who prepared the inspiring liturgies, and to the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers who all helped to make them such joyful celebrations. Your hard work and dedication to Mater Dei Parish made them all possible.*



*May God reward you with His Blessings in 2018.*

### Reflection

#### for this Sunday:

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod. The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.



We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be based on religious doctrine. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including His birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His baptism by John, and His first miracle at Cana.

## Feast of the Epiphany



**Mater Dei Parish Website Page**  
 Visit our website page at  
<https://materdeivermont.com>

### ST. EDWARD'S COFFEE SOCIAL

Sunday after the 8:30 Mass  
 Enjoy the company of other parishioners  
 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

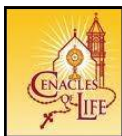


### Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said every **FRIDAY** at St. Mary's Adoration Chapel at **2:45 pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the **Chaplet of Mercy at 3:00 pm**.

### Blessing Bags

Jesus asks us to give gifts from the heart throughout the year - especially to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. You can help the homeless by making "Blessing Bags". Look for flyers posted at each of our Churches for a list of useful and much appreciated items to put in the bags. For more information, please contact Vela at the Rectory at (802) 334-5066. God Bless You!



*St. Mary Star of the Sea Cenacle of Life*  
 We will meet at St. Mary's every **TUESDAY** to pray two Rosaries for the Protection of All Life  
**@ 2:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel**  
 Contact Kathy Baker at (802) 334-6955 for more

### First Confession

**First Confession for our 2nd Grade Family Formation Class preparing for First Communion will be on Friday, January 12 from 6:00 - 7:15 pm at St. Edward's.**



## New Mater Dei Parish Daily Mass Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Mary's	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
St. Edward	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	--
St. James	--	--	--	4:00 PM	--	--
St. Benedict	--	--	--	--	4:00 PM	--