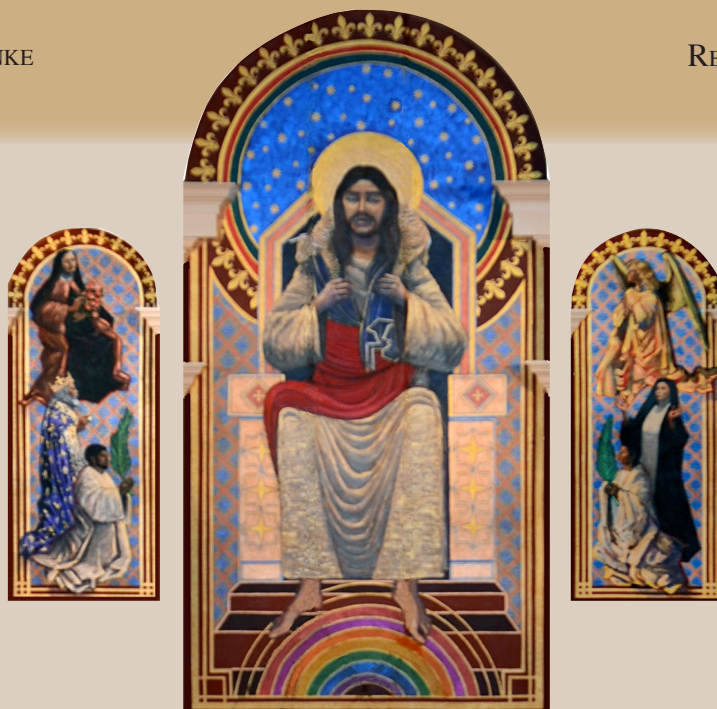


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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, JULY 3 – Saint Thomas, Apostle

9:00 a.m. Richard Wells (RIP) by Tom & Lisa Hoffer

TUESDAY, JULY 4 – Independence Day

9:00 a.m. Earl, Coleen & Johnny McCullough (RIP)
by Ken & Sandy McCullough

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 – Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

9:00 a.m. George J. Matesich (RIP) (Birthday)
by Jim & Amy Matesich

THURSDAY, JULY 6 –

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 a.m. Harold Duffy (RIP)
by Len & Merilee Wagner

FRIDAY, JULY 7

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members
of the Klark-Boling Families
by Mary & Gene Klark

SATURDAY, JULY 8

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Jauch Family
by John & Marilyn Jauch

SUNDAY, JULY 9 –

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. Dr. Stanley Phillips (RIP)
by Dave & Patty Gaul
10:45 a.m. For the Living and Deceased
Members of St. Edward Parish

Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Anna Hofer, John Jauch, Cliff Kirchner,
Leann Kirchner, Mary Klark
8:15 a.m. Kathy Horton, Bev Knoderer,
Marianne Lisska, Mary Maltry,
Sharon Martin
10:45 a.m. Paul Gassman, Rebecca Gassman,
P.J. Gassman, Noelle Gremling,
Lynn Harden, Mark Harden, Joe Krempel,
Robin Krempel, Kathy Kiebel

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 2, 2017 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.: March from *Judas Maccabaeus*,
HWV 63 (G.F. Handel)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE:

From All That Dwell Below the Skies (#535)

GLORY TO GOD: Mass of Christ the Savior (#913)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 89: For ever I will sing... (p. 177)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 178)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Take Up Your Cross (#710)

HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN, LAMB OF GOD:

Mass of Christ the Savior (#916, 918, 920, 921)

COMMUNION: Whatsoever You Do (#620)

COMMUNION 2: TBD

CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: Mine Eyes Have Seen
the Glory (#575, vs. as needed)

POSTLUDE

CANTORS

5:00 p.m. Paul Radkowski
8:15 a.m. Kevin Skinner
10:45 a.m. Kayla Drummond

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Larry Erickson, Darlene Erickson
8:15 a.m. Eric Soiu, Pam Soiu
10:45 a.m. Catherine Burczak, Sheila Heist

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Nathaniel Hock, Daniel Pappas,
Luke Pappas
8:15 a.m. Garrett Saigh, Michael Ouweleen,
Josh Vickers
10:45 a.m. Adeline Hannig, Shelby Heist,
Shannon Heist

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Jeannine Nock and Robert Novak, Jr.

GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. John & Marilyn Jauch
8:15 a.m. Dave & Patty Gaul
10:45 a.m. Volunteer

IN SYMPATHY

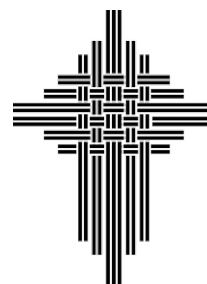
We pray for Emilee Boland, mother of parishioner Nicole Brown; mother-in-law of Jeff Brown and grandmother of Emilee and Lily.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

1. Happy 4th of July to parishioners and those who might be visiting us for reunions, parades, etc. May we all be grateful for the freedoms we enjoy. God bless America.
2. As of last Wednesday, our pledge amount for the **2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal** was \$235,000.00. Thank you to those who have contributed and/or prayed for the success of the BAA: \$5,000.00 to match our pledge goal from last year.
3. Find below a reflection on the ways of mercy by Maryknoll priest, Fr. Joseph R. Veneroso. A fitting reminder for this 4th of July:

WAYS OF MERCY

To the hungry, mercy comes as a hot meal
 To the homeless, a safe place to sleep
 To the poor, new clothes to wear
 To those who thirst, clean water
 To the sick, mercy comes as a healing hand
 To those in sorrow, a peaceful presence
 To the elderly, a sympathetic ear
 To the lost, a guiding voice
 Mercy thus comes to all people
 In whatever form they most need
 For it is our duty as followers of Jesus
 To bring, to become, to be that mercy
 To everyone we meet.

**4. THE BLESSING OF EQUAL LIBERTY**

We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy Name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, {Pope Francis,} the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, {Frederick F. Campbell}, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Prayer for the Nation penned and first delivered in August 1791 by American Catholicism's Founding Father, John Carroll of Baltimore – the first bishop on these shores, and a cousin of the lone Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence.

WELCOME! You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed to keep this ministry going strong! For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact the new Coordinator, Lauren Alspach, at 330-760-0756 or Lauren.Alspace@gmail.com.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elizabeth J. Mestemaker and Gregory Marshall who were married here at the church July 1st. May each day of their married life bring them closer to our loving God. The Altar Flowers this weekend are from their wedding.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The Sunday offertory collection for June 25th was \$6,394.44. The second collection for Peter's Pence was \$1,572.83.

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EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK**Monday, July 3**

No Eucharistic Adoration, due to the July 4 Holiday.
IGNITE – Brunch with Jesus – 11:00 a.m. – Kiwanis Tent

Tuesday, July 4

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 8

Potluck for Dick Schmitz – 6:00 p.m. – Hall

RCIA

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Catholicism and the Church's process for becoming Catholic, please encourage them to contact Mike Millisor in the Religious Education Office (740-587-4160 or reled@saintedwards.org) for information concerning the next period of inquiry.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Surveys have been sent to parents of children in Grades 1-4 regarding the possibility of moving these classes to Sunday for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. You can also access the survey by going to the parish website (www.saintedwards.org), and click on the Faith Formation-PSR tab at the top of the screen. **The deadline to return survey results to the PSR Office has been extended to Friday, July 7th.**

ST. EDWARD YOUTH MINISTRY**WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE
UNTIL SCHOOL STARTS**

Sunday – Mass at St. Ed
Monday – Adoration at 11:00 a.m., in St. Ed's Chapel
Tuesday – Coffee and Scripture, 2:00 p.m.,
at River Road in Granville
Wednesday – Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ed
Thursday – Rosary in Garden, at 12:00 noon, at St. Ed
Friday – Apologetics Book Study, at 11:00 a.m.,
Sugar Loaf Park
Saturday – Confession as needed

JULY

3rd – Brunch with Jesus under the Kiwanis Tent
next to CVS downtown, at 11:00 a.m.
9th-13th – Gospel Road Mission Camp in
Newark, Ohio
17th – Brunch with Jesus at St. Ed, at 11:00 a.m.
21st-23rd – Steubenville Conference 2017

We still have one spot available for a teen guy to sign up for Steubenville. **Registration is due July 6th!**

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ Our Communion hymn today – “Whatsoever You Do” – originally had eleven verses when it was composed by Fr. Willard Francis Jabusch of Chicago. Since it was first published in the late 1960's, most hymnals have omitted some of the other verses, including “When I was little, you taught me to read...” and “When I was aged, you bothered to smile.” Our hymnal only includes the five verses that are most explicitly rooted in biblical texts.

~ Paul (740-587-3254)

**ONLINE GIVING**

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference collection is July 9th. Contributions can be made through the Online Giving Program.

St. Edward is very grateful and blessed by the generous support to our Parish by parishioners using the Online Giving Program.

Online contributions for the BAA for St. Edward is available directly through the Diocese website. The BAA link is listed under Special Events on our parish website.

New to the Parish? Or would like to give Online Giving a try? Please use the link on the parish website at www.saintedwards.org, and select “Sign up for a New Account” to register. Please call the office if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you.

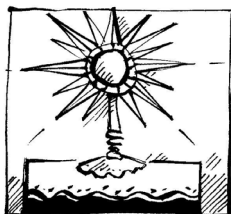


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION SUNDAY

Conference members will be at the doors of the church to receive your generous donations after all the Masses next weekend, July 9th. Thank you for your financial support to help those in need in our area.

BERNICE AND JOE CIRICOSTA 2017 SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that Natalie Houser has been awarded the Bernice and Joe Ciricosta Scholarship for 2017. Natalie is currently enrolled at Villanova University and heading to college mid-August! Our congratulations and best wishes go to Natalie as she continues her academic and spiritual growth.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Adoration is a time-honored devotion to the Presence of God in the form of the exposed host. St. Edward's Adoration Committee is close to achieving the goal of a minimum of two Adorners per hour for all time slots. A special need remains for these hours: Monday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 10:00-11:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m., 3:00-4:00 p.m., 8:00-9:00 p.m.; and Tuesday morning, from 2:00-5:00 a.m. We also need volunteers for substitute hours. Anyone wishing to join this ministry is welcomed at any hour. If you feel you would like to join us for an hour of peaceful prayer, please contact the Church Office or Kim Chupka at 740-587-7067. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this ministry possible.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MEMBERS

The following Eucharistic Adoration Days have been cancelled due to the Holidays:

July 3 and 4 and September 4 and 5. Adoration Veneration will occur on all other Mondays and Tuesdays, unless otherwise notified. Have a safe and fun filled summer!

PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION

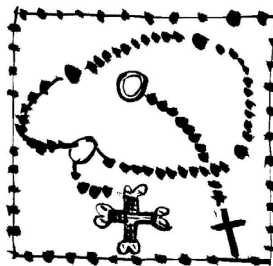
Please help the Parish Office keep your family information current. If your phone, address or email address has changed, please notify the office barb@saintedwards.org or 740-587-3254. Also, if your young adult children are out of school and living on their own, they need to be deleted from St. Edward. If they still attend Mass here, they should register on their own as an adult or please encourage them to join a parish close to where they are living.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for July 1 through September 24 has been mailed. There are extra copies on the table in the Altar Server side of the Sacristy. And there is a link to the ministry on the church website at www.saintedwards.org on the Liturgy/Sacraments page. Thank you for participating in these ministries.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a family member or someone close to you, would like to be added to the St. Edward Prayer Chain, please call Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or 740-404-3591. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this ministry, please call Cindy.



FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

Come one and all! You are invited to pray the Rosary with your St. Edward community ~ before the 10:45 a.m. Mass! *Please join us* today at 10:20 a.m. in the church. Rosaries and guides will be handed out in the Gathering Space. We look forward to praying together!



FAREWELL PARTY FOR DICK SCHMITZ

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, long-time parishioner and St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, Dick Schmitz, is moving to South Carolina. Please join us in letting him know how much we appreciate everything he has done for this community. We will have a potluck in the Parish Hall on **July 8th, after the Saturday evening Mass.**



SCHEDULING MASSES FOR 2018

The Parish Office is now taking Mass Intention requests for next year. To best fulfill as many requests for weekend Mass intentions as possible, **we ask that parishioners limit the number of requests for weekend dates to three per year.** To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, the \$10.00 stipend must be offered at the time of request. For Mass requests, please fill out the green envelope in your envelope collection packet or use any envelope marked "Parish Office," and put it in the collection basket.



TENT SALE AND REFURBISHING PROJECT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Center, located at 135 Wilson Street, in Newark, is having a HUGE tent sale **Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 28!** The hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **NO DONATIONS** can be accepted during this two-week period, July 17-July 28! **SALE** prices on everything. Bring your friends and shop in the tent! During this time, the store will be PAINTED and CARPETED!! Velvet Ice Cream will be available!

"2017" The Edwardians!

A Senior Social Group – Men and women age 50 and up

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FROM JULY, 2017 to DECEMBER 31, 2017.

****Please note: Accepting RSVPs on all events.**

Motorcoaches limited by number of seats.

Reservations close when seats are sold.

Men and Women age 50 and up



TUESDAY, JULY 11 – "MYSTERY DAY" – Deluxe Motorcoach Trip – Don't miss this exciting adventure. Price \$48.00 per

person (includes: Light snack for breakfast on bus, lunch, motorcoach fee, activity fees, driver's tip – all inclusive price!). **Only three seats left. Arrive St. Edward parking lot 7:30 a.m. Depart 8:00 a.m. sharp.** A day filled with fun, laughter, enjoyment, excitement and surprises as the day unfolds. As Ole "Frog" chomps on his cigar, he has promised us a most exciting day. He gave his horse a tap and said, "I have reserved this day just for The Edwardians! Now, I'm going to go and find me a pig." This mystery has just what you would expect: sarsaparilla in the cooler, deer heads mounted on the wall, turkey feathers hanging on hooks and the occasional squirrel-skin cap nailed to a post. Bus not handicap accessible. **Paid reservations due now until bus is filled.**



FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 – "BACK WOODS WHOLE HOG ROAST," Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Shelter House, located on Seminary Road off of Thornwood Road, Heath (Thornwood Crossing to Reddington to Thornwood Road. Turn right onto Seminary Road.). **Cost is \$3.00 per person. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Eat at 6:30 p.m.** Looking for **100 people** to come and enjoy the feast of a whole smoked hog on the grill cooked by Chef Chris and served with all the trimmings! Coffee and soft drinks furnished. Invite a senior to join you. Bring your B.Y.O.B. cooler. **The Catholic Foundation grant contributed to this event. Reservations due and paid by August 7.**



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – "WELCOME AND APPRECIATION CHICKEN AND NOODLE DINNER," with Penny Bingo

following dinner, at St. Edward Church Parish Hall, at 6:00 p.m. Your dinner is **free**, compliments of The Edwardians. Join us for an evening of fun as our good friend Walt Hinger of Blessed Sacrament Church will be making his homemade noodles. Bring your pennies for a fun evening of penny a card Bingo and enhance your copper investment. 50/50 Raffle and donation bucket. Invite a parishioner(s) to come with you!

Reservations required for food preparation and table setup. Due by Sunday, September 10.

Questions? Email lindawoolard@windstream.net or phone 740-323-3105.

Note: You may pay for multiple events in one check.

Make check payable to THE EDWARDIANS.

Mail to: Linda Woolard,

481 Beacon Road, Newark, OH 43055.

MOTHER TERESA AWARD OF CHARITY, COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is sponsoring the *2017 Mother Teresa Award of Charity, Compassion and Service*. For this recognition, they seek special women who truly live their lives in the spirit of Mother Teresa; women who are strong in their Catholic faith, who are engaged and involved in their parish communities, and whose example of devotion and dedication is truly in the tradition and spirit of this holy and humble saint. The deadline for nominations to be sent to the DCCW Office, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus 43215, is **August 8th**. Nomination and table registration forms are available on the diocesan website or on our parish bulletin boards. The recognition event will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbus at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 27th. For additional information, call DCCW at 614-228-8601 or email mjmccormick@columbuscatholic.org.

PART-TIME JOB OPENING – RESOURCE SPECIALIST

The Coming Home Network International, Nashport, OH, is seeking a part-time Resource Specialist. The Coming Home Network exists to provide friendship and support to Christians who have or are considering coming home to the Catholic Church. Job Requirements and Areas of Responsibility (not limited to): Answering the phone, Data entry, and Shipping and Receiving. Applicant must be familiar and competent with Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet, and email, have the ability to work in a team and independently, and must understand, support, and embrace the mission of The Coming Home Network International.

A copy of the job description is available upon request. Interested individuals may send their resumés to: The Coming Home Network International, Attn: Personnel Dept., P.O. Box 8290, Zanesville, OH 43702-8290, or via email to ann@chnetwork.org.

CATHOLIC LAYMEN'S FALL SILENT RETREAT

The annual Catholic Laymen's Fall Silent Retreat is at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8th through the 12:00 noon Mass, Sunday, September 10th. Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, will lead men to appreciate the power of the Holy Spirit by developing his theme, "To Have a Relationship with the Holy Spirit, His Mercy is Everlasting." The total cost is only \$150.00. Make your reservation now and consider bringing a friend! Contact Charles Kielkopf at 614-268-0175 or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu, Eric Lutz at 614-949-5905, or James Allan at 614-403-7831.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

Forgiveness is not a feeling. It is a decision affected by grace. When you acknowledge sinfulness, you open yourself to God's unconditional forgiveness. All through the summer months we will be at Bethesda waiting for you with one-on-one pastoral direction and Companion mentoring, prayer and fellowship through the healing process. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651, or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org. Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing.

Freedom to serve the vulnerable

Pray

That the Holy Spirit would give all Christians the courage and humility to serve Christ by serving the vulnerable.

Reflect

In St. Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells his followers that whatever we do for the least of these, we do for him. In other words, we serve Jesus when we serve others, especially the poor and vulnerable. Taking it a step further, if we treat the poor and vulnerable with callous disregard, then we are scorning Jesus. Over the course of two thousand years, the Church has set up charitable institutions, such as adoption services, hospitals, schools, refugee resettlement services, and more, in order to obey Christ's call to serve. We serve the world, not just as individuals, but as communities. Missionary discipleship is a communal activity, and it is often carried out in institutions. Religious freedom here in the U.S. is, at its core, about the space to carry out our ministries. We are called to serve others, and we work for religious freedom so that we may be able to serve others, especially through our ministries.

Act

All of us are called to follow Jesus Christ as missionary disciples. Consider taking a few minutes to pray and reflect on how God might be calling you to serve.



**Fortnight
for Freedom**

2017

**Freedom for Mission
June 21 – July 4**

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Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

"A truly prayerful person will often approach Christ to ascertain whether they are pleasing or displeasing to Him." ~Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Monday, July 3 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 20:24-29 Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Meditation: What gives us unshakeable hope and confidence in the face of death and defeat? The apostles abandoned Jesus in his hour of trial and lost hope when Jesus was handed over to the Romans for execution. They saw the cross as defeat rather than victory. They were slow to believe the reports of the resurrection until the Risen Lord appeared to them and reassured them of his presence and love. The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Prayer: Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: It is through the gift of faith that we, too, are able to recognize the presence of the risen Lord in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit reveals the Lord Jesus to us and helps us to grow in knowledge and understanding of God and his ways. Through the gift of faith we are able to proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in God's word and in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Tuesday, July 4 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
~ Independence Day ~

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27 As Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

Meditation: What is stronger than fear, even the fear of death? Scripture gives an answer: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). The Wisdom of Solomon tells us that "love is stronger than death" (Song of Songs 8:6). Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need.

Prayer: God of justice, Father of truth, who guide creation in wisdom and goodness to fulfillment in Christ your Son, open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians. Jesus is always present to us in our hour of need – especially in times of challenge, fear, and anxiety. Jesus was there for the first martyrs of Rome in their persecution in living out the teachings of Christ, just as he is present to us as we bring the teachings of Christ into our world – into our homes, our places of work, our schools, in our neighborhoods. The truth of Christ always prevails and flourishes, while dictators, fads, people and activist groups with their own personal agenda and other secular things wither like a dead tree limb. Never be afraid to promote the truth of Christ, and to live it to the fullest, no matter what opposition you may experience in life. Remember this simple prayer: "Jesus my Lord, my God, my all, you are the only foundation that can hold us up when trials and disaster threaten us. Give me the wisdom, foresight, and strength of character I need to do what is right and good and to reject whatever is false and contrary to your will. May I always meet the challenges and trials of life head on, knowing you are at my side. May I be a doer of your word and not a hearer only."

On this Independence Day: We would do well to recall and reflect upon the words of Pope Saint John Paul II: "For the Christian people of America conversion to the Gospel means to revise all the different areas and aspects of life, especially those related to the social order and the pursuit of the common good. It will be especially necessary to nurture the growing awareness in society of the dignity of every person and, therefore, to promote in the community a sense of the duty to participate in political life in harmony with the Gospel."

Wednesday, July 5 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34 When Jesus came to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.

Meditation: Jesus took pity on these men who were overtaken by a legion of evil spirits. The destructive force of these demons is evident for all who can see as they flee and destroy a herd of swine. After Jesus freed the demoniacs the whole city came out to meet him. No one had demonstrated such power and authority against the forces of Satan as Jesus did. They feared Jesus as a result and begged him to leave them. Why would they not want Jesus to stay? Perhaps the price for such liberation from the power of evil and sin was more than they wanted to pay. Jesus is ready and willing to free us from anything that binds us and that keeps us from the love of God. Are you willing to part with anything that might keep you from his love and saving grace?

Prayer ~ Saint Anthony Zaccaria: Grant, O Lord, that in the spirit of the Apostle Paul we may pursue the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, for, having learned it, Saint Anthony Zaccaria constantly preached your saving word in the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal: O God, author of peace and lover of charity, who adorned Saint Elizabeth of Portugal with a marvelous grace for reconciling those in conflict, grant, through her intercession, that we may become peacemakers, and so be called children of God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There were a growing number of Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus. Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians. When you face opposition from friend, family members, co-workers, neighbors, classmates – whomever – for living your life according to the teachings of Christ and his Catholic Church, fear not as you are in good company. Jesus was ridiculed and mocked for proclaiming the truth, his apostles and disciples were mocked and scored for living the truth. We live in an era where it is acceptable – even “fashionable” – to embrace a life of political correctness, an era where many do not want to offend a friend or go against a societal trend by saying “no” but have no problem turning away from God of offending him. Never shy away from living your life according to the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Remember, you profess to be a disciple of Christ – prove it by your actions.

Thursday, July 6 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 After entering a boat, Jesus made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.” At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said: “Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – he then said to the paralytic, “Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.” He rose and went home. When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

Meditation: *Question:* What cripples the mind and heart and stifles the healing power of love? *Answer:* Sin and an unforgiving mind and heart! You should not be amazed at the fact that sin cripples us more than any physical ailment can. Sin is the work of the kingdom of darkness and it holds us in eternal bondage. There is only one solution to sin – the healing, cleansing power of Jesus' forgiveness. Jesus' treatment of sinners upset the religious teachers of the day. When a cripple was brought to Jesus because of the faith of his friends, Jesus did the unthinkable. He first forgave the man his sins. The scribes regarded this as blasphemy because they understood that only God had authority to forgive sins and to unbind a man or woman from their burden of guilt. Jesus claimed an authority which only God could rightfully give. Jesus not only proved that his authority came from God, he showed the great power of God's redeeming love and mercy by healing the cripple of his physical ailment.

Prayer: O God, author of innocence and lover of chastity, who bestowed the grace of martyrdom on your handmaid, the Virgin Saint Maria Goretti, in her youth, grant, we pray, through her intercession, that, as you gave her a crown for her steadfastness, so we, too, may be firm in obeying your commandments. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The crippled man in today's Gospel had been crippled not only physically, but spiritually as well. Jesus freed him from his burden of guilt and restored his body. It would be time well spent for each of us to look deeply and honestly at how we, too, may be crippled by our own sinfulness, and where we turn to for healing. It is all too easy to fall into the habit of letting society redefine what sin is and is not. Truth is truth, and sin is sin, as defined by God the Father (not civil or secular laws [e.g. abortion, same-sex marriage, etc.]), the timeless teachings of Jesus Christ (not talk show hosts, newspaper columnists, blogs, or Washington officials) and the one, true church – the Catholic Church – founded by Jesus Christ. Yes, we are sinners. And yes, all are welcome in the Catholic Church. But all are called to convert from sin, to submit ourselves to God, and to live our lives according to the will of God – not have God submit to us or to impose our will upon God. In this topsy-turvy world, there are many who place themselves and their wants, desires, lifestyle, et cetera, above God and, in doing so, recreate and relive the sin of Adam and Eve. It was our first parents who, tempted by Satan, determined what they thought was right and wrong and, in doing so, placed themselves before and above God. When we search for the truth, when we search for answers, for guidance and direction, for healing and reconciliation, for it is the

Lord in his infinite love and mercy who is ever-ready to bring us healing of mind, body, and soul. His grace brings us freedom from the power of sin and from bondage to harmful desires and addictions. A first step – primary action – is receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a priest, who has the power to absolve you of your sins and to get you back on the road to follow Jesus Christ.

About Saint Maria Goretti: In a homily on the day of her canonization, Pope Pius XII said: “It is well known how this young girl had to face a bitter struggle with no way to defend herself. Without warning a vicious stranger (actually Alessandro Serenelli who lived with his father in the same house as the Goretti's) burst upon her, bent on raping her and destroying her childlike purity. The life of this simple girl—I shall concern myself only with highlights—we can see as worthy of heaven. Even today people can look upon it with admiration and respect. Parents can learn from her story how to raise their God-given children in virtue, courage and holiness; they can learn to train them in the Catholic faith so that, when put to the test, God's grace will support them and they will come through undefeated, unscathed and untarnished. From Maria's story carefree children and young people with their zest for life can learn not to be led astray by attractive pleasures which are not only ephemeral and empty but also sinful. Instead they can fix their sights on achieving Christian moral perfection, however difficult and hazardous that course may prove. With determination and God's help all of us can attain that goal by persistent effort and prayer. Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death. This may be conceived as a slow steady martyrdom which Christ urged upon us when he said: The kingdom of heaven is set upon and laid waste by violent forces. So let us all, with God's grace, strive to reach the goal that the example of the virgin martyr, Saint Maria Goretti, sets before us. Through her prayers to the Redeemer may all of us, each in his own way, joyfully try to follow the inspiring example of Maria Goretti who now enjoys eternal happiness in heaven.”

Friday, July 7 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13 As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” He heard this and said, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

Meditation: We live in a world where Jesus constantly invites each of us to follow him. And yet, on this day when we celebrate our country's birth, there are many reasons to celebrate the blessings that God has bestowed on our country, and causes for concern about the freedoms we exercise. Does Christ invite us to follow him to view pornography? Does Jesus invite us to follow him by participating in any way in having an abortion? Does Jesus invite us to participate in same-sex marriage? Of course not, as these are contrary to God's laws and the teachings of Jesus Christ. And yet so many Americans – including those who call themselves Christian – regularly participate in these sinful acts and, in doing so, choose not follow Christ. On this day when we celebrate the birth of the United States of America, let us pray that our fellow citizens – men and women of all ages, walks of life, and religious faiths – will turn away from all that separates us from the love of God, and in doing so simply take up Jesus Christ on his personal invitation to each and every one of us when he says: “follow me.”

Prayer: O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is God's call on your life? When Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his tax office – no doubt counting his day's profit – Jesus spoke only two words – “follow me.” Those two words changed Matthew's life forever, from a self-serving profiteer to a God-loving God-serving apostle who would bring the treasures of God's kingdom to the poor and needy. Jesus says “follow me” to every man and woman on this earth. How do you respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him? Take Christ up on his personal invitation to “follow me,” and in doing so let your life be forever changed.

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The Catechism Corner

This week in our Catechism, we read the section entitled, “The Church – People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of the Holy Spirit” Paragraph **781** – “God has willed to make men holy and save them...to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness. He called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit.” **782** – Characteristics of the People of God: It is the People of God: God is not the property of any one people. One becomes a *member* not by a physical birth, but by being “born anew,” a birth of “water and the Spirit.” The people has for its Head Jesus the Christ. The status of this people is that of the dignity and freedom of the sons of God in whose hearts the Holy Spirit dwells. Its law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us. Its mission is to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Its destiny is to be brought to perfection by Him at the end of time. **783** – The whole People of God participates in the three offices of Christ, priest, prophet and king, and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them. **784** – Through faith and Baptism, the People of God share in the priestly vocation: “...the baptized are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood.” **785** – The People of God share in Christ’s *prophetic* office: “they become Christ’s witness in the midst of this world.” **786** – The People of God share in the royal office of Christ. For the Christian “to reign is to serve him.” The People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ.

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Our First Reading from Second Kings, Chapter 4, features Elisha. You may recall that Elisha was plowing in a field when the prophet Elijah called him to follow him. Something happened at that moment and Elisha chose to do it, which is what brought him to this point in his journey (as reported in today’s Holy Scripture). We often address the fact that each of us is called as well. Our calling, like Elisha’s and like those of Christ’s Apostles, is really not that much different.

Christ said, “Follow Me,” and the Apostles basically dropped everything, ceased pursuing what they were doing – in some cases with good jobs and vocations – and followed Christ. We are called to follow the Lord from the moment of our Baptism, but how many of us actually take that calling seriously?

It is not just a question of hearing the call; the key is whether we are listening for it? It is there, but we must be aware of it in order to respond.

Elisha’s call and our calls are signs of God at work. God has a plan for each of us. We are the means by which God’s work is continued in our parishes, in our communities, and in the Church. God’s ministry on earth will be carried out and accomplished. None of us is the entire ministry; we can all be replaced. However, by the same token in God’s eyes we are absolutely necessary. Are we ready to respond? Are we ready to be disciples of the Lord?

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