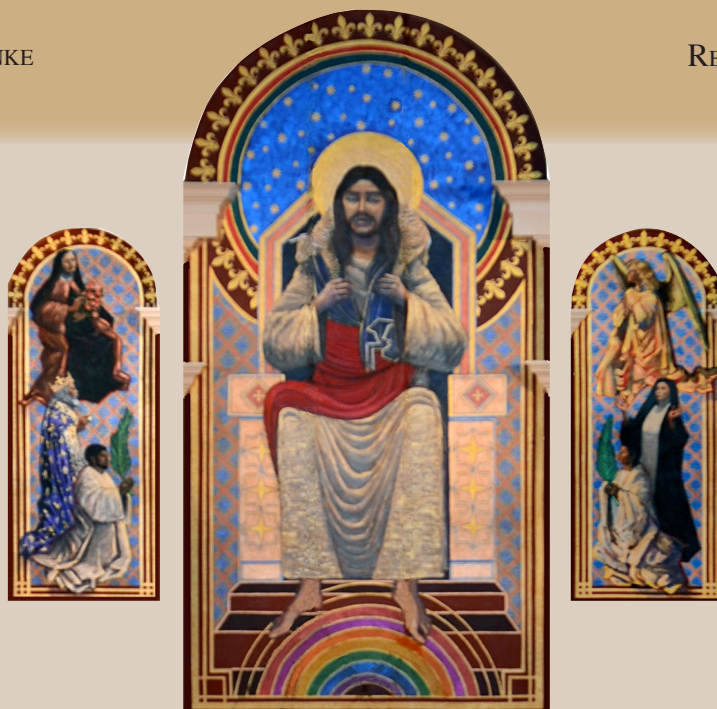


# Church of Saint Edward the Confessor



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**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

TBA IN BULLETIN

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

9:00 A.M.

**CONFESSIONS:**

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

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MONDAY, JULY 24 – Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the  
Stevens & Olsofka Families by Jean Stevens

### TUESDAY, JULY 25 – Saint James, Apostle

9:00 a.m. Betty Koenig (RIP) by Fritz & Donna Gerstner

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Marsha Bennington (RIP) (Anniversary)  
by Church Office Staff

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mary & Gene Klark

### FRIDAY, JULY 28

9:00 a.m. Dick Wells (RIP) by Jan Shea

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the  
Klark-Boling Family by Mary & Gene Klark

### SUNDAY, JULY 30 –

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. John C. Kinney (RIP) by Diane Kinney

10:45 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Edward Parish

**Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.**

### LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Tim Miller, Chuck Peterson  
8:15 a.m. Eric Soiu, Pam Soiu  
10:45 a.m. Richard Hoben, Robin Krempel

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Cliff Kirchner, Leann Kirchner, Lisa Cannon,  
Gary Kristensen, John Martin  
8:15 a.m. Martin Flautt, Rita Baldwin, Kate Daleiden,  
LaFern Davis, Kathy Horton  
10:45 a.m. Barb Doran, Margo Downing, Von Downing,  
Emily Dunbar, Paul Gassman,  
Rebecca Gassman, P.J. Gassman,  
Noelle Gremling, Frances Hiebel

### ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Natalie Cannon, Luke Cannon, Sarah Carpenter  
8:15 a.m. Andrew Coffey, John Coffey, Braden Householder  
10:45 a.m. Luke Vadala, Ava Vadala, Thomas Weis

### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Marty & Carol Flautt, Alex & Lisa Deak

## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 23, 2017 – YEAR A

### PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.: Ave Maria (R. Franz, arr. Shelley)

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: Praise to the Lord (#192)  
GLORY TO GOD: Mass of Christ the Savior (#913)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 86: Lord, you are good and forgiving. (p. 184)  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 184)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (#614)  
HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN, LAMB OF GOD:  
Mass of Christ the Savior (#916, 918, 920, 921)  
COMMUNION: Christians, Let Us Love One Another (#474)

### CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: The Spirit Sends Us Forth (#375)

### POSTLUDE

### CANTORS

5:00 p.m. Kayla Drummond  
8:15 a.m. Steve Schlicher  
10:45 a.m. Sandy Wolfe

### GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. Mary & Gene Klark  
8:15 a.m. Diane Kinney  
10:45 a.m. Volunteer

### 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. 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](mailto:Lauren.Alspace@gmail.com).

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The Sunday offertory collection for July 16th was \$8,047.50 and the annual collection for the Missionary Co-Op Plan, this year going to support Glenmary Home Missioners, was \$3,391.00.

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## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR ...

As I always tell kids this time of year, "The Fourth of July, summer is just about over." Enjoy the rest of the summer, all!

## 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.

## EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Sunday, July 23**

Food Pantry Collection

**Monday, July 24**

Eucharistic Adoration – 9:30 a.m. until

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – Chapel

Bridge Group – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 25**

Men's Group for Rediscovery – 7:30 p.m. – Lounge

**Wednesday, July 26**

Men's Faith Sharing Group – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

**Thursday, July 27**

Knights of Columbus – 7:00 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](mailto:reled@saintedwards.org)) for information concerning the next period of inquiry.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Just like last year, you will have 3 options to register your children:

1. **You can do a complete registration and fee payment online in just a few minutes!** Simply go to [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org), click on the *Faith Formation* tab at the top of the screen, and then click on the *PSR* tab. Follow the instructions, and then you also have the option at the end of the registration to pay the registration fees by clicking on the *On-Line Giving* tab. If you already have an account established (e.g. parish contributions), you can also select *PSR Registration Fees*. If you don't already have an account, it takes just minutes to establish one. **The vast majority of last year's registrations and fee payments were done online and, we hope you will take advantage of this option again.**
2. The "paper registration forms" are also under the *PSR* tab. They are in a .pdf format, which you can print out, complete by hand and either mail or drop off at our office along with a check or cash for registration fees. Or we can send the forms to you by regular mail.
3. You can stop in the office and complete the forms and pay fees. Calendars for the entire 2017-2018 school year will be made available later this summer. For further information, contact Mike Millisor or Sarah Sween in the Religious Education Office (740-587-4160 or [reled@saintedwards.org](mailto:reled@saintedwards.org) or [sarah@saintedwards.org](mailto:sarah@saintedwards.org)).

## 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.

## ST. EDWARD YOUTH MINISTRY



## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE UNTIL SCHOOL STARTS

Sunday – Mass at St. Ed's

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, 9:00 a.m. at St. Ed's

Thursday – Rosary in garden, 12:00 p.m. Noon at St. Ed's

Friday – Apologetics book study, 11:00 a.m., Sugar Loaf Park

Saturday – Confession as needed

## JULY

23rd – Return from Steubenville Conference 2017

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ **COME AND SING MASS:** Adults and teens, if you want to try singing with the choir and see what it's like, you're invited to come and sing for the **10:45 a.m. Mass NEXT SUNDAY, July 30th.** We'll rehearse on the loft starting at 9:30 a.m. We'll go over the music for the Mass, including a choir-only piece. You don't need to read music or have any choral experience: Just come and sing. No RSVP is required, but if you have any questions, contact Paul at 740-587-3254 or [music@saintedwards.org](mailto:music@saintedwards.org).



Online Giving

## ONLINE GIVING

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 [www.saintedwards.org](http://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.



## 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 2 Adorers 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.



## PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to all new families and individuals. We encourage you to register as a member as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration and active membership are also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate to you. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space, Parish Office, PSR Office and on our parish web site [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org).

If you are already registered in the parish and need to update your contact information, please use the form below and put it in the collection basket, phone the Parish Office at 740-587-3254 or email [barb@saintedwards.org](mailto:barb@saintedwards.org) with your new information.

### PARISH CONTACT CHANGES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

These young adult children are no longer living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULING ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers can be requested in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. Call the parish office at 740-587-3254 or email [barb@saintedwards.org](mailto:barb@saintedwards.org) to inquire about available dates. The suggested donation is \$50.00. There are no altar flowers during Lent; on wedding weekends, flowers from the wedding are used; and during the Christmas/Easter seasons, poinsettias/lilies decorate the church.

## 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.



## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry collection is this weekend. Donations of **Hamburger Helper type meals, canned fruit, and soup** are of greatest need. Please leave your donations in the green wooden box by the Church Office. Thank you.

## BIG SALE AT THRIFT STORE

Due to renovation work in the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, there is a huge Tent Sale through Monday, July 31st. Come shop for 50% savings on all merchandise under the tent. The SVdP Thrift Store is located at 135 Wilson Street in Newark. Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 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. New donations will be received starting Tuesday, August 1st.



**KNIGHTS  
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## BENEFIT EVENT FOR NEWARK CENTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES

St. Edward the Confessor Knights of Columbus Council 10876 is hosting a fund-raising shooting event to benefit the Newark Center For Disability Services in partnership with the Dillon Sportsman Center and Land of Legend Rifle and Pistol Club. The event takes place Sunday, July 30th, with registration from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and shooting from 1:00-7:00 p.m. at the Dillon Sportsman Center in Nashport. For rules and details, go to [dillonsportsmancenter.com](http://dillonsportsmancenter.com) or call 740-452-3529.

## 11TH ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT HAVEN CHARITY GOLF OUTING

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The 11th Annual golf outing to support the St. Vincent Haven homeless shelter will be held on August 5, 2017 with a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. at the Dennison Golf Club. This is a great opportunity to have a lot of fun and support a great cause. Registration forms and Sponsorship forms are just inside the front doors of the church. If you need any additional information, please contact Bill Varrasso at 740-973-9732, or Mark Shomaker at 740-219-8568.



## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? You don't have much Scripture knowledge, but you would like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining **Walking with Purpose at St. Edward the Confessor**. Weekly group sessions will be starting **September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. *Opening Your Heart*, our 22-week foundational Bible study is designed for women new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience.

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

### SIGN-UP WEEKENDS

There will be a sign-up table in the Gathering Space after Masses the weekends of August 5/6 and 12/13. In the meantime, if you'd like to be added to our contact list or for questions, call or email **Anna Hofer** at [amariehofer@hotmail.com](mailto:amariehofer@hotmail.com) or 740-334-0170. You can also visit [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com) for more information. We hope to see you at Walking with Purpose this fall!

## RUMMAGE SALE

The St. Leonard Women's Guild is having a GIGANTIC rummage sale on August 4th and 5th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road, Heath. Great bargains! All proceeds benefit the Guild's church ministries.

## 2017 The Edwardians!

A Senior Social Group – Men and women age 50 and up  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
FROM AUGUST to OCTOBER, 2017



**AUGUST 11, FRIDAY – “BACK WOODS WHOLE HOG ROAST,”** Shelter House at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, located on Seminary Road off of Thornwood Road, Heath. (Thornwood Crossing to Reddington to Thornwood Road. Turn right onto Seminary Road). **Cost \$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. **B.Y.O.B.** cooler. If the weather is inclement, the event will be held inside. **The Catholic Foundation grant contributed to this event. Reservations due and paid by Monday, August 7th.**



**SEPTEMBER 12, TUESDAY – “APPRECIATION CHICKEN AND NOODLE DINNER”** with Penny Bingo following dinner, St. Edward Church Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m. **All are welcome!** Invite a parishioner(s) to come with you! 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 penny-a-card Bingo and enhance your copper investment. 50/50 raffle and donation bucket. **Reservations required for food preparation and table setup. Due by Sunday, September 10th.**



**OCTOBER 24, TUESDAY “SPOOKtacular DINNER,”** Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, (Thornwood Crossing to Reddington Road to Thornwood Road, turn right on Seminary Road), 6:00 p.m., **\$13.00 per person.** We invite you to dress as your favorite Halloween character (not mandatory) for an evening of fun among the spooks, goblins, ghosts, etc. Prize for most interesting costume. Full details later. **Reservations due and paid by Thursday, October 19th.**

For details on any activity,  
email [lindawoolard@windstream.net](mailto:lindawoolard@windstream.net) or  
phone 740-323-3105

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

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Our Parish Council serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor in the ordering of parish life and activities. The meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month, September through June.

Each year, we draw names by lot at a weekend Mass (this year at the end of August), seeking the Holy Spirit's assistance in the selection of new members. It is time to request that parishioners either nominate worthy candidates (after checking with them) or volunteer yourself to be a candidate by emailing [barb@saintedwards.org](mailto:barb@saintedwards.org) or calling the Parish Office at 740-587-3254, or completing the coupon below and placing it in the collection basket or mailing it to the Parish Office. **The deadline for names is August 15th.** The next Parish Council meeting will be September 26th.

### PARISH COUNCIL

☐ Yes, I would like to be considered for a 3-year term on the St. Edward Parish Council.

I nominate, \_\_\_\_\_  
for Parish Council. This person has been contacted and is willing to serve.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## MOTHER TERESA AWARD OF CHARITY, COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is announcing the inaugural year for 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](mailto:mjmccormick@columbuscatholic.org).

## CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GRANT

The Church of St. Edward the Confessor was blessed to receive a multi-year grant from The Catholic Foundation to fund our Youth Ministry program. As we enter the second year of this grant, we are excited that membership has doubled in the last year. Five new grade levels have been added: third-fourth graders focused on their personal relationships with Christ and the fifth-seventh graders focused on growing together as a Church family. We are pleased that the value of the youth in our parish is being acknowledged and supported.

We are grateful to the donors who contributed to The Catholic Foundation to make these grants possible. Everyone can contribute at any time to our parish endowment fund or to the funds used for grants like the Youth Ministry program.

If you would like more information on contributing to existing funds that support our ministries, or would like to work on a planned gift of your own, please contact James Anzelmo at The Catholic Foundation ([janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org) or 614-443-8893.)

## The Catechism Corner

This week in our Catechism, we begin reading paragraph 3 of our Creed entitled "The Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic (also known as the 4 Marks of the Church). We read paragraphs **811** and **812** this week. **811** – "This is the sole Church of Christ, which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic and apostolic." These 4 characteristics, inseparably linked with each other indicate essential features of the Church and her mission. **812** – Only faith can recognize these properties from her divine source. Over the next 4 weeks we will explore deeper what our Catechism tells us about these 4 marks: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT FESTIVAL

All are invited to enjoy the festivities at the annual Blessed Sacrament Church Festival on Saturday, August 26th from 5:00-11:00 p.m. Food, beverages, games, music and kids area with face painting and bounce houses will be on the church grounds! Come and enjoy Walt's famous noodles and have some fun! Something for the whole family!



### NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK

**JULY 23-29**

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week focuses attention on NFP methods and Catholic teachings which supports their use in marriage. This year's theme is "It's Time! Say 'Yes' to God's plan for married love." Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting <http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning> or contacting the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.



### BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

"How long does it take to be healed? I have been to confession. I have prayed. I have tried to forget." One can only grieve what one deeply loves. The residual effect of abortion lingers. There is hope; there is life after abortion. Bethesda Healing Ministry offers an open invitation to you to join us, that you might experience the peace and hope that can be yours. There is a light in the window and welcome in the hearts of those who look forward to meeting you. We have been there and understand. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org) Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing](http://www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing).

### BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY

The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to come and pray during the Novena of Our Lady, August 6-14 at 8:00 p.m. (Sunday, 2:30 p.m.). Fr. Paul Gawlowski will be the Novena preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. For more information, call 419-396-7107 or [www.olcshrine.com](http://www.olcshrine.com).



Today's readings remind us of the fact that it is God who guides us, and it is God who influences our decisions through the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel is again a series of parables shared by our Lord Jesus to teach us and to explain Holy Scripture.

Jesus tells the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat, which is relatively clear to us in terms of the facts. However, there is an important point within it that we must acknowledge. When the decision is made to allow the weeds to grow with the wheat, it is clear the separation will occur later, not at that moment. When the decision is made as to what will be harvested and kept and what will be destroyed, that is a decision made by God.

It is somewhat a reflection of another point made in scripture. Today's Gospel comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 13; however, in just a few chapters prior to that (Chapter 7) we are told "Stop judging, that you may not be judged...for as you judge, so will you be judged." There is no question that there are "weeds" among the flock, but it is not our place to identify them and sort them out. That is the work of God.

As Catholics and Christians we must take care not to be self-righteous and judgmental. Before we call into question someone else's walk with God, we need to scrutinize and take care of our own. Stewardship is what we do, not what we necessarily think others should do.

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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)

***"Father of truth, Here is Thy Son, the sacrifice in which Thou art well pleased. Accept Him for He died for me. So through Him I shall be pardoned. Here is the offering. Take it from my hands and so I shall be reconciled with Thee. Remember not the sins that I have committed in front of Thy Majesty. Here is the blood which flowered on Golgotha for my salvation and prays for me. Out of consideration for this, accept my supplication. I have committed many sins but Thy mercy is great. If Thou wilt put them in the balance, Thy goodness will have more weight than the most mighty mountains. Look not upon my sins, but rather on what is offered for them, for the offering and the sacrifice are even greater than the offenses. Because I have sinned, Thy Beloved bore the nails and the spear. His sufferings are enough to satisfy Thee. By them I shall live. Glory be to the Father Who sent His Son for us. Adoration be to the Son Who has freed us and ensured our salvation. Blessed be He who by His love has given life to all. To Him be the glory. Amen."***

~THE LAST PRAYER PRAYED BY SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF BEFORE HE DIED

**Monday, July 24 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42** Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." He said to them in reply, "An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here. At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here."

**Meditation:** What would the Lord Jesus say about our current generation? Jesus gave a rather stern warning to his generation when they demanded a sign from him. It was characteristic of the Jewish people that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. Jesus faulted them for one thing: spiritual adultery. The image of adultery was often used in the scriptures for describing apostasy or infidelity towards God. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims, he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented (Jonah 3:5). And the Queen of Sheba recognized God's wisdom in Solomon (1 Kings 10:1-9). Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their very eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and now they reject Jesus as God's Anointed One (Messiah) and they fail to heed his message. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35). Jesus confirmed his message with many miracles in preparation for the greatest sign of all – his resurrection on the third day.

**Prayer:** O God, who called the Priest Saint Sharbel Makhluf to the solitary combat of the desert and imbued him with all manner of devotion, grant us, we pray, that, being made imitators of the Lord's Passion, we may merit to be co-heirs of his Kingdom. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Contemplation:** The Lord Jesus through the gift of his Holy Spirit offers us freedom from sin and ignorance and he gives us wisdom and understanding so that we may grow in knowledge of God and his ways. Do you thirst for God and for the wisdom which comes from above? James the Apostle says that the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. If we wish to be wise in God's ways, then we must humble ourselves before him, like attentive students who wish to learn, and submit our heart and mind to his will for our lives. The single of heart and mind desire one thing alone – God who is the source of all wisdom, goodness, truth, and knowledge. Do you wish to be wise and loving as God is wise and loving? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the wisdom which comes from above and to free your heart from all that would hinder God's loving action in your life.

## **Tuesday, July 25 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Feast of Saint James, Apostle**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28** The mother of the sons of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your Kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My chalice you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left, this is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Meditation:** There are many who seek places of honor, position, and prestige. Many seem to have an unquenchable thirst for fame and recognition, to seek the limelight and be the center of attention, to have their voice or opinion heard through a web site for example. Should we be surprised to see some of the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, authority, and position? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master. They wanted the distinction of being in the highest position of authority and power, next to Jesus, of course! When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would rule on his behalf, he did the unthinkable! He taught contrary to their understanding of power and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last!

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who consecrated the first fruits of your Apostles by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray, that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith and constantly sustained by his protection. 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 kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, challenges, struggles, and temptations. As disciples we must always be ready to lay down our lives in martyrdom for the sake of the gospel and be ready to lay it down each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden? It is love — the kind of "love which God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (ref. Romans 5:5). An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: "to serve is to reign with Christ." We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service and love for one another, just as Jesus did for our sake. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus has taught and modeled for us?

## **Wednesday, July 26 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9** On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But



some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

**Meditation:** Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is for ever too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. He or she may work so hard that they are too tired to even think of anything else but their work. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

**Prayer:** O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. 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:** Do you hunger for God's word? Saint Matthew tells us that Jesus taught many things to those who came to listen and learn. Jesus' teaching method was a very simple one. He used parables – short stories and images taken from everyday life to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus painted evocative pictures with short and simple words. As busy as we are in this day and age, we still need to carve out an ample amount of time to listen to the truths of Christ in the gospels, and to learn from him. Saint Apollinarius once said: "We therefore grossly deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths. It is not enough barely to believe them, and let our thoughts now and then glance upon them: that knowledge which shows us heaven, will not bring us to the possession of it, and will deserve punishments, not rewards, if it remain slight, weak, and superficial. By serious and frequent meditation it must be concocted, digested, and turned into the nourishment of our affections, before it can be powerful and operative enough to change them, and produce the necessary fruit in our lives. For this all the saints affected solitude and retreats from the noise and hurry of the world, as much as their circumstances allowed them." This *Lectio Divina* is an excellent start to carving out time to learn the truths of scripture, to think about them, meditate upon them, in order to apply the teachings in one's daily living. Be a "doer of the word, not a hearer only" (James 1:22).

### **Thursday, July 27 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17** The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted and I heal them.*" But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

**Meditation:** Saint Augustine of Hippo once said: "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." Both faith and understanding are gifts of the Holy Spirit that enable us to hear God's word with clarity so we can know God better and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth. Jesus, however, had to warn his disciples that not everyone would understand his teaching. The prophet Isaiah had warned that some would hear God's word, but not believe, some would see God's actions and miracles, and remained unconvinced. Ironically some of the greatest skeptics of Jesus' teaching and miracles were the learned scribes and Pharisees who prided themselves on their knowledge of scripture and the law of Moses. They heard Jesus' parables and saw the great signs and miracles which he performed, but they refused to accept both Jesus and his message. How could they "hear and never understand" and "see but never perceive"? They were spiritually blind and deaf because their hearts were closed and their minds were blocked by pride and prejudice.

**Prayer:** Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 is only one thing that can open a closed, confused, and divided mind – a broken heart and humble spirit! The word disciple means one who is willing to learn and ready to submit to the wisdom and truth which comes from God. Psalm 119 expresses the joy and delight of a disciple who loves God's word and who embraces it with trust and obedience. "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation" (Psalm 119:97-99). God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom to the humble and trusting person who acknowledges their need for God and for his truth. The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach God's word with indifference, skepticism, and disbelief, then we, too, may "hear but not understand" and "see but not perceive." God's word can only take root in a humble and receptive heart that is ready to believe. If we want to hear and to understand God's word, we must listen with openness, humility, reverence and faith – nothing else will suffice. Do you believe God's word and do you submit to it with trust and reverence?

### Friday, July 28 ~ Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23** Jesus said to his disciples: "Hear the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the Kingdom without understanding it, and the Evil One comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold."

**Meditation:** This parable of Jesus is a warning to those who hear and who preach the word of God. What makes us ineffective and unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say. One lesson is quite clear: the harvest is sure. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit.

**Prayer:** Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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:** To respond to this parable, we need to look at the story as if we are the seed. Many who hear the Gospel never seem to "get it." The message is forgotten before it ever takes root. Statistically, 50% of all Catholic youth who receive the sacraments disappear somewhere between age 18 and 35. Shallow roots fail to equip them to take the heat of our secular culture. Then there are the 89% of lifelong, regular churchgoers who, according to a Gallup Poll, embrace the values and lifestyles identical to those of their secular neighbors, devoid of anything rooted in the laws of God or the teachings of Jesus Christ. Their Catholic faith has been neutralized by poor theology, poor catechesis, and a focus on worldliness. Then there are those who stay away from serious sin, manage to do some good for some people, but all in all produce a mediocre harvest. Finally there are those who are not satisfied with just getting by. They sink their roots deep into the truths of Scripture, tradition, prayer and the sacraments, and as a result produce a bumper crop. So, what kind of seed are you?

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