



CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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WE HAVE NEED
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

TBA in bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

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Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. William & Vada Koval (RIP)

by Dauna Koval & Dana Updegrave

Monday, February 20

9:00 a.m. John Suchoski (RIP) by Margaret Suchoski

Tuesday, February 21 – St. Peter Damien,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Cheryl Boggess by Msgr. Paul P. Enke

Wednesday, February 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Joe Valente (RIP) by Bill & Cindy Kendrick

7:00 p.m. Msgr. Paul P. Enke by Parish Staff

Thursday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Anthony Skufca (RIP) by Tony & Dottie Skufca

Friday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Michael Millisor by The Scullys

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. Edison, Mickey & Brian Smith (RIP) by Anita Smith

Sunday, February 26 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Thelma Regina Fernandes (RIP)

by Dcn. John & Cindy Barbour

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.: Quiet Alleluias/Alleluia, Mode VI

(R. Schulz-Widmar, 2013)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens (#569)

GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (#914)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 103: The Lord is kind and merciful. (p. 68)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 69)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY: Lord of All Hopefulness (#410)

HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN: Mass of Christ the Savior

(#917, 919, 921)

LAMB OF GOD: Mass of Christ the Savior (#922)

COMMUNION: Where Charity and Love Prevail (#492)

COMMUNION 2: TBD

CONCLUDING RITES

CLOSING: All Creatures of Our God and King (#549)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: TBD

8:15 a.m.: Randy Kerr

10:45 a.m.: Beth Spieles



The office is closed Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ One lesser-known Church tradition is “burying the alleluia” on the final Sunday before Lent.

Typically, choirs carry a paper emblazoned with “ALLELUIA” outside in a funeral-like procession, sometimes with candles and incense. The paper is then buried to mark the symbolic departure of the Alleluia, which is not sung during Lent. Rather than this literal burial, a more common practice nowadays is to do what we do this weekend: sing a closing hymn filled with alleluias. By doing that, the final words on our lips as we conclude Mass are a joyful “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

♪ During Lent, we chant many of the sung parts of the Mass. Videos, pronunciation guides, and translations are available on the parish website. Go to saintedwards.org/music and click on “Chant Mass parts.”

~ Paul Radkowski, Director of Music
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WITH SYMPATHY



The parish extends deepest sympathy to the families of parishioner Daniel Lazar, beloved husband of parishioner Nancy Lazar; Lois Stammen, beloved mother of parishioner Connie Bremer; parishioner Ronald Bollo, beloved father of parishioner Ryan Bollo; Tom Rouse, beloved brother of parishioner Carol Frush; and to the family of Dr. Paul Montaldo. May they rest in eternal peace in the presence of God.

Schedule Mass Intentions Early!



Requests for Mass Intentions on weekends fill up fast. Weekend Mass Intentions are currently filled through July 30, 2023, however, there are various weekends open after July 30.

- If you request a Mass Intention for a certain day, but that day has been previously scheduled, your intention can be scheduled on another day.
- There are various openings for weekday Mass Intentions beginning in April and weekend Masses after July 30.
- **Please contact Maggie at the church office at maggie@saintedwards.org to schedule a Mass Intention for a deceased or living loved one, or for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary.**
- To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested for Mass Intentions.



“I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

WELCOME all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today! To our visitors, 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. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward Parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Church Office, or call us at 740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH!

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE (CELL) _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

*This Week at St. Edward***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

NO PSR – 9:30 a.m.

NO Adult Faith Discussion Group

SVDP Meeting – 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge

Choir – 9:30 a.m. on Choir Loft

Youth Group – Prepare food for The Haven at 3:00 p.m.

& Serve Food at 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

NO Eucharistic Adoration

NO Preschool

Preschool Enrollment – ongoing online

at preschool@saintedwards.org

Walking with Purpose – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

OFFICE CLOSED for Presidents Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Mass – 7:00 p.m.

Distribute Ashes at Swasey Chapel – 12:15 p.m.

Preschool

Walking with Purpose – 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge

NO PSR

NO High School Confirmation

NO Oil Painting Workshop

Choir – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

NO Choir – 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Oil Painting Workshop – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Confessions – 4:00 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

Second Collection – Black & Indian Missions

PSR – 9:30 a.m.

Parent PSR Meeting – in Parish Hall

during PSR – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

NO Adult Faith Discussion Group –**parents attend PSR Meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

Choir – 9:30 a.m. on Choir Loft

Youth Group – Dive into Lent, Steven serves dinner to youth

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS**

	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
FEBRUARY 18-19: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Adrienne Carter Kathleen Kiebel	Barb Mattei-Smith	Arianna Carter Warren Moberg
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Rita Baldwin Cindy Barbour	Jim Bidigare	Francis Aransky Tori Helgerman
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Noelle Grembling Maria McDermott	Roy Brewer	Shelby Heist Peter Moberg
FEBRUARY 22: ASH WEDNESDAY			
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Rita Baldwin (sub req.) Cindy Barbour	Jim Bidigare	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.	Lisa Cannon Bill Hoekstra	Jason Winterhalter	Claire Skinner Carter Skinner
FEBRUARY 25-26: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Gary Kristensen Andrew Morey	Helen Anderson	Peter Moberg Olivia Priano
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Martin Flautt Kris Whiting	Michael Whiting	Colin Oncken Kiera Oncken
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Rebecca Gassman Paul Gassman	June McCarthy	Katie Cottrell Claire Cottrell

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers**A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR**

I'm relieved that the day to announce my retirement from St. Edward is now past. The bishop asked all pastors over 70 to not share that information until Sunday. In short, that announcement was that I and my fellow pastors over 70 will be leaving their parishes on July 11, including yours truly.

The bishop offered me the position of chaplain to The Villas at St. Therese (independent living) and Mother Angeline McCrory Manor (assisted living). This will come with an apartment there and a salary – a soft landing for me.

Your next pastor will be Fr. Timothy Hayes, who will come here from Chillicothe, Ohio, also on July 11.

Please pray for the two of us as I will pray for all of you with kindness and gratitude for all your kindnesses and support over these 23 years. You're the best!

**A Worthy Service Project ~ Meals for the Men's Haven
An Easy Way You Can Serve!**

St. Vincent de Paul Men's Haven is growing! Finishing touches are being put on a new addition and soon more residents will be moving in. Did you know that St. Edward's parishioners – along with members of other local churches – share the load to prepare and take meals to the Men's Haven residents every evening? Some groups prepare meals once a month, but some groups only prepare meals one time every quarter, **only four times during the year!** We are looking to increase the number of people to help prepare/purchase food for meals on first Tuesdays – **only four times during the year.** Food does *not* need to be homemade!

The men are always very appreciative when the meals are brought in. This is an easy, yet worthy, service that any parishioner can do. Won't you please help? Contact Barb Hinterschied at 740-403-3736 (phone or text) or bhinterschied@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office to participate. Thank you!



The Food Pantry needs this week are peanut butter, canned green beans and fruit juice. Please put Food Pantry donations in the box in the Gathering Space or the wooden box outside of the Parish Office. Thank you for your continuous donations!

**FISH FRY NEWS**

March 3, 10, 17, 24

Confirmation Class – Bus Tables for

Service Hours! Many hands are needed to make the famous Lenten St. Edward Fish Fries happen. The sign-up poster is in the Gathering Space. Please sign up now to help with the Fish Fry! You can bring homemade desserts, bread fish, fry fish, take up tickets, serve food, and more. If you have never participated in this fun event, this may be your year to start! See you at the Fish Fry!

Adult Faith Discussion Group

**Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Lounge
For Parents of PSR Students**

A new group has started for parents of PSR students! While students are in PSR, parents will have a place to meet other parents, learn/ask questions about the Catholic faith, and find answers in a non-judgmental environment. Videos provide starting points for discussion. Led by Richard Hoben. All adults are welcome.

*Join us for Adoration!*

Eucharistic Adoration is on Mondays after morning Mass until 11:30 a.m. Two parishioners are needed for each hour. All parishioners are encouraged to join in Adoration on Monday mornings. Contact Julie Kunsman to sign up at julie.kunsman@gmail.com. God bless!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

For Catholics to Return to Church

Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops to Share the Word of Christ

Msgr. Enke, Fr. Hayes, & All Priests

Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest

RCIA Candidates

PSR and Children's Liturgy Teachers

Confirmation Class & Youth Programs

All Sick & Homebound Parishioners

~The St. Edward Prayer Chain Will Pray for Your Needs~

Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayers.

BAPTISM

*"No one can enter the Kingdom of God
without being born of water and the Spirit."*

John 3:5

Congratulations on the upcoming birth of your child! To prepare for a Baptism, expectant parents attend the Baptismal Preparation Class and choose godparents for their child. Godparents are models of faith for their godchildren. A godparent must be a fully initiated Catholic who is *actively* living a life of faith and is at least 16 years old. For information about Baptismal Preparation and godparents, contact Push Baum in the Parish Office at 740-587-3254.

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Catholic with Questions? Unbeliever?

Think Catholics are Old-Fashioned?

Deacon John Barbour can answer your questions!

Contact him at barfamilybour@yahoo.com.

**I WANT TO LEARN WHAT
CATHOLICS ARE ABOUT!**

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 12

Offertory \$ 7,521.00

Online \$ 1,920.00

Contribution Statements have been prepared. If you would like to have yours, please contact the office at 740-587-3254.

**If you no longer need envelopes,
please contact the Parish Office.**

Please consider signing up for **ONLINE GIVING** on the St. Edward website homepage at www.saintedwards.org. If already giving online, please update any changes to your credit card on your online account. For help, contact the Parish Office.

February Diocesan Second Collections

Black & Indian Missions ~ February 26

ASH WEDNESDAY OFFERTORY IS FOR "JOIN" AGENCY

Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs, "JOIN" is an agency of the Diocese's Catholic Charities Office, located at 578 E. Main Street in downtown Columbus. Through the generosity of people throughout our Diocese, JOIN is able to help our neighbors in need with essentials, such as food, personal care, household items and diapers. We also assist with needs such as prescriptions, utilities, birth certificate replacement and transportation.

We recognize the necessity of family. We believe a vital way to sustain family is to help attain self-sufficiency to build on its foundation.

St. Edward the Confessor Parish has been a great ally to JOIN. We are grateful for your generosity in previous years through your Ash Wednesday collection. On behalf of all of us at JOIN, and from those we serve, thank you for all you do to serve our brothers and sisters. You are always welcome to visit JOIN or call or email me, Lisa Keita, director of JOIN, any time at 614-241-2530 or lkeita@columbuscatholic.org.

God bless you with His grace and Peace! – Lisa

PARISH MINISTRY MESSAGE

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

Romans 12:6

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY**

Stewardship Opportunity: Help the family of deceased parishioners by providing a luncheon after the Funeral Mass.

Talent/Gift to Offer: A sense of compassion and concern for people who have lost a loved one. A willingness to assist in the preparation, serving, clean up of the Bereavement Luncheon. Team members who work outside the home can drop off food to the kitchen, such as salad, dessert, rolls, fruit salad, relish plate, as needed.

Time Commitment: Each team rotates the luncheons; usually once every three to four months. Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of extending loving kindness to grieving families. Contact Maggie at maggie@saintedwards.org to offer your gift of service with Funeral Luncheons.

NOTE – Two teams are currently without leaders. Two people are needed to step up to be team leaders. (It really is not as daunting a job as it sounds!) Team leaders coordinate with Maggie at the Church Office on luncheon meals; they designate a member to call the team; and they help on the day of the luncheon. Will you be that person? Please contact Maggie at the Church Office to learn more about this. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY



Turn Our Hearts

God of Love,
you shower us with kindness,
offer us limitless mercy,
and summon us unceasingly.
As we enter the season of Lent,
help us respond to your invitation

to turn our hearts toward you
and walk the journey ahead
in a spirit of humility and gratitude.
Grant us the grace we need to grow in love
these forty days of Lent.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Lent: A Great Love Letter from God



Today's readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18. The season of Lent (from the Latin meaning “lengthen”) is a gift of time to focus on spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter. The season will conclude at sundown on Holy Thursday, the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

As daylight in the Northern Hemisphere incrementally lengthens, so does our spiritual focus. Read the season of Lent as a great love letter from God. Look for the invitations in the Scriptures to turn your heart toward God and receive the gifts of mercy and love offered. God summons us unceasingly.

The scriptural invitations move from gentle calls to fervent supplications. The opening lines from our Ash Wednesday Scriptures set the theme for the entire season: “Return to me with your whole heart” (Joel 2:12). Lent offers us proven pathways to respond to God’s invitation to love. When Lenten traditions are lived and understood, they bring us closer to God and transform our hearts along the way. Today’s Gospel shows us the humble stance to assume as we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week, as you prepare for your journey through the next forty days, seek to live spiritual practices such as prayer, devotion, fasting, reconciliation, and generosity as gestures of adoration for our beloved.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, February 20 The Gift of Wisdom

The first reading attributes wisdom to our Lord. The Lord pours wisdom upon all his works, upon every living thing, upon his friends. What a gift for each of us! Lent invites us to a time of intentionality, a time of turning our hearts and minds toward this gift of wisdom. These days leading up to Ash Wednesday offer us the opportunity to till the soil of our hearts for the seeds of the Lord's wisdom. Make plans to participate in Ash Wednesday services this week. *Today's readings: Sirach 1:1–10; Psalm 93:1a, 1cd–2, 5; Mark 9:14–29.*

Tuesday, February 21 Trust God

The invitation in the reading from Sirach is clear: turn to God with trust. God will help each of us make straight our pathways. Filled with compassion and mercy, the Lord saves us in times of trouble and forgives us with love and mercy. Our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us open our hearts with trust. How will you commit to the spiritual practices of Lent? Take time today to reflect and decide. *Today's readings: Sirach 2:1–11; Psalm 37:3–4, 18–19, 27–28, 39–40; Mark 9:30–37.*

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

The Scriptures of Ash Wednesday invite us to turn to God with humility and awareness. Only we know the personal work needed in our relationship with the Lord. Today's Lenten practices of receiving ashes, abstaining from meat, and fasting help us assume this humble stance of awareness. Make some private notes to yourself about where growth is needed and how you plan to personally embrace Lent as time for transformation. *Today's readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.*

Thursday, February 23 Put God First

Jesus instructs, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." Essentially, Jesus commands us to put God first. These early days of Lent encourage us to set our spiritual priorities for the journey ahead. The opportunity to join others in praying the Stations of the Cross is available at many parishes during Lent. Through the stations, we prayerfully remember the dramatic moments our Lord experienced in the final hours of his life. Resolve to participate in this devotion sometime in the next forty days. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 9:22–25.*

Friday, February 24 Fast Mercifully

The Church asks us to abstain from meat and to fast on the Fridays of Lent. Our Scriptures today help us understand the spiritual practice of fasting. The prophet Isaiah describes fasting as setting the oppressed free, sharing our bread with the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, and not turning our backs on our own. Fasting is active participation in the corporal works of mercy. How can we commit ourselves even more to caring for those in need in our community this Lent? *Today's readings: Isaiah 58:1–9a; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 18–19; Matthew 9:14–15.*

Saturday, February 25 Keep the Sabbath Sacred

The Scriptures continue to coach us in planning our Lenten practices. Isaiah reminds us of the command to keep the Sabbath as a holy day. This is hard to do in our modern world. But Lent offers us an opportunity to renew our resolve to make Sunday a day to rest in God. Plan a special Sunday meal for each week of Lent. Set aside time for holy rest. Take a long walk, visit a neighbor, pick up some spiritual reading, or try a new craft. *Today's readings: Isaiah 58:9b–14; Psalm 86:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Luke 5:27–32.*



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)

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." + POPE BENEDICT XVI

Monday, February 20 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-29 As Jesus came down from the mountain with Peter, James, John and approached the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and scribes arguing with them. Immediately on seeing him, the whole crowd was utterly amazed. They ran up to him and greeted him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I have brought to you my son possessed by a mute spirit. Wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they were unable to do so." He said to them in reply, "O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him to me." They brought the boy to him. And when he saw him, the spirit immediately threw the boy into convulsions. As he fell to the ground, he began to roll around and foam at the mouth. Then he questioned his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" He replied, "Since childhood. It has often thrown him into fire and into water to kill him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' Everything is possible to one who has faith." Then the boy's father cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" Jesus, on seeing a crowd rapidly gathering, rebuked the unclean spirit and said to it, "Mute and deaf spirit, I command you: come out of him and never enter him again!" Shouting and throwing the boy into convulsions, it came out. He became like a corpse, which caused many to say, "He is dead!" But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him, and he stood up. When he entered the house, his disciples asked him in private, "Why could we not drive the spirit out?" He said to them, "This kind can only come out through prayer."

Meditation: The mighty works and signs which Jesus did demonstrate that the kingdom of God is present in him. These signs attest that the Father has sent him as the promised Messiah. They invite belief in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world. The coming of God's kingdom means defeat of Satan's kingdom. Jesus' exorcisms anticipate his great victory over "the ruler of this world" (ref. John 12:31). While Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and may cause grave injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature, his power is nonetheless limited and permitted by divine providence (ref. Romans 8:28). Jesus offers freedom from bondage to sin and Satan. There is no affliction that he cannot deliver us from.

Prayer: O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There have been times when each of us have caused disappointment to others. In this gospel incident the disciples of Jesus brought disappointment to a pleading father because they failed to heal his epileptic son. Jesus' response seemed stern; but it was really tempered with love and compassion. We see at once both Jesus' dismay with the disciples' lack of faith and his concern to meet the need of this troubled boy and his anguished father. Jesus recognized the weakness of the father's faith and at the same time challenged him to pray boldly with expectant faith: "All things are possible to him who believes!" Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that prayer and faith go together: "Where faith fails,

prayer perishes. For who prays for that in which he does not believe? ..So then in order that we may pray, let us believe, and let us pray that this same faith by which we pray may not falter." The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit that we may have the confidence and boldness we need to ask our heavenly Father for his help and grace. Do you trust in God's love and care for you and pray with expectant faith that he will give you what you need?

Tuesday, February 21 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. For they had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Meditation: How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor (ref. Psalm 8:5). Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart – who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may so follow the teaching and example of the Bishop Saint Peter Damian, that, putting nothing before Christ and always ardent in the service of your Church, we may be led to the joys of eternal light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: One might wonder why Jesus told his disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod? To the Jewish person leaven was a sign of evil. It was a piece of dough left-over from a previous baking. In due course it fermented and this fermented dough became leaven. Fermentation was associated with decomposing rot. Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the evil influence of the Pharisees and of Herod who sought their own counsels rather than the will of God. As the apostles continued to worry about their lack of bread, Jesus reminded them of his miraculous provision of bread in the feeding of the four thousand. He then upbraided them for their lack of trust in God. "Do you still not understand?" It's easy to get preoccupied with the problems and needs of the present moment and to forget the most important reality of all – God's abiding presence with us and his abundant provision for our lives as well. Thus when you pray, do you pray with joyful confidence, "Father, give us this day our daily bread?"

Wednesday, February 22 ~ The Beginning of the Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see

them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

Meditation: One might ask why Jesus singled out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for his disciples. The Jews considered these three as the cardinal works of the religious life. These were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast, and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory – the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all things (Isaiah 11:1-2). The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. We are called to journey with the Lord in this special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of testing and preparation, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: God wants to set our hearts ablaze with the fire of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his holiness and radiate the joy of the gospel to those around us. St. Augustine tells us that there are two kinds of people and two kinds of love: "One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." We are what we love. God wants to free our hearts from all that would keep us captive to selfishness and sin. "Rend your hearts and not your garments" says the prophet Joel (Joel 2:12). Use this Season of Lent to the fullest – embrace the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church. Undergo a conversion of mind and heart. Conform your will to God's; don't ask God to conform his will to yours, as so many foolishly try to do. With the help of the Holy Spirit, become humble, transform your minds and hearts to be lead in God's way of truth and holiness.

Thursday, February 23 ~ The Day After Ash Wednesday

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:22-25 Jesus said to his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"

Meditation: Quite simply, the cross of Jesus Christ leads to freedom and victory over sin and death. We then need to ask ourselves: "What is the cross which Christ commands me to take up each day as his disciple?" When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can never outdo God in giving, no matter how abundant we try. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Are you ready to lose all for Christ in order to gain all with Christ?

Prayer: Turn our hearts to you, eternal Father, and grant that, seeking always the one thing necessary and carrying out works of charity, we may be dedicated to your worship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We need to ask ourselves: "What will I give to God in exchange for freedom and eternal life?" In thinking about this question, are you ready to part with anything that might keep you from following him and his perfect plan for your life? Jesus poses these questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. A true disciple is ready to give up all that he or she has in exchange for happiness and life with God. The life which God offers is abundant, everlasting life. And the joy which God places in our hearts no sadness or loss can diminish.

Friday, February 24 ~ The Friday After Ash Wednesday

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-15 The disciples of John approached Jesus and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

Meditation: What kind of fasting is pleasing to God? Fasting can be done for a variety of reasons – to gain freedom from some bad habit, addiction, or vice, to share in the suffering of those who go without, or to grow in our hunger for God and for the things of heaven. Basil the Great wrote: "Take heed that you do not make fasting to consist only in abstinence from meats. True fasting is to refrain from vice. Shred to pieces all your unjust contracts. Pardon your neighbors. Forgive them their trespasses." Do you hunger for more of God and for his holiness and for the abundant life he has to offer you?

Prayer: Show gracious favor, O Lord, we pray, to the works of penance we have begun, that we may have strength to accomplish with sincerity the bodily observances we undertake. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We must remember that hungering for God and fasting for his kingdom go hand in hand. When asked why he and his disciples did not fast Jesus used the vivid picture of a wedding celebration. In Jesus' time the newly wed celebrated their honeymoon at home for a whole week with all the guests! This was a time of great feasting and celebrating. Jesus points to himself as the bridegroom and his disciples as the bridegroom's friends. He alludes to the fact that God takes delight in his people as a groom delights in his bride (Isaiah 62:5). To be in God's presence is pure delight and happiness. But Jesus also reminds his followers that there is a time for fasting and for humbling oneself in preparation for the coming of God's kingdom and for the return of the Messianic King. The Lord's disciples must also bear the cross of affliction and purification. For the disciple there is both a time for rejoicing in the Lord's presence and celebrating his goodness and a time for seeking the Lord with humility, fasting, and mourning for sin. If we hunger for the Lord, he will not disappoint us. His grace draws us to his throne of mercy and favor. Do you seek the Lord with confident trust and allow his Holy Spirit to transform your life with his power and grace? If not, perhaps this is an area for you to work on during this Season of Lent.

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A REFLECTION AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Lent should be a long retreat, one in which under the guidance of the Church we are led to the practice of a more perfect Christian life. She shows us the example of Christ and by fasting and penance associates us with his sufferings that we may have a share in His redemption.

We should remember that Lent is not an isolated personal affair of our own. The Church avails herself of the whole of the mystery of redemption. We belong to an immense concourse, a great body in which we are united to the whole of humanity which has been redeemed by Christ. The liturgy of this season does not fail to remind us of it.

This, then, is the meaning of Lent for us: a season of deepening spirituality in union with the whole Church which thus prepares to celebrate the Paschal mystery. Each year, following Christ its Head, the whole Christian people takes up with renewed effort its struggle against evil, against Satan and the sinful man that each one of us bears within himself, in order at Easter to draw new life from the very springs of divine life and to continue its progress towards heaven. [*Excerpted from The Saint Andrew Daily Missal*]

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02/26 Ways to dive deep into the Season of Lent

- What is Lent?
- Remembering Our Lord's Passion
- Indoor Hockey
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- Night Prayer

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PARENT PSR MEETING – PLEASE ATTEND!

February 26 at 9:30-10:30 a.m. or March 1 at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. Lent prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why We Receive the Ashes

Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the 40 days of penance and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins – just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of 40 days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

Following this example of those who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told as the priest applies the ashes, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Feasting is highly inappropriate. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

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Soup at 6:00 p.m.

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Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

"The Last Four Things"

Tuesday February 28

"Death"

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Tuesday March 14

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Tuesday March 21

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LV 19:1-2, 17-18; PS 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 COR 3:16-23; MT 5:38-48

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Talk about setting the bar high! This verse at the end of today's Gospel passage from Matthew sets the tone for all of the readings this week. The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many. Our Lord gives us several illustrations today of this "foolish" concept: "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us "children of our heavenly Father." This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us. If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too. So, with God's grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less.

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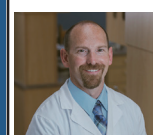
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