



# CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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**Rev. Mr. John Barbour**



COME NOW, KING OF HEROES! DO NOT  
DELAY TOO LONG! WE HAVE NEED  
OF MERCIES! THAT YOU WILL FREE US!

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## *Mass Schedule*

**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.

**Confessions**

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

**Bulletin Submission Deadline**

**Monday Noon**

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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, June 4 – The Most Holy Trinity

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

10:45 a.m. Kathryn & Nicholas Kaschak (RIP) by Jean McCallin

### Monday, June 5 – St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 a.m. Frances Starinchak (RIP) by Sally Branson

### Tuesday, June 6 – St. Norbert, Bishop

9:00 a.m. Scot Brown (RIP) by Roy & Dorothy Brown

### Wednesday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Marty Puckett (RIP) by Andy & Lisa Sloan

### Thursday, June 8

9:00 a.m. Karen Sullivan (RIP) by Tim Sullivan

### Friday, June 9 – St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Joe Prusaczyk (RIP) by Ginny & Debbie Prusaczyk

### Saturday, June 10

5:00 p.m. Fran Morris (RIP) by Vicki Baker

### Sunday, June 11 –

### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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

10:45 a.m. Tatla Dager (RIP) by Chuck & Terri Cera

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY JUNE 4, 2023 – YEAR A

### PRELUDE

'Allegro' from *Suite Gothique* (Boellmann, 1895)

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: O God, Almighty Father (#710)

GLORIA: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict (text: inside front cover or p. 6)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Dan. 3: Glory and praise for ever! (p. 165)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 165)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: All Hail, Adored Trinity (#713)

SANCTUS, MEM. ACC. A, AMEN, AGNUS DEI: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

COMMUNION: At That First Eucharist (#365, use **\*alt. verse 1\***)

COMMUNION 2: TBD

### CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: Holy, Holy, Holy (#213)

### POSTLUDE

Improvisation on NICAEA

### CANTORS

TBD

Ministry Scheduler Pro	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
June 3-4 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Stefanie Manley Andrew Morey	Dave Wolf	Arianna Carter Aaron Wolf
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Martin Flautt Sharon Martin	Thomas Bressoud	AJ Bergeron Annabell Bergeron
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Lisa Barrett Chandra Elder	Jason Winterhalter	Warren Moberg Peter Moberg
June 10-11: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Beverly Knoderer Jerod Long	Cheryl Boggess	Jude Long Dean Long
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Rita Baldwin Kathy Stukus	Philip Stukus	Andrew Harms Calvin Harms
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Robin Krempel Joe Krempel	Laura Collins	Avery Warling Anna Beth Zigan

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.



## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ Today's Responsorial Psalm contains what, at first glance, may look like a typo. The refrain text uses "for ever," while the verses use "forever." We in the United States generally use "forever" in all cases, but the Church's official English translations reflect the historical British distinction between the two spellings: *forever* meant "continually" and *for ever* meant "for eternity." On this Trinity Sunday, let us join English-speaking Catholics around the world as we promise to give glory and praise to God forever... and for ever.

~ Paul Radkowski, Music Director  
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## PLEASE REGISTER NOW FOR PSR 2023-2024

<https://forms.office.com/r/migV5CPP5Q>

Please include a copy of  
your child's Baptismal Certificate.

*Welcome Sunday* IS TODAY AFTER MASSES! The Knights of Columbus and the Welcome Committee invite all parishioners and visitors to the Parish Hall after Sunday Masses to enjoy donuts, coffee and juice. Please take time to stop by to visit with fellow parishioners, welcome new members and make a new friend! Thanks to our generous sponsors, all of your donations will go to support our seminarians and promote vocations. If you would like to sponsor a Donut Sunday, please contact Joe Coffey at [coffeybreak@yahoo.com](mailto:coffeybreak@yahoo.com).



*"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! To become 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) \_\_\_\_\_



## WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR RETURN TO ST. EDWARD

*We hope to see you return and be a part of the parish!  
We're waiting for you. Please know that we miss you.  
You are always welcome at St. Edward –  
no matter what.*



# Let's Celebrate Msgr. Enke's 23 years of Service

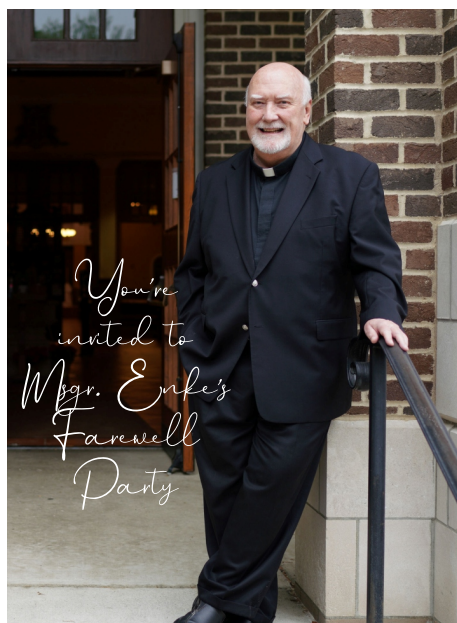


July 9, 2023  
Immediately following 10am Mass  
(1 Mass only - 10am)

## Luncheon in Parish Hall

Heavy hors d'oeuvres  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Chips  
Desserts

Kids Activities  
Tent on Back Lawn



**Mark Your Calendar for July 9th!**  
**Attend the Celebration**  
**To Wish Msgr. Enke a Fond Farewell**  
**Msgr. Enke will celebrate ONE MASS**  
**on July 9th at 10:00 a.m.**

**After Mass, there will be Lunch**  
**at Two Locations:**

**In the Parish Hall with Heavy Hors D'oeuvres**  
**and**

**A Back Lawn Cook-Out Under Tents with**  
**Super-Fun Activities for Kids of all ages**  
**Please Plan to Attend!**

**A box will be in the Gathering Space for your cards to Msgr. Enke**  
**after weekend Masses and in the office on weekdays.**



## 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*

Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Sign up on the St. Edward website homepage at [www.saintedwards.org](http://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.

**June Second Collections**  
**Catholic Home Missions – June 4**  
**SVDP – June 11**  
**Peter's Pence – June 25**



### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT A ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Could you spare a few hours a week/month to help at a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store? You will be blessed beyond measure.

If you can help in any way, please call or stop in at one of the thrift stores located at 200 E. Main Street (740-340-1600) or 135 Wilson Street (740-349-8425).

Thank you!



### Schedule Mass Intentions

- There are no weekend Mass Intentions left during 2023.
- There are various openings for weekday Mass Intentions from June through December.
- When you desire a specific date/s for Mass Intentions, it is recommended to contact Maggie Barno, who schedules Mass Intentions, by phone or e-mail at [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org) at least six (6) months before the desired date.
- Your requests for Masses are scheduled when received. If your requested date is already taken, we endeavor to reach you to schedule your Mass on a date that will suit you. Your patience is greatly appreciated.
- To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested when Mass Intentions are scheduled.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maggie at the office.



For Catholics to Return to Church  
For our Country

Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops to Share the Word of Christ  
Msgr. Enke, Fr. Hayes, & All Priests

For Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest  
Newly Confirmed, Baptized, Receivers of First Communion  
PSR and Youth Programs

All Sick & Homebound Parishioners  
All Persons Grieving a Loss  
All Volunteers of St. Edward's Parish  
The Parish Staff

~The St. Edward Prayer Chain Will Pray for Your Needs~  
Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayers.

## This Week at St. Edward

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

**Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions**

Welcome Sunday after Masses

Choir – 9:30 a.m. on Choir Loft



### MONDAY, JUNE 5

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Eucharist Adoration – 9:30 a.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Committee Meeting – 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Women of St. Edward – 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Book Study – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Paint & Wine – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall



The Food Pantry needs this week are peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables and canned soups. Toilet tissue is an ongoing need. Please put donations in the box in the Gathering Space or the wooden box outside of the Parish Office. Your continuous donations are a blessing to others. Thank you.



# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“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)

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*The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

***"Let us stand fast in what is right, and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God's strengthening aid and say to Him: "O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations." +SAINT BONIFACE***

### **Monday, June 5 ~ Ninth Week of Ordinary Time Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr ~ The Apostle of Germany**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 12:1-12** Jesus began to speak to the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and left on a journey. At the proper time he sent a servant to the tenants to obtain from them some of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent them another servant. And that one they beat over the head and treated shamefully. He sent yet another whom they killed. So, too, many others; some they beat, others they killed. He had one other to send, a beloved son. He sent him to them last of all, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come, put the tenants to death, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this Scripture passage: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?*" They were seeking to arrest him, but they feared the crowd, for they realized that he had addressed the parable to them. So they left him and went away.

**Meditation:** This parable speaks to each of us today as well. For it conveys important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Jesus foretold both his death and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and be killed, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory – the glory of resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. How do we share in this glory? By submitting to Jesus' kingly rule in our lives. Jesus promises that we will bear much fruit (certainly the fruit of peace, righteousness, and joy, and much more besides) if we abide in him (see John 15:1-11). The Lord also entrusts his gifts to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard – the body of Christ. He promises that our labor will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:58). We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you labor for the Lord with joyful hope and with confidence in his triumph?

**Prayer:** May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord, that we may firmly hold the faith he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood and confidently profess it by our deeds. 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.

**Prayer of Saint Boniface:** Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength; in our darkness, you are light; in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: for all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your

presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Contemplation:** What does Jesus' parable about an absentee landlord and his tenants say to us? The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite normal for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent. Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (ref. Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would likely understand this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

**About Saint Boniface:** St. Boniface, a monk of Exeter in England, is one of the great figures of the Benedictine Order and of the monastic apostolate in the Middle Ages. Gregory II sent him to preach the Gospel in Germany. He evangelized Hesse, Saxony and Thuringia and became Archbishop of Mainz. He well earned the title of Apostle of Germany, and Catholic Germany in our own times still venerates him as its father in the faith. He was put to death by the Frisians at Dokkum in 754 during the last of his missionary journeys. The famous abbey of Fulda, where his body lies, has remained the national shrine of Catholic Germany.

## **Tuesday, June 6 ~ Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Saint Norbert, Bishop**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 12:13-17** Some Pharisees and Herodians were sent to Jesus to ensnare him in his speech. They came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you are not concerned with anyone's opinion. You do not regard a person's status but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or should we not pay?" Knowing their hypocrisy he said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius to look at." They brought one to him and he said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They replied to him, "Caesar's." So Jesus said to them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." They were utterly amazed at him.

**Meditation:** What do we owe God and what's our obligation towards others? Paul the Apostle tells us that we must give each what is their due (ref. Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state dispute over the issue of taxes. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he would make a statement they could use against him. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish populace who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested. Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

**Prayer:** O God, who made the Bishop Saint Norbert a servant of your Church outstanding in his prayer and pastoral zeal, grant, we ask, that by the help of his intercession, the flock of the faithful may always find shepherds after your own heart and be fed in the pastures of salvation. 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:** This passage has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness (ref. Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong, not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (ref. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (ref. Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you give to God what rightfully belongs to Him?

## **Wednesday, June 7 ~ Ninth Week of Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 12:18-27** Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and put this question to him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no descendants. So the second brother married her and died, leaving no descendants, and the third likewise. And the seven left no descendants. Last of all

the woman also died. At the resurrection when they arise whose wife will she be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled."

**Meditation:** Among the many problems of the Sadducees, they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their own eyes. Are we not often like them? We often don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven. Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the resurrection. The scriptures give proof of it. In Exodus 3:6, God calls himself the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death.

**Prayer:** Father, your love never fails. Hear our call. Keep us from danger and provide for all our needs. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** As Psalm 73:23-24 states: "I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory." The Holy Spirit reveals to us the eternal truths of God's unending love and the life he desires to share with us for all eternity. Paul the Apostle, quoting from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4; 65:17) states: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit (ref. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10). The promise of paradise – heavenly bliss and unending life with an all-loving God – is beyond human reckoning. We have only begun to taste the first-fruits! Do you believe the scriptures? If so, do you know the power of the Holy Spirit?

### **Thursday, June 8 ~ Ninth Week of Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34** One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, *He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.*" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**Meditation:** What is the purpose of God's law or commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will.

**Prayer:** Father, your love never fails. Hear our call. Keep us from danger and provide for all our needs. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. So ask yourself: Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Paul the Apostle says: hope does not disappoint us,



because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (ref. Romans 5:5). Do you know the love which conquers all?

## **Friday, June 9 ~ Ninth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 12:35-37** As Jesus was teaching in the temple area he said, "How do the scribes claim that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said: *The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet.'* David himself calls him 'lord'; so how is he his son?" The great crowd heard this with delight.

**Meditation:** Do you acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord over all? It is the work of the Holy Spirit to make Christ known to us. That is why Jesus stated that King David could proclaim that his future heir would be both Messiah (the Hebrew word for Christ or the Anointed One) and his Lord. Among the Jews the most common title for the Messiah was the Son of David. The Jews looked forward to the long-expected Savior who would come from the line of David. Jesus was often addressed with that title, especially by the crowds (Mark 10:47ff, Matthew 9:27; 12:23). Jesus not only asserts that the Messiah is David's son, and that he is, indeed, David's son, but, that he is not only David's son, but also his Lord. Paul the Apostle states that no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3).

**Prayer:** Pour into our hearts O Lord, we pray, the Holy Spirit, at whose prompting the Deacon Saint Ephrem exulted in singing of your mysteries and from whom he received the strength to serve you alone. 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:** Have you ever given any real thought to what it means when you acknowledge that Jesus is Lord? The word *Lord* means "ruler" or "king" – the one who is owed "fealty" and "submission". The Lord or Master of our lives is the person or thing we give our lives over to or submit to in a full way. We can be ruled by many things – our unruly passions, the love of money, alcohol, drugs, etc. Only one Lord can truly set us free to love and to be loved as God intended from the beginning. When we acknowledge that Jesus is Lord we invite him to be the king of our heart and the ruler of our thoughts, relationships, and all that we do. Is the Lord Jesus the true king of your heart and mind? Do you give him free reign in every area of your life?

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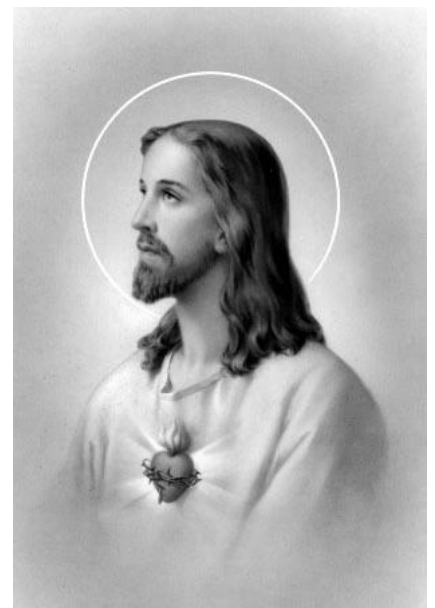
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## *The Month of June ~ Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* *Intercessory Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

O Lord Jesus Christ, to Your Most Sacred Heart I confide this intention {***name petition***}. Only look upon me, then do what Your love inspires. Let Your Sacred Heart decide. I count on You. I trust in You. I throw myself on Your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one. Take it, place it in Your open Heart.

When the Eternal Father looks upon it, He will see it covered with Your Precious Blood. It will be no longer my prayer, but Yours, Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Let me not be disappointed. Amen.



## Know Your Saints



**St. Boniface** ~ known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: His Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome. How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. He found that Christianity had lapsed into paganism. Boniface reported this on his return visit to Rome and the Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church.

He was eminently successful. In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control. During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for Confirmation. In order to restore the Germanic Church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, Boniface had been guided by two principles: to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome; and to establish many houses of prayer which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. A great number of Anglo-Saxon monks and nuns followed him to the continent, where he introduced the Benedictine nuns to the active apostolate of education.

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**JUNE 4, 2023 –  
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
EX 34:4B-6, 8-9; DN 3:52-56;  
2 COR 13:11-13; JN 3:16-18

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Holy Trinity is the “central mystery of the Christian faith” (261). The concept of the Triune God – Three Persons in one God – is truly a mystery, almost too lofty for us ordinary people to even begin to grasp. Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Actually, yes!

St. John Paul II described the Holy Trinity as a “Divine Family,” a community of Persons Who give Themselves completely to each other and Who wishes to share Itself, Its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too, are called to share ourselves and our lives with others.

Our Gospel passage from John reminds us that the stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life.” He gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for the love of us. We must love this God back now by giving ourselves, our lives, to Him.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the “grace of the Lord, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us.” The God of the universe – this mysterious, Triune God – invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

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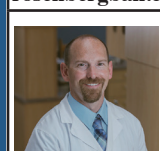
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