



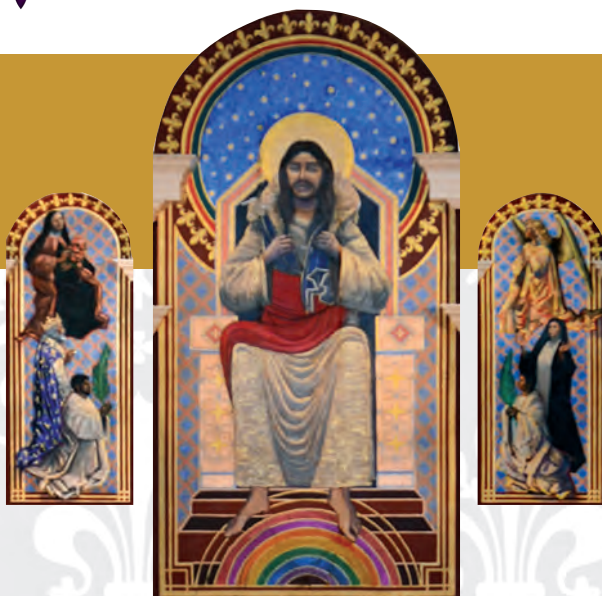
CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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Deacon

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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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. Edison & Mickey Smith (RIP) by Anita Smith

10:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Edward Parish

Monday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. George Castro (RIP) by Charles & JoAnne Hohman

Tuesday, August 29 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. Dot Humiston (RIP) by Dave & Kathy Wilkin

Wednesday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Allie Coleman (Birthday) by Mark & Paula Coleman

Thursday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Elaine Hayes (RIP) by Susan Carter Hayes

Friday, September 1 ~ First Friday

9:00 a.m. James Galliccho (Birthday) by The Cannon Family

Saturday, September 2 ~ First Saturday

5:00 p.m. Frances Starinchak (RIP) by Sally Branson

Sunday, September 3 –

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:45 a.m. John Carpenter (Birthday) by Maggie Barno

From Fr. Tim: I invite you to pray as I bow toward the congregation: "Lord, give him the homily You want me to hear. Give me the ears to hear it, the heart to receive it, and the grace to put it into practice in my life."

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45: Praeludium and Fugue, No. 13 from *Ariadne Musica* (J.C.F. Fischer, 1656-1746)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: From All That Dwell Below the Skies (#548)

GLORIA: A New Mass for Congregation (text: inside front cover or p. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 138: Lord, your love is eternal... (p. 193)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 194)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: Beautiful Savior (#196)

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: For the Beauty of the Earth (#614)

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: Now Thank We All Our God (#200)

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott (G. Liardon, 1973-2018)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Kayla Drummond

8:15 a.m.: TBD

10:45 a.m.: Beth Spieles

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ One of today's designated Communion antiphons is taken and adapted from Psalm 104: "The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart." Today's Communion hymn – "For the Beauty of the Earth" – offers praise and thanksgiving for many of those fruits. It culminates in Verse 5, which gives thanks for Jesus, the "Gift Divine, to our world so freely given." May we always be grateful for God's gifts to us, especially the consecrated bread and wine that are the Eucharist, the very Body and Blood of Christ.

♪ **Choir resumes on Thursday, September 7!** We practice on Thursdays from 7:00-8:15 p.m. on the loft. On Sundays, we rehearse at 9:30 a.m. and sing for the 10:45 a.m. Mass. We are always welcoming adults and teens. Singers need to be able to match pitch (to sing on key), but no prior choral experience or special musical skills are necessary. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact me, Paul Radkowski, at music@saintedwards.org or 740-587-3254.

Paul Radkowski, Music Director

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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits that prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls.



PSR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10!

Register Now for PSR 2023-2024. Please include a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.



Please put Food Pantry 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!



*"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) _____

WORD FROM YOUR NEW PASTOR



Dear Parishioners:

If all goes well, I will be back in the USA by the time you receive this. It may be that I am able to be present for one of the Masses of the weekend to greet you in person. Foreign travel can be tricky even in the best of



times. Now, post-9/11 and post-COVID, it is quite an ordeal. Do some of you recall when travel itself was fun? It used to be a family adventure to see the traveler off at the airport, sitting in the same lounge as all the passengers. Then upon returning, the passengers could expect to have a greeting party in the lounge awaiting their return. Now, instead, we have a quick drop-off at the door and a call when the plane has landed to have a driver meet you after the final ordeal of baggage claim.

Due to Covid, I have not done much travel recently, but I have learned some tricks that make the time go by. Use of media such as phones and notebook computers are the norm for most travelers. However, it is often more fun to do some people watching. Families with children traveling with them can be especially entertaining. If you have a layover, making a call to friends who live in the same city as the airport where you are waiting can renew friendships and contacts. Reading a book that you have brought along or picked up at a newsstand can be something different than just doing work on the computer. As I travel over particular areas, I take time to pray for all the people we are passing over, in awe of the fact that one day God will gather us all into the Kingdom.

I look forward to entering into our life together in Granville in earnest. Jet-lag will hold onto me for a while, so I may be a bit bleary when you see me at first. It is harder for me traveling from East to West. Please don't be offended if I yawn. It is nothing personal! By the way, while I was away, I turned 64. So, my 65th year of life on the planet has begun. May we continue our journey together in peace and joy. May we all be One!

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes, Pastor

Catholic Lecture Series at Denison University Swasey Chapel

By Fr. William Slattery, PhD, STL

Mass at 6:00 p.m., August 27

Lecture Theme: *Ultramodern Christianity in the light of the Quantum Physics: Why It Can Revolutionize Worldview and Reenchants Lifestyle*

Lecture Time: Every Sunday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.,
starting September 3

Social Time and refreshments follow the lecture.

VENDORS NEEDED



Dec. 2nd 9am-3pm

785 Newark-Granville Road | Granville, Ohio 43023

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 –

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

PSR PARENT MEETING – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Hall
(Attend Sunday or Wednesday)

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ghiloni

Eucharist Adoration – 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Mass – 9 a.m. Fr. Hayes

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Hayes

PSR PARENT MEETING – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hall
(Attend Sunday or Wednesday)

Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Hayes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Hayes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m. Fr. Hayes

NO Saturday Men's Fellowship –
next Fellowship - September 9

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Mass – 8:15 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Second Collection - SVDP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

OFFICE CLOSED



Women of St. Edward

WOMEN OF ST. EDWARD

KICK OFF A NEW YEAR!

WHEN: September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

FOR: All Women of the Parish

Special parish events during the year happen because of the dedication of the WOMEN OF ST. EDWARD (WSE), such as:

Santa's Attic on November 4 and the
Christmas Bazaar on December 2.

Funeral Luncheons after a Funeral Mass
when requested by grieving families.

Women's Study Groups such as

A Biblical Walk with The Blessed Mother, Walking with Purpose, and Women's Evening Retreat (on May 6).

Service Projects include the Duffel Bag Project for foster children; blankets for Nationwide Children's Hospital; collecting decorative pins for the Turban Project for cancer patients.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on second Thursdays of the month from September through May.

Women ~ PLEASE JOIN WOMEN OF ST. EDWARD!

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
August 26-27: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	S.A. Beaver Jerod Long	Cheryl Boggess	Case Long Jude Long
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Lisa Sloan Kris Whiting	Michael Whiting	A.J. Bergeron Tori Helgerman
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Joe Krempel Robin Krempel	Sheila Heist	Shelby Heist Anna Beth Zigan
September 2-3: The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Kiebel Mary Maltry	Charles Peterson	Warren Moberg Leah Moberg
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Cindy Barbour Johnda Orndorff	Selma Leshner	Colin Oncken Kiera Oncken
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Lisa Barrett Emily Dunbar	Stephanie Dodd	Amanda Dunbar Avery Warling

 Ministry Scheduler Pro Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.



Schedule Mass Intentions

- **Mass Intentions for 2024 are now open.**
- There are two weekday Mass Intentions available in December.
- **Contact Maggie Barno to schedule Mass Intentions at maggie@saintedwards.org, or call her at the office at 740-587-3254, or put your Mass Intention envelope in the collection basket.**
- **When you desire a specific date/s for Mass Intentions, please contact Maggie at least six (6) months before the desired date.**
- If the date you requested for a Mass Intention is already taken, we endeavor 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.

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

OFFERTORY

August 19/20

\$ 21,255.00

Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Sign up on the St. Edward website home page 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.

September Second Collections

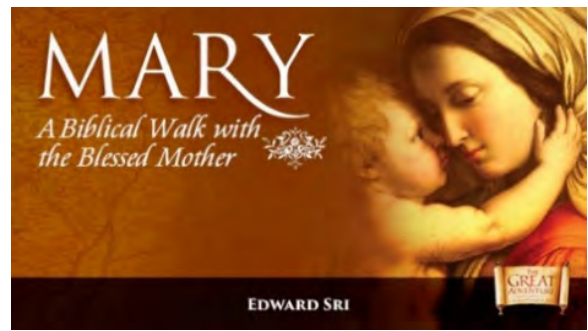
September 1 – SVDP

September 16/17 – Church in Africa



EARLY FALL GETAWAY!

Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Apply today! The next weekend is **September 8-10** in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

This beautiful study for the Women of St. Edward begins on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Enke Hall or on Wednesday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge.

Have you ever wondered why Mary is so important to our faith as Catholics? We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, in the Rosary, and in Marian devotions. We honor her with special feasts celebrating the significant events in her life. We place images of her in our churches and homes.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, is an extraordinary eight-week study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, you will be in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Sign-up/registrations and study schedule will be available in the Gathering Space after Masses on August 26/27 and September 2/3.

Questions? Call Janice Schroeder at 419-265-2066 or email sjschroed313@gmail.com.



ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL

There is still time to register for St. Edward's Preschool for the 2023-2024 preschool year:

We now have two spots that just opened in our Pre-K PM (4/5-year-old) classes, as well as three spots open in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning (4-year-old) class, and several spots available in our Tuesday/Thursday (TR) morning (3-year-old) classes. Packets of registration information are on a table outside St. Edward's Preschool Office, in the Gathering Space, and downloadable on the Preschool page on the parish website at <https://saintedwards.org>. There is also a QR code available on the form or a link on the website for families to register and pay the registration fee online!



"You Are Peter."

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was.



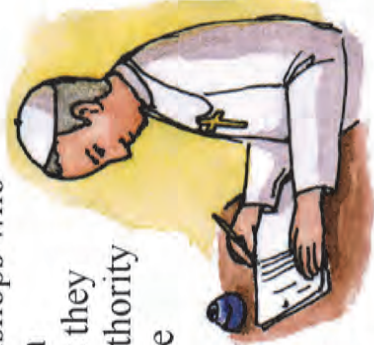
When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church.

He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?



Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5. Netherworld 7. on 9. be 10. give 11. rock 13. head 14. in 17. flesh 19. Jesus 21. set (or put) 22. name 23. have 24. son DOWN: 1. Peter 2. Church 3. are 4. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father 18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he

The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27th, 2023

What I told you was of God



You are
the Christ,
the Son of
the living
God.

Blessed
be you who
boldly testify
before men
and women
that you are
Christ's
witness



What were Peter and
Jesus saying in today's
Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror
to find out!

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

BIRTHDAY: JUNE 24

DEATH: AUGUST 29



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST IS LIKE A SIGN-POST THAT POINTS TO JESUS. EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS WEIRD, HE PREACHED THE TRUTH. HE EVEN GAVE UP HIS FREEDOM AND HIS LIFE FOR THE TRUTH. LIKE ST. JOHN, OUR LIVES SHOULD BE LIKE SIGNS THAT DIRECT PEOPLE TO GOD AND TO THE TRUTH.

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"Who do you say that I am?"

CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."

6. "..._____ this rock I will build my Church..."

9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."

10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."

11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."

13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.

14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."

17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."

19. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.

22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.

23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."

24. "_____ You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"

1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."

2. "On this rock I will build my _____."

3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."

4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."

6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"

8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."

10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"

12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."

15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?

16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.

17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.

18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."

19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____"

20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.

23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.

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 August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**"Faith is to believe what you do not see;
the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." +Saint Augustine**

**Monday, August 28 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22 Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna twice as much as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.' Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If one swears by the altar, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gift on the altar, one is obligated.' You blind ones, which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? One who swears by the altar swears by it and all that is upon it; one who swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it; one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it."

Meditation: Jesus was angry with the religious leaders because they failed to listen to God's word and they misled the people they were supposed to teach and lead in the ways of God. Jesus gave a series of examples to show how misguided they were. In their zeal to win converts, they required unnecessary and burdensome rules which obscured the more important matters of religion, such as love of God and love of neighbor. They were leading people to "Pharisaism" rather than to God. They failed as religious leaders to teach others the way of God's kingdom because they failed to listen to and to understand the intention of God's word. Through their own pride and prejudice they blindly shut the door of their own hearts and minds to God's understanding of his kingdom.

Prayer: Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, that spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love. 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: How can we shut the door of God's kingdom in our lives? By closing our ears to Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14; 19:16), who speaks words of life and love, truth and freedom, hope and pardon. The Lord Jesus wants to dwell with us and to bring us his kingdom. He opens the way for each of us to "ascend to heaven" and to bring "heaven to earth" in the daily circumstances of our lives. God's kingdom is present in all who seek him and who do his will. Do you pray as Jesus taught, "May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10)?

**Tuesday, August 29 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:17-29 Herod was the one who had John the Baptist arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him. She had an opportunity one day when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers, his military officers, and the leading men of Galilee. Herodias' own daughter came in and performed a dance that

delighted Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask of me whatever you wish and I will grant it to you." He even swore many things to her, "I will grant you whatever you ask of me, even to half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried back to the king's presence and made her request, "I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was deeply distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests he did not wish to break his word to her. So he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Meditation: Are you prepared to be a witness, and if necessary, a martyr for Jesus Christ? John the Baptist bridged the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who pointed the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. Jesus equated the coming of his kingdom with violence. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force (Matthew 11:12). John suffered violence for announcing that the kingdom of God was near. He was thrown into prison and then beheaded. Why did Herod put John to death when he knew him to be a righteous and holy man? Herod was a weak ruler. He could take a strong stand on the wrong things when he knew the right. Such a stand, however, was a sign of weakness and cowardice. Unfortunately for Herod, he could not rid himself of sin by ridding himself of the man who confronted him with his sin.

Prayer: O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. 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: Since John's martyrdom to the present times the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence and persecution at the hands of violent people. The blood of Christian martyrs throughout the ages bear witness to this fact. Their testimony to the truth of the Gospel and their willingness to suffer and die for their faith prove victory rather than defeat for the kingdom of God. Through Christ's victory on the cross they obtain the glorious crown of victory and everlasting life with Jesus Christ. What gives us the power, boldness, and courage to witness to Jesus Christ and to the truth of the Gospel? The Holy Spirit fills us with courage, love, and boldness to make Jesus Christ known and loved. We do not need to fear those who oppose the timeless truths of the Gospel, because the love of Jesus Christ is stronger than fear and death itself. His love conquers all – even our fears and timidity in the face of opposition and persecution. We can trust in his grace and help at all times. Are you ready to make Christ known and loved wherever and whenever, and if necessary to suffer for his sake and for the sake of the Gospel?

Wednesday, August 30 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32 Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth. Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the memorials of the righteous, and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets' blood.' Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets; now fill up what your ancestors measured out!"

Meditation: Jesus used strong language to warn the religious leaders about the vanity of appearance and pretense. In Palestine tombs were often placed by the sides of roads. They were painted white which made them glisten in the midday sun, especially around the time of the great feasts, so that people would not accidentally touch them and incur ritual impurity. Jesus warns that what truly corrupts a person is not ritual impurity but the impurity of sinful thoughts and attitudes – pride, greed, sloth, envy, hatred, gluttony, and lust - which lead to sinful behavior. The scribes and Pharisees were intensely religious in their outward observances, but their outward show didn't match the inner reality of the state of their hearts. They not only neglected the poor and the weak, but they were intolerant towards anyone who challenged their idea of religion. That is why so many of the prophets in past ages – who warned about tolerating evil desires and unjust behavior towards one neighbor – were persecuted and even killed by their own rulers and people.

Prayer: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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: Jesus chastised the religious leaders for being double-minded and for demanding from others standards which they refused to satisfy. They professed admiration for the prophets by building their tombs while at the same time they opposed the prophets' message and closed their ears to the word of God. They shut themselves to heaven and they hindered others from understanding God's word. They rejected Jesus as their Messiah because their hearts were blinded and hardened to the voice of God. Only the humble of heart can receive from God true wisdom and understanding, pardon and healing. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew our minds and hearts and to teach us God's way of love and holiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to purify your heart and mind and to fill you with the wisdom and understanding of God's word.

About Saint Augustine: Augustine Aurelius was born on November 13, 354, in Tagaste, North Africa. His father was a pagan, his mother, St. Monica. Still unbaptized and burning for knowledge, he came under the influence of the Manicheans, which caused his mother intense sorrow. He left Africa for Rome, deceiving his mother, who was ever anxious to be near him. She prayed and wept. Yet the evil spirit drove him constantly deeper into moral degeneracy, capitalizing on his leaning toward pride and stubbornness. Grace was playing a waiting game; there still was time, and the greater the depths into which the evil spirit plunged its fledgling, the stronger would be the reaction. Augustine recognized this vacuum; he saw how the human heart is created with a great abyss; the earthly satisfactions that can be thrown into it are no more than a handful of stones that hardly cover the bottom. And in that moment grace was able to break through: Restless is the heart until it rests in God. The tears of his mother, the sanctity of Milan's Bishop Ambrose, the book of St. Anthony the hermit, and the sacred Scriptures wrought his conversion, which was sealed by baptism on Easter night 387. Augustine's mother went to Milan with joy and witnessed her son's baptism. It was what it should have been, the greatest event of his life, his conversion — *metanoia*. Grace had conquered. Augustine accompanied his mother to Ostia, where she died. In 391 he was ordained priest at Hippo, in 394 made coadjutor to bishop Valerius, and then from 396 to 430 bishop of Hippo. Augustine, numbered among the four great Doctors of the Western Church, possessed one of the most penetrating minds of ancient Christendom. He was the most important Platonist of patristic times, the Church's most influential theologian, especially with regard to clarifying the dogmas of the Trinity, grace, and the Church. He was a great speaker, a prolific writer, a saint with an inexhaustible spirituality. His *Confessions*, a book appreciated in every age, describes a notable portion of his life (until 400), his errors, his battles, his profound religious observations. Famous too is his work *The City of God*, a worthy memorial to his genius, a philosophy of history. Most edifying are his homilies, especially those on the psalms and on the Gospel of St. John. As an emblem Christian art accords him a burning heart to symbolize the ardent love of God which permeates all his writings.

Thursday, August 31 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:42-51 Jesus said to his disciples: "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Meditation: When God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world it was to rescue us from ourselves, from the tyranny of sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross and his triumphant victory over the grave won pardon for us and reconciliation with our heavenly Father, and the promise of everlasting life and joy in his kingdom. The Lord Jesus told his disciples on a number of occasions that he would return again at the end of this present age, not simply to rescue us again from our enemies, but as a victor King and Lord who will vindicate all who have believed in him, How? By releasing us from the curse of death and condemnation and restoring for us the plan he had from the beginning of creation – a new heaven and a new earth for a people perfectly united with God in peace, joy, and harmony forever. This is the background to Jesus parable in today's Gospel about the householder and the thief in the night. When

the Lord Jesus returns, he doesn't want to find us flirting with the enemy or worse joining forces with enemies who are opposed to God and his kingdom. He wants to see us fully aligned with him, and invites us constantly to do so when Jesus says "follow me."

Prayer: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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: And so Jesus invites us to follow him, time and time again. But ask yourself: Do I take up Jesus on his invitation? If I do follow him, I am truly attentive to his teachings by embracing them and living them, so that I am ready to meet him when he calls each of us to himself. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit so that we may have the wisdom, help, and strength we need to turn away from sin to embrace God's way of love, justice, and holiness. The Lord's warning of judgment causes dismay for those who are unprepared, but it brings joyful hope to those who eagerly wait for his return in glory. God's judgment is good news for those who are ready to meet him. Their reward is God himself, the source of all truth, beauty, goodness, love and everlasting life.

Friday, September 1 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Meditation: Jesus' story of ten single ladies waiting for a wedding procession in the middle of the night seem strange to us today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well how easily this could happen to them. To show up for a wedding party without proper attire and travel arrangements is like trying to get into a special event today that requires a prearranged permit or reservation. You just don't get in without the proper pass. Can you imagine the frustration travelers might experience when going abroad and finding out that they can't get into some country because they don't have the right visa or a valid passport?

Prayer: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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: Jesus warns us that there are consequences for being unprepared. When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing, and many have trained themselves to not hear. We will not be prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today, and be "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22), in addition to making a good confession when we are in a state of sin – especially serious (mortal) sin – so that, absolved from our sin, we are in a state of grace. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. The question is, are you ready?

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St. Vincent Haven

Fall Fling

Thursday, September 14, 2023



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This year's Fall Fling gives us another opportunity to highlight three of our Haven's Heroes, Michele & Steve Layman and Kathi Jackson, for their extraordinary service to The Haven and our community.

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The Search for Truth

Having been reared in a Christian house, Augustine turned first to the Bible. He was not prepared to receive the wisdom of Sacred Scripture, however, and found holy writ gross and illogical. He then joined the sect of the Manichees (a group dedicated to a basically dualistic form of eclectic esoterism). Returning to Thagaste, he opened a school of "grammar" and rhetoric with the help of a benefactor, but the life he led did not please him, so he returned to Carthage with hope for a better future there. He continued to be dissatisfied. His thirst for truth was not slaked by the Manichaeian doctrine. The young and promising rhetor went in search of new shores, and in 382, he moved to Rome with his companion and son, without informing his mother, who had reached Carthage in the meantime. Augustine maintained his contacts with the Manichaeans, from whom he received financial support and encouragement. Later, he would come to understand that Providence also operates in one's wrong choices. His career began to advance full-sail, and in 384 he earned the chair of rhetoric in Milan. Nevertheless, his inner turmoil continued to torment him.

Conversion

Augustine's ambition is satiated at Milan, but his heart continued restless. He listened to the sermons of Bishop Ambrose. He wanted to overwhelm Ambrose's dialectics, and instead the words of the Bishop touched him to the quick. Meanwhile, his mother Monica came to join him in Milan, and she accompanied him with her prayers. Augustine grew ever closer to the Catholic Church and entered the catechumenate. Desiring a Christian wife, he sent his concubine to Africa. Still troubled, Augustine devoured philosophical texts and plunged into Sacred Scripture. Tempted by the experience of Greek thinkers, and attracted to the lifestyle of Christian ascetics, he cannot make up his mind. One day in August, 386, disoriented and confused, weeping in a garden, he seemed to hear a voice: *Tolle! Lege!* ("Pick it up and read"). He considered the voice an invitation to turn to Paul's letters, a copy of which was on a nearby table, and opened them at random. (Rm 13, 13-14) The lines were decisive for him. He decided to change his life and to devote himself to God. He was baptized by Ambrose in the night on April 24, 387, and wishing to return to Africa, travels to Rome to embark from the port city, Ostia, where his mother, Monica, died before taking ship.

The First Augustinian Community

Augustine founded his first community in his hometown, Thagaste. In 390 he found himself in Hippo, in the basilica where Bishop Valerius was talking to his faithful about the need for a priest in his diocese. Alerted to his presence among them, the congregation pushes Augustine to the fore, and insists that Valerius ordain him. He eventually became Bishop of Hippo, succeeding Valerius, and left countless writings behind, in which he carried forward his lifelong project of truth-seeking through faith and reason.

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Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

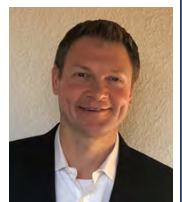
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