



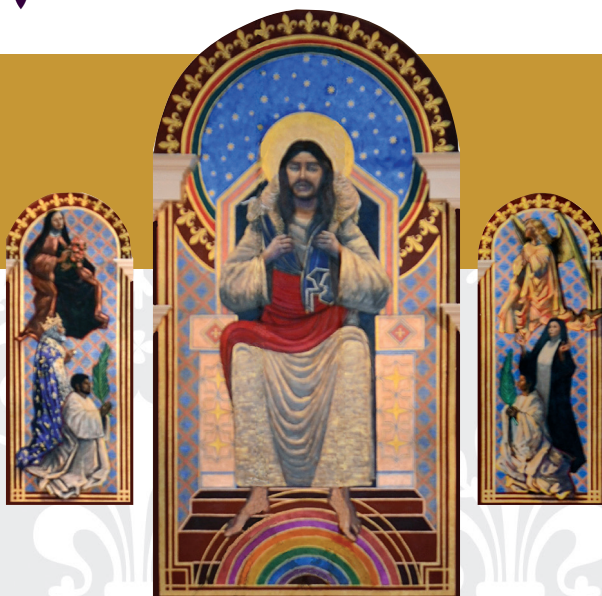
# CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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**Rev. Timothy M. Hayes**

*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, September 24 – 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

10:45 a.m. Catherine Wesdock Test (RIP) by Catherine Dollard Burczak

**Monday, September 25**

9:00 a.m. Howard Varley (RIP) by Nancy Zeller

**Tuesday, September 26 – Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. Mark Stewart (RIP) by Office Staff of Dr. Mark Stewart

**Wednesday, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

9:00 a.m. Agnes Smith (RIP, Birthday) by Charles &amp; JoAnne Hohman

**Thursday, September 28 – St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;****St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. John Kinney (RIP, Birthday) by Diane Kinney

**Friday, September 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Vicki Kiser by Patty Gaul

**Saturday, September 30 – St. Gerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

5:00 p.m. Mickey Smith (RIP) by Anita Smith

**Sunday, October 1 – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

10:45 a.m. Living & Deceased of Wagner & Fox Families  
by Leo & Suzanne Fox*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.”***25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 – YEAR A****PRELUDE****INTRODUCTORY RITES**

OPENING: Come Now, Almighty King (#712)

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

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 145: The Lord is near... (p. 201)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (p. 201)

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

PREP. OF GIFTS: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (#629)

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: Loving and Forgiving (#664)

COMMUNION 2 (8:15 &amp; 10:45 a.m.): designated antiphon

**CONCLUDING RITE**

CLOSING: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#555)

**POSTLUDE****CANTORS**

5:00 p.m.: Kevin Skinner

8:15 a.m.: Karen Bovenizer

10:45 a.m.: Griffin Helms

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

♪ We usually know who wrote the hymn texts that we sing, but “Come Now, Almighty King” (today’s opening hymn) is an exception. In 1757, it was printed on a small pamphlet inserted into a British hymnal, but no author was mentioned. In the centuries since then, it has been published in hundreds of hymnals. Some of them have speculated that it was written by Charles Wesley, but most often, it is simply listed as “Anon.” or “Anonymous.” It is usually paired with the ITALIAN HYMN melody by Felice de Giardini. In this week to come, may God indeed bless us, fill us with righteousness, rule in every heart, and never from us depart.

Paul Radkowski, Music Director  
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The parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Crecca, beloved son of parishioner Jodie Crecca. *May he rest in eternal peace in the presence of God.*



*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.*

**A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners:

September has been a busy month! Now that Fall has arrived, we are all engaged in a variety of pursuits. Little by little, I am getting the lay of the land. I have indicated that I do not plan to make any major changes for six months to a year since I am the change. However, I want to be sure that my priorities are clear and when the time comes for our review of things, we will be able to head in the same direction.

Personal priorities for all of us are these: God is first. If you are married, then your spouse is first after God. Being faithful to our vocation as Christians and in whatever state in life we have entered are primary.

The Diocese of Columbus has set our priorities as the Church of Columbus as three: Evangelization, Vocations and this year, Eucharistic Revival. My priorities in the parish are intended to foster these. They are three: Communication, Teamwork and Cross-Generational Conversation (sharing Faith and Wisdom).

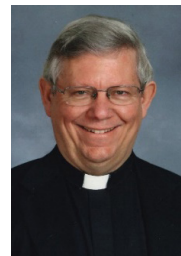
All that we do together ought to reflect these priorities. Taking these into consideration, you need to set your personal and family priorities. Be sure that God and participation in the life of the Church are at the top for you and all else will fall into place.

We want to congratulate St. Edward’s folks who were honored recently at the St. Vincent Haven Fall Fling that was celebrated September 14. Msgr. Paul Enke gave the opening prayer and received a “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his years of service in Licking County. Our parishioner Kathi Jackson was named the 2023 Haven Hero. Congratulations to these faithful witnesses. I encourage everyone to support St. Vincent Haven. They serve as a beacon of hope for our community in a wonderful way.

All families in the parish are invited to find their own way of taking the Gospel out into the community by participation in some activity that promotes justice and cooperation. This is the way to put the Gospel into practice that allows God’s light to shine through us.

*Rev. Timothy M. Hayes*

Pastor



Blessing of the Animals is Wednesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. outdoors on the lawn in front of the church. Bring your pets for a special blessing from Fr. Tim.

*Women*  
of St. Edward

*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 Hall or on Wednesday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge.

## This Week at St. Edward

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m., Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m., Fr. Hayes

NO PSR (due to Monday off from Granville schools)

OCIA (former RCIA) – noon-1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Youth Group – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Catholic Lecture Series by Fr. William Slattery – 7:30 p.m.

at Swasey Chapel: Starlit Walk: *Why Ultramodern Astrophysics and Microbiology Confirm the Christian Vision and Re-Enchant Worldview*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Mass – 9:00 a.m., Fr. Ghiloni

Adoration after Mass to 11:30 a.m.

Women's Study – *A Biblical Walk with Mary* – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Mass – 9:00 a.m., Fr. Hayes

Preschool

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Mass – 9:00 a.m., Fr. Hayes

Preschool

Women's Study – *A Biblical Walk with Mary* – 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge

PSR – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Painting Class – 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Mass – 9:00 a.m., Fr. Hayes

Preschool

Santa's Attic Meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Mass – 9:00 a.m., Fr. Hayes

Preschool

Painting Class – 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m.

Confession – 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m., Fr. Hayes

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Mass – 8:15 a.m., Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m., Fr. Hayes

Welcome Sunday after Masses in the Parish Hall

PSR – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

OCIA (former RCIA) – noon-1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Youth Group – 6:00-8:00 p.m.



### ~ 2024 MASS INTENTIONS NOW OPEN ~

- Contact Maggie Barno to schedule Mass Intentions at [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org), call Maggie at the office at 740-587-3254, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays, 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 four to six (4 to 6) months before the desired date.
- If the date you request 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

September 17

\$ 21,285.00

The Church in Africa

\$ 1,168.00

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.

## VENDORS NEEDED

Church of St. Edward the Confessor

# Christmas BAZAAR

Dec. 2nd 9am-3pm

785 Newark-Granville Road | Granville, Ohio 43023



### PRO-LIFE POSTER CONTEST!

FOR: GRADES K through 12 (One Entry Per Student)

Student's Original Art – NO Collaboration – NO Photocopies

POSTER THEME: "Everybody Has a Beating Heart"

POSTER SIZE: 9" x 12"

DUE BY: September 30 ~ in the box in the Gathering Space

CASH PRIZES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL!

Grade Levels: K-2; 3-5; 6-8; 9-12

Sponsored by Pro-Life Ministry.

Questions? Contact John Koenig at 740-587-0720

Complete the form below, attach firmly to your poster

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



**September 23-24: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Beverly Knoderer Andrew Morey	Sharon Stancavage	Claire Skinner Carter Skinner
<b>Sunday, 8:15 a.m.</b>	Rita Baldwin Kathy Stukus	Philip Stukus	Sydney Miller Avery Miller
<b>Sunday, 10:45 a.m.</b>	Andrea Harvey Julie Smith	Jason Winterhalter	Claire Cottrell Andrew Cottrell



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

**OCIA***A Journey in Faith*

- Are you thinking about becoming Catholic and have a lot of questions about the faith?
- Are you curious about the Catholic Faith, but are unsure about becoming Catholic?
- Are you already Catholic and want a “refresher” course on your faith?

*At OCIA, you can*

- Prepare to become confirmed in the Catholic Faith
- Learn about the Catholic Faith in a friendly, relaxed environment
- Learn the “how’s and why’s” of the Catholic Faith
- Continue your journey if you’re already Catholic

**The 2023-2024 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation – formerly RCIA)**  
**Sundays from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All are invited!**

For questions, contact Dcn. John Barbour at 740-366-4124.

**A LETTER FROM BISHOP FERNANDES****DEFENDING HUMAN LIFE REMAINS A MORAL ISSUE AND NOT A POLITICAL ONE.**

Bishop Earl Fernandes

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In May, all priests in every parish and Diocese in Ohio were asked to make known the position of the Ohio Catholic Conference regarding the upcoming November ballot initiative to remove any restrictions on abortion in the state of Ohio. The amendment attacks the fundamental understanding of the human person, made in God’s image and likeness; undermines a fundamental anthropology; removes rights from parents; could potentially jeopardize the conscience rights of medical professionals; and represents an assault on human life and the human family. Once more, I urge all Catholics to register to vote and to vote No on the proposed amendment in November.

Upon hearing the priests preach on this issue, I received a number of letters stating that the Church should not be involved in politics and that the church should not speak on these types of political issues. The issue of abortion is a fundamental moral issue, touching upon issues vital not only to our lives as Catholics (and the lives of vulnerable, unborn children) but also to the common good. Moral issues are routinely addressed from our pulpits, and preaching about these moral issues serves to inform our consciences more fully so that we may participate in the political process to build a culture of life and to defend the weak and the vulnerable.

In his encyclical letter, *The Gospel of Life*, St. John Paul II wrote, “What is urgently called for is a general mobilization of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a culture of life.” (EV, 95)

The saintly Pontiff also reminded us that “The first and fundamental step towards this cultural transformation consists informing consciences with regard to the incomparable and inviolable worth of every human life. It is of the greatest importance to re-establish the essential connection between life and freedom. These are inseparable goods: where one is violated, the other also ends up being violated.” (EV, 96)

Some of the letters said that priests said that if one does not vote “No” in November, one commits a mortal sin, and that the Church should not be telling people how to vote. Is this the case? As a moral theologian, I can say that one commits a mortal sin, when there is grave matter involved; when one knows the Church’s teaching or the truth of the matter; and one freely chooses the evil anyway. How you vote is a matter of your conscience and will involve your freedom; however, conscience is informed by Scripture, Tradition; the Magisterium of the Church; and reason. Each person bears moral responsibility for his or her vote.

As Chief Shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus, I must state that we cannot remain indifferent to the plight of the unborn. One need only think of the parables of the Good Samaritan, the Rich Man and Lazarus; or the Last Judgment; nor can we, as Catholics, remain silent in the face of grave injustice.

Others objected that in the United States, there is a separation between church and state. Although the Constitution ensures separation of church and state, that is largely to prevent the government from intruding into religious affairs and to prevent religious groups from running the government. It does not mean that Catholics and other religious groups should keep their faith private, nor does it mean that they should not be involved in the political process to shape a better civilization and to promote the common good. In fact, because God has so blessed us, we have perhaps an even greater responsibility toward our brothers and sisters, born and unborn.

I encourage all the faithful not only to pray for an end to abortion, but to use your freedom, through the political process, to help build a culture of life, in which every person is valued, cared for, and respected. No matter how the election goes in November, we as Catholics have a duty to defend the rights of unborn children and to continue to accompany women and their children, putting our faith into action.

May the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer, and St. Joseph, the Protector of the Holy Family, assist us in our vocation to be a People of Life!

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes  
 Bishop of Columbus



# A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!



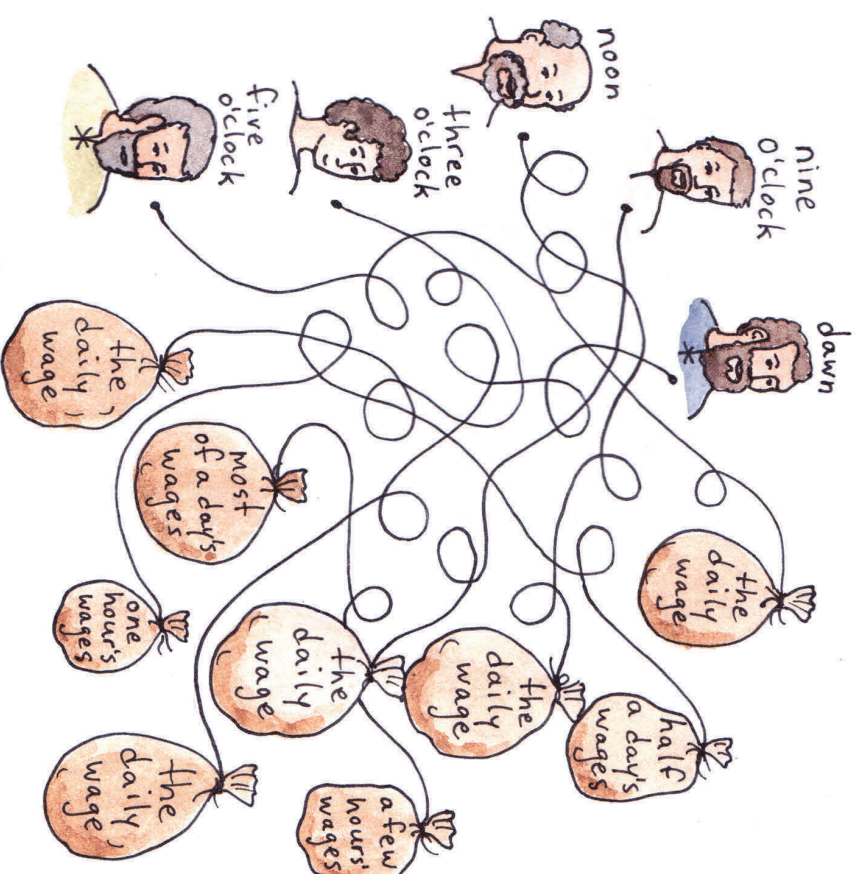
Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God **I PAID YOU** is because He gave us that grace. **AS MUCH AS I SAID I WOULD.** Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.



# The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24th, 2023



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

At the end of the day,  
how much did each man get paid?  
Follow the wiggly lines to see!



# Saint Jerome

## September 30

JEROME LIVED IN THE MID 300'S. WHEN HE GREW UP HE LIVED IN ROME. AT FIRST HE JUST HAD FUN, BUT THEN HE DECIDED TO GET BAPTIZED.

What's the point of all this?

JEROME STUDIED HARD. HE LEARNED LATIN AND GREEK AND STUDIED THE BIBLE.

THEN HE MOVED TO THE DESERT, WHERE HE STUDIED MORE.

THERE HE WROTE AGAINST HERESIES OF THAT TIME.

JEROME HAD A SHORT TEMPER, AND OFTEN MADE SHARP REMARKS.

HE BECAME A PRIEST AND WORKED FOR THE POPE, TRANSLATING THE BIBLE INTO THEIR LANGUAGE, LATIN.

A RICH LADY, PAULA, GAVE ST. JEROME MONEY TO BUILD SOME MONASTERIES IN THE HOLY LAND. SHE AND HER DAUGHTERS BECAME NUNS THERE.

SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

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## Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I am caught \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

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choose

Like Saint Paul, we  
should be ready to  
either live or die for

1 2 3 4 5 6

# 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 September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.*

***“We cannot better assure our eternal happiness than by living and dying in the service of the poor, in the arms of Providence, and with genuine renouncement of ourselves in order to follow Jesus Christ.” +SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL***

### **Monday, September 25 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 8:16-18** Jesus said to the crowd: “No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away.”

**Meditation:** What does the image of light and a lamp tell us about God's kingdom? Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood “light” as an expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. In his light we see light (Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. In fact, our mission is to be light-bearers of Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

**Prayer:** O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 remarks that nothing can remain hidden or secret. We can try to hide things from others, from ourselves, and from God. How tempting to shut our eyes from the consequences of our sinful ways and bad habits, even when we know what those consequences are. And how tempting to hide them from others and even from God. But, nonetheless, everything is known to God who sees all. There is great freedom and joy for those who live in God's light and who seek his truth. Those who listen to God and heed his voice will receive more from him — abundance of wisdom, guidance, peace, and blessing. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

### **Tuesday, September 26 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

#### **Saints Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 8:19-21** The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you.” He said to them in reply, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

**Meditation:** Have you given any thought to the real meaning of what it means to be Christian? While being a Christian involves doctrine, precepts, and commandments, it is first and foremost a relationship – a relationship with Christ built on trust, affection, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, mercy, helpfulness, encouragement, support, strength, protection, and so many other qualities that bind people together in mutual love and unity. God offers us the greatest of relationships – union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, the very author and source of love (ref. 1



John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love. Jesus is God's love incarnate — God's love made visible in human flesh (ref. 1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (ref. Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God — his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever does the will of God — “those who hear the word of God and act on it” — is a friend of God and a member of his family — his sons and daughters who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ.

**Prayer:** May you be magnified, O Lord, by the revered memory of your Saints Cosmas and Damian, for with providence beyond words you have conferred on them everlasting glory, and on us, your unfailing help. 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:** Ask yourself a very fundamental question: Who do you love and cherish the most? God did not intend for us to be alone, but to be with others. He gives us many opportunities for developing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Why does Jesus seem to ignore his own relatives when they pressed to see him? His love and respect for his mother and his relatives is unquestionable. Jesus never lost an opportunity to teach his disciples a spiritual lesson and truth about the kingdom of God. On this occasion when many gathered to hear Jesus he pointed to another higher reality of relationships, namely our relationship with God and with those who belong to God.

### **Wednesday, September 27 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 9:1-6** Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them.” Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

**Meditation:** Why does Jesus tell the apostles to “travel light” with little or no provision? “Poverty of spirit” frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. Are you ready to handle the power and authority which God wishes you to exercise on his behalf? The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents. Are you eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he bids you, and to witness his truth and saving power to whomever he sends you?

**Prayer:** O God, who for the relief of the poor and the formation of the clergy endowed the Priest Saint Vincent de Paul with apostolic virtues, grant, we pray, that, afire with that same spirit, we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught. 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:** When people use the phrase “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks” as a crutch to say that they do not have the ability or the capacity to change their lives, they are shortchanging themselves, the power of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the transformative words and teachings of Jesus Christ. God's word has power to change and transform our lives. Do you recognize the power and authority which God has entrusted to you as his son or daughter? Jesus gave his apostles both power and authority to speak and to act in his name — to cast out evil spirits, to heal, and to speak the word of God. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with love and humility. The “world” and the “flesh” seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

**About Saint Vincent de Paul:** Saint Vincent de Paul was a great apostle of charity, and brought a great revival of the priesthood in the 17th century. He was born near Dax in the Landes (France) in 1581. As a young priest he was captured by Moorish pirates who carried him to Africa. He was sold into slavery, but freed in 1607 when he converted his owner. Having returned to France, he became successively a parish priest and chaplain to the galley-slaves. He founded a religious Congregation under the title of Priests of the Mission or Lazarists (now known as Vincentians), and he bound them by a special way to undertake the apostolic work of charity; he sent them to preach missions, especially to the ignorant peasants of that time, and to establish seminaries. In order to help poor girls, invalids, and the insane, sick and unemployed, he and St. Louise de Marillac founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity, now better known as the Sisters of St. Vincent. St. Vincent worked tirelessly to help those in need: the impoverished, the sick, the enslaved, the abandoned, the ignored. He died in 1660 at St. Lazarus's house, Paris. His motto: "God sees you."

### **Thursday September 28 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time** **St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 9:7-9** Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead"; others were saying, "Elijah has appeared"; still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

**Meditation:** As you watch the news, read a book, or interact with people, whom do you most admire? People with power, influence, fame or wealth? Scripture warns us of such danger (ref. Proverbs 23:1-2). King Herod had respected and feared John the Baptist as a great prophet and servant of God. John, however did not fear to rebuke Herod for his adulterous affair with his brother's wife. Herod, however, was more of a people pleaser than a God pleaser. Herod not only imprisoned John to silence him, but he also beheaded him simply to please his family and friends. Now when reports of Jesus' miracles and teaching reach Herod's court, Herod becomes very troubled in conscience. He thinks that John the Baptist has risen from the dead! Herod sought to meet Jesus more out of curiosity and fear than out of a sincere desire to know God's wisdom and truth.

**Prayer ~ Saint Wenceslaus:** O God, who taught the Martyr Saint Wenceslaus to place the heavenly Kingdom before an earthly one, grant through his prayers that, denying ourselves, we may hold fast to you with all our heart. 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 ~ Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions:** Grant us, we pray, Lord God, the same perseverance shown by your Martyrs Saint Lawrence Ruiz and his companions in serving you and their neighbor, since those persecuted for the sake of righteousness are blessed in your Kingdom. 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:** So who is the most influential in your life? And who do you most want to be like? We naturally look up to other people we want to imitate. If we truly want to be like God and to live as his sons and daughters, then it greatly helps us to have models and examples of holy people – Christ-like persons who follow in his footsteps – who show us how to live in the power of God's love and holiness. God's grace frees us from the tyranny of fear and the pressure to please others rather than to please God. Do you allow God's grace to fill you with faith and courage to choose what is good and pleasing to him and to reject whatever would keep you from embracing his love and will for your daily life?

### **Friday, September 29 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time** **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

**Holy Gospel: John 1:47-51** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**Meditation:** What does Jesus mean when he says "you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man"? One of the most remarkable revelations recorded in the

bible is the dream of Jacob (Genesis 28:12-17). God had opened a door for Jacob that brought him and his people into a new relationship with the living God. In Jacob's dream God revealed his angelic host and showed him the throne of heaven and promised Jacob that he and descendants would dwell with the living God. Who are the angels and why do they intervene between heaven and earth? The scriptures tell us the angels are God's servants and messengers. "They are the mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word" (Psalm 103:20). The angels belong to Christ and were created for and through him (Colossians 1:16). The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the role of the angels in God's plan of salvation: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14) The angels are not only messengers but protectors and guardians as well. "For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11). We are not alone in our struggle against sin and evil in the world. The armies of heaven fight for us and with us in the spiritual battle for our hearts, minds, and wills.

**Prayer:** O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. 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' response to Nathaniel's new faith is the promise that Jesus himself will be the "ladder which unites earth with heaven." Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the promise made to the Patriarch Jacob and his descendants. Jesus is the true ladder or stairway to heaven. In Jesus' incarnation, the divine Son of God taking on human flesh for our sake, we see the union of heaven and earth – God making his dwelling with us and bringing us into the heavenly reality of his kingdom. Jesus' death on the cross where he defeated sin and won new life for us through his resurrection opens the way for each of us to come into a new relationship with God as his sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus 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 those who seek him and who do his will. Through the gift of faith God opens a door for each one of us to the heavenly reality of his kingdom. Do you see and believe the heavenly reality with the "eyes of faith?"

**About this Feast and the Archangels:** The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "[T]he existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition." Angels are pure, created spirits. The name "angel" means "servant" or "messenger of God." Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which humans can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim. The name of the **Archangel Michael** means, in Hebrew, *who is like unto God?* and he is also known as "the prince of the heavenly host." He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation. From Revelation we learn of the battle in heaven, with St. Michael and his angels combating Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of the Jews in the Old Testament and now Christians; and to bring souls to judgment. **Archangel Gabriel's** name means *God is my strength*. Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zachary when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist. St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the Incarnation. The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, Hail Mary, full of grace, has become the constant and familiar prayer of all Christian people. Our knowledge of the **Archangel Raphael** comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means *God has healed*.

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To assist in the formation and catechesis of our Eucharistic Culture, three Eucharistic questions will appear in the bulletin, provided by Dcn. John. Answers may be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

1. Q: What will he/she gain who eats Christ's Flesh and drinks His Blood worthily?  
Answer is CCC, 1406: Eternal Life.
2. Q: Why is the Eucharist the heart and the summit of the Church's life?  
Answer is CCC, 1407: Because in it, Christ associates His Church with His redeeming sacrifice on the Cross.
3. Q: What does the Holy Eucharist commemorate?  
Answer is CCC, 1409: The memorial of Christ's life, death and Resurrection.

Thank you for being a Eucharistic person and God bless,  
Dcn. John

## Know Your Saints



**On September 29th, the Church honors the Holy Archangels. Although there are believed to be seven archangels (based on Tobit 12:15 and Rev. 8:2), only these three are mentioned by name in the Catholic Bible:**

**Saint Michael the Archangel** – Michael means, “Who is like God?” Of the three angels mentioned by name in the Catholic Bible, St. Michael the Archangel is mentioned the most. He is found in the Old Testament in Daniel 10:13-21, 10:21, 12:1, and in the New Testament in Rev. 12:7-9 and Jude 1:9. St. Michael is most known for doing battle against Lucifer and casting him and the other fallen angels out of heaven. Because of this feat, he is known as the leader or prince of the angels. St. Michael is the champion of God's people and the protector of the Church. He is also regarded as the angel who brings the souls of men to their judgment before God, thus being the angel of judgment.

**Saint Gabriel the Archangel** – Gabriel means “Power of God.” St. Gabriel the Archangel is mentioned the most in the Bible after St. Michael. He is found in the Old Testament in Daniel 8:15-26 and 9:21-27, and in the New Testament in Luke 1:11-38. St. Gabriel is most known for his messenger role in the Annunciation. He is the angel who appeared to Zachariah and the Blessed Virgin Mary announcing the birth of St. John the Baptist and Incarnation of Jesus Christ. He is also believed by some to be the angel who appeared to St. Joseph and the shepherds at Christ's nativity, as well as the angel who comforted Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Because of this, he is known as the herald angel, and the angel of mercy and consolation.

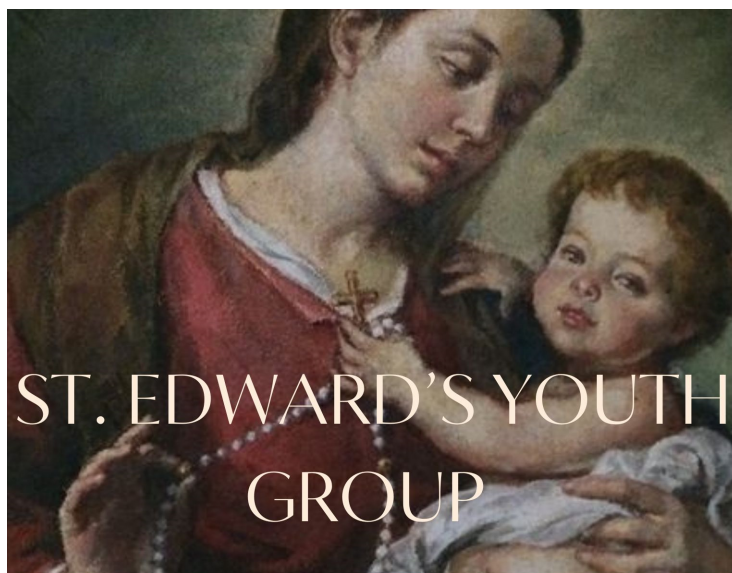
**Saint Raphael the Archangel** – Raphael means “God has healed.” St. Raphael the Archangel is mentioned once in the Catholic Bible, in Tobit chapter 12. In this passage he was a companion, protector, and healer. He is also believed to be the angel who stirred the water in the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, giving it its healing properties, as mentioned in the New Testament. He, therefore, is regarded as a healing angel and a companion angel.



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### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 55:6-9; PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A; MT 20:1-16A

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers, we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet, the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards, as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose.

Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

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