



# CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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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

### Sunday, October 15 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:15 a.m.** Living & Deceased of the Lanciault & Baldwin Families  
by Rita Baldwin

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

### Monday, October 16 – St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

**9:00 a.m.** Audrey L. Snow (RIP) by Mary Henry

### Tuesday, October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

**9:00 a.m.** Isaiah Perry (RIP)  
by Denison Men's & Women's Cross Country

### Wednesday, October 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist

**9:00 a.m.** Intentions of Greg Cass by Mark & Paula Coleman

### Thursday, October 19 – Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

**9:00 a.m.** Isaiah Perry (RIP) by John Platt Family

### Friday, October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

**9:00 a.m.** Jane Lieberth (RIP) by Bernadette Lieberth

### Saturday, October 21 –

**5:00 p.m.** Kevin & Lisa Cannon 30th Wedding Anniversary  
by Cannon Family

### Sunday, October 22 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:15 a.m.** Living & Deceased of Helgerman Family  
by Stephanie Helgerman

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

*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."*

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 15, 2023 – YEAR A

### PRELUDE

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (#559)

GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (#914)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 23: I shall live in the house of the Lord...  
(p. 207)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (p. 208)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy (#512)

HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN: Mass of Christ the Savior (#917, 919, 921)

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

COMMUNION: O God, You Search Me (#441)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir): Ps. 138: In the Sight of the Angels  
(Warner)

### CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: Holy, Holy, Holy (#213)

### POSTLUDE

### CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Kayce Long

8:15 a.m.: Griffin Helms

10:45 a.m.: Michael Flanigan



*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.*

## Notes from the Loft

♪ Today's Responsorial Psalm is the familiar Psalm 23, but instead of the usual "The Lord is my shepherd" refrain, we sing, "I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." This refrain alludes to the first reading, in which Isaiah describes a mountain where God "will provide for all peoples a feast" and "destroy death forever." Every time we come to Mass, we share the Eucharistic feast in the earthly house of the Lord. As we pray for peace in this life, let us also pray that we will know the joy of God's heavenly house in the next.

♪ **Christmas Children's Choir resumes soon! Rehearsals are on Sundays from November 5 to December 17 on the choir loft. They begin at 11:45 a.m. and end promptly at 12:30 p.m. On Christmas Eve, the Children's Choir arrives at 4:00 p.m. and then sings about twenty minutes of prelude music prior to the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Children's Choir is open to students from age 6 to grade 6, and older students can also assist and participate in various ways. To sign up or to ask questions, parents/guardians can contact director Paul Radkowski at [music@saintedwards.org](mailto:music@saintedwards.org) or 740-587-3254.**



The flowers today are to the glory of God in honor of the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Kevin & Lisa Cannon.

## Rosary For Life



Please meet to pray the **Rosary for LIFE** every Saturday after Mass at 6 p.m. at the Tabernacle and every Sunday between Masses at 10:00 a.m. in the Rosary Garden (inclement weather, then meet in the lounge). We will pray the Joyful Mysteries and continue this community time of prayer through the first weekend of November.



It's that time of year! Only 10 weeks until Christmas, but better than that, its only three weeks until Santa's Attic Sale!

Please sign up in the Gathering Space to join in the fun of setting up or helping out the day of the sale. Donations of gently used Christmas decorations will

be accepted all week from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. beginning Saturday, October 28th.

If you have any questions, please email [santas.attic4st.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:santas.attic4st.edwards@gmail.com)

## MIDDLETON RESIDENT REQUESTS RIDE TO MASS

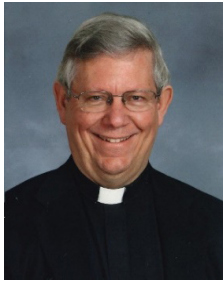
A lady who resides at Middleton would like to attend Mass. Can you pick her up for daily or weekend Mass? To help, please contact the office. Thank you.

## CARING COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED

The Caring Committee takes meals to parishioners who have a temporary health issue, such as recovering from surgery. Shirley Brough, who has chaired the committee for 10 years, says that calls for help are infrequent and that she will gladly help the new chair to get started. If you can take over for Shirley, please e-mail Maggie at [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org).

## A Word from Your Pastor

October 15, 2023



### Dear Parishioners:

This week, I continue my reflection on the Mysteries of the Rosary since October is the Month of the Rosary. The Sorrowful Mysteries traditionally follow the Joyful Mysteries. They are usually prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Many also use them at wakes for funerals in addition to the Vigil service from the Order of Funerals. These Mysteries draw us into meditation on the

sufferings that Jesus endured for us in His Passion. They all take place on Good Friday and the events they include are to be found in all four Gospels.

1. The Agony in the Garden draws us into the prayer Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper. The disciples are sleeping while Jesus prays with great intensity as He awaits the moment of His arrest. The prayer "Not My will but Thine be done" is His surrender to the Passion for our salvation.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar is a cruel manner of torture that the Romans used to punish the worst criminals. Jesus endures this moment of suffering with great strength of will. "By His stripes we are healed."
3. The Crowning with Thorns is a moment of acknowledgement and ridicule of Jesus as the Messiah. It continues the punishment that the Innocent One experienced in our place.
4. The Carrying of the Cross reminds us that Jesus bore on His own shoulders the weight of our sins. Reflection on the Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross is telescoped into this one Mystery.
5. Jesus Dies on the Cross is the Mystery that calls us to reflect on the Crucifix as the sign of God's Love for us. The final Sorrowful Mystery is the end of Jesus' suffering and the reminder that to be His disciples, we are to take up our own crosses and to follow Him.

It is helpful to look at our own experiences of suffering and at the burdens carried by others in our world. We want to console Jesus. We want to speak to Him of our gratitude for the gift of His Life for us. We are charged to embrace our own suffering freely, uniting it to His, and to comfort, console and come to the aid of our brothers and sisters who are suffering today. All of these thoughts are food for prayer and reflection. Seeing these moments through the eyes of His mother Mary is a helpful way to open our hearts to the depth of Jesus' suffering. May we be moved to love as Jesus loved.

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes, Pastor

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**GIVING TREE STARTS NOVEMBER 18.**

## This Week at St. Edward

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m. Fr. Hayes

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

ROSARY FOR LIFE – 10:00 a.m. in Rosary Garden (Inclement weather, Lounge)

PSR – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

OCIA (formerly RCIA) – noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Youth Group – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lecture Series with Fr. Slattery – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ghiloni

Preschool

Adoration after Mass to 11:30 a.m.

A Biblical Walk with Mary – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall



### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Eucharistic People & Covered Dish – 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

A Biblical Walk with Mary – 9:30 a.m.

PSR – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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

Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Benefits Seminar – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

No Preschool

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m.

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

## 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

October 8

**\$11,385.30**

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.



	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
<b>October 21-22: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Leann Kirchner Cliff Kirchner	John Martin	Katie Cottrell Claire Cottrell
<b>Sunday, 8:15 a.m.</b>	Rick Corder Lori Corder	June McCarthy	Isaac Gardner Jonathan Gardner
<b>Sunday, 10:45 a.m.</b>	Lisa Barrett Stephanie Dodd	Richard Hoben	Peter Moberg Warren Moberg
<b>October 28-November 1: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Jerod Long Stefanie Manley	Christopher Haight	Jude Long Dean Long
<b>Sunday, 8:15 a.m.</b>	Johnda Orndorff Lisa Sloan	Thomas Bressoud	Colin Oncken Kiera Oncken
<b>Sunday, 10:45 a.m.</b>	Robin Krempel Joe Krempel	Peter Thomas	Avery Warling Anna Beth Zigan
<b>Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.</b> <i>All Saints' Day Vigil</i>	Lisa Cannon Ava Vadala	Bill Hoekstra	Arianna Carter Claire Skinner
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.</b> <i>All Saints' Day</i>	Cindy Barbour Margo Downing	Selma Leshner	

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.



St. Edward is hosting a Little Flower Baby Shower for Makayla on Sunday, October 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend the shower, and to pray for the health and well-being of mom and baby. To support the shower, please contact parishioner Marthena Harms at [littleflowershowersted@yahoo.com](mailto:littleflowershowersted@yahoo.com) or use this QR code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADA822A0FC1-44563070-makaylas>

Gift registry: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/makayla-stedwards-january-2024-granville/29V112V77M3W5>



## 2024 MASS INTENTIONS NOW OPEN

Contact Maggie Barno to schedule Mass Intentions at [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org).

If you desire a specific date/s, please contact Maggie at least six months before the desired date. If the date you request for a Mass Intention is already taken, we will try 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.



## MEN OF THE PARISH IT IS TIME TO STEP "INTO THE BREACH"

Saturdays starting on October 21 at 7:00 a.m.

Sign-up this weekend in the Gathering Space & Back Door

We live in a time of crisis for religious faith and family life that must be met by men with a heartfelt embrace of masculine virtue. Consider this: Men make up only about 40% of Mass attendees! To outline the challenges we face and devise a plan of battle, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted has written a groundbreaking document, "Into the Breach." I challenge You to "Step into the Breach" starting Saturday, October 21st at 7:00 a.m. for this Call to Battle for our families. The 8-week program will show us practical goals in becoming the Catholic Men we are called to be with short videos and discussion groups. The discussion groups are where the miracles begin as **You** will discover **You** are not alone. As Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Let us prove it... see you there!

Contact Tim Collins at 740-973-1210, or [tmc8004@gmail.com](mailto:tmc8004@gmail.com).



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## GIVE SMARTER:

### SUPPORT ST. EDWARD AND LOWER YOUR TAXES

You can use funds in your retirement account to support St. Edward. The Charitable IRA Rollover allows donors who are 70 ½ years or older to transfer up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity like The Catholic Foundation, which manages the St. Edward the Confessor Parish Endowment Fund. An endowment fund is a longer-term, sustained investment designed to provide a perpetual source of income to our parish. Regardless of your age, you can support St. Edward while still qualifying for a tax deduction. Contributions to St. Edward the Confessor Parish Endowment Fund can also be made in the form of cash, appreciated stocks, and other assets. For more information on how you can make a real-world impact on the future of St. Edward and the Catholic faith, please contact Scott Hartman at [shartman@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:shartman@catholic-foundation.org) or 614-443-8893, ext. 104.



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!

# 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)

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*The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.*

***"All the pleasures of the world, and all the kingdoms of this earth, shall profit me nothing. It is better for me to die in behalf of Jesus Christ, than to reign over all the ends of the earth. 'For what shall a man be profited, if he gain the whole world, but lose his own soul?' Him I seek, who died for us: Him I desire, who rose again for our sake."*** +SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

**Monday, October 16 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin;**  
**Saint Gerard Majella, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:29-32** While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

**Meditation:** The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need his saving grace and help. He calls us to seek him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are — a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of heart desire one thing alone — God's pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love.

**Prayer ~ Saint Margaret Mary:** Pour out on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you so remarkably endowed Saint Margaret Mary, so that we may come to know that love of Christ which surpasses all understanding and be utterly filled with your fullness. 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.

**Prayer ~ Saint Gerard Majella:** O good Saint Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Many fatalities could be avoided if people took the warning signs seriously. When the religious leaders demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented. Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and

now they reject Jesus as God's Anointed One (Messiah) and they fail to heed his message. Do you pay attention to warning signs?

## **Tuesday, October 17 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:37-41** After Jesus had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home. He entered and reclined at table to eat. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. You fools! Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside? But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."

**Meditation:** Is the Lord welcomed at your table? Are you ready to feast at his table? A Pharisee, after hearing Jesus preach, invited him to dinner, no doubt, because he wanted to hear more from this extraordinary man who spoke the word of God as no one else had done before. It was not unusual for a rabbi to give a teaching over dinner. Jesus, however, did something which offended his host. He did not perform the ceremonial washing of hands before beginning the meal. Did Jesus forget or was he deliberately performing a sign to reveal something to his host? Jesus turned the table on his host by chiding him for uncleanness of heart.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who adorn the sacred body of your Church with the confessions of holy Martyrs, grant, we pray, that, just as the glorious passion of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, which we celebrate today, brought him eternal splendor, so it may be for us unending protection. 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:** Which is more important to God — clean hands, or a clean mind and a clean heart? Jesus chided the Pharisees for harboring evil thoughts that make us unclean spiritually — such as greed, pride, bitterness, envy, arrogance, and the like. Why does he urge them, and us, to give alms? When we give freely and generously to those in need we express love, compassion, kindness, and mercy. And if the heart is full of love and compassion, then there is no room for envy, greed, bitterness, and the like. Do you allow God's love to transform your heart and mind? If not, why not?

**About Saint Ignatius of Antioch:** In the *Martyrology* we read: "At Rome, the holy bishop and martyr Ignatius. He was the second successor to the apostle Peter in the see of Antioch. In the persecution of Trajan he was condemned to the wild beasts and sent in chains to Rome. There, by the emperor's order, he was subjected to most cruel tortures in the presence of the Senate and then thrown to the lions. Torn to pieces by their teeth, he became a victim for Christ." The bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch occupies a foremost place among the heroes of Christian antiquity. His final journey from Antioch to Rome was like a nuptial procession and a Way of the Cross. For the letters he wrote along the way resemble seven stations of the Cross; they may also be called seven nuptial hymns overflowing with the saint's intense love for Christ Jesus and his longing to be united with Him. These letters are seven most precious jewels in the heirloom bequeathed to us by the Church. The year of St. Ignatius' death is unknown.

## **Wednesday, October 18 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Saint Luke, Evangelist**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-9** The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

**Meditation:** There is a significance of Jesus appointing 72 disciples to the ministry of the word, one of whom was Saint Luke, the Evangelist, who himself was a convert from paganism. Seventy-two was a significant number in biblical times. Moses, for example, chose 72 elders to help him in the task of leading the people through the wilderness. In Jesus' times, 72 was held to be the number of nations throughout the world. Jesus commissioned the 72 disciples to a two-fold task: to speak in his name, and to act with

his power. Jesus gave them instructions in how they were to carry out their ministry. They must go and serve as men without guile, full of charity and peace, and simplicity. They must give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by other lesser things. They must travel light — only take what was essential and leave behind whatever would distract them — in order to concentrate on the task of speaking the word of God. They must do their work, not for what they can get out of it, but for what they can give freely to others, without expecting special privileges or reward.

**Prayer:** Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your 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:** When Jesus commissioned 72 of his disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a great harvest for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. The harvest is the fruition of labor and growth — beginning with the sowing of seeds, then growth, and finally fruit for the harvest. In like manner, the word of God is sown in the hearts of receptive men and women who submit to God and honor him as their Lord and King. The harvest Jesus had in mind was not only for the people of Israel, but for all the peoples (or nations) of the world. God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). It also bears contemplation of the meaning when Jesus says his disciples must be lambs in the midst of wolves. The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of Christ when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after he has put down his enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who oppose the gospel. Jesus came as the true "sacrificial lamb" who atones for the sin of the whole world. We, as disciples of Jesus, the Lamb of God, must also be willing to stand up and promote the truths of the Gospel in the face of societal challenges and lifestyles that are contrary to the Gospel, and be willing to sacrifice our lives in humble service of our Lord and Master.

### **Thursday, October 19 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Saints Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf, Priests and Martyrs, and Companions, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:47-54** The Lord said: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed. Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building. Therefore, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and Apostles; some of them they will kill and persecute' in order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who died between the altar and the temple building. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood! Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter." When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees began to act with hostility toward him and to interrogate him about many things, for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

**Meditation:** What does Jesus mean when he says they have taken away the key of knowledge? The religious lawyers and scribes held the "office of the keys" since they were the official interpreters of the scriptures. Unfortunately their interpretation of the scriptures became so distorted and difficult to understand that others were "shut off" to the scriptures. They not only shut themselves to heaven; they also hindered others from understanding God's word. Through pride and envy, they rejected not only the prophets of old, but God's final prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the "key of David" (see Isaiah 22:22; Revelations 3:7) who opens heaven to those who accept him as Lord and Savior. He is the "Wisdom of God" and source of everlasting life. Only the humble of heart — those who thirst for God and acknowledge his word as true — can truly understand this wisdom.

**Prayer:** O God, who chose to manifest the blessed hope of your eternal Kingdom by the toil of Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and their companions and by the shedding of their blood, graciously grant that through their intercession the faith of Christians may be strengthened day by day. 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:** Do you revere God's word and submit to it as true and authoritative for your life? Or does God's word make for a good phrase on a t-shirt or coffee mug, and that's about as far as it goes?

God sent his prophets to open the ears of his people to hear and understand God's word and intention for their lives. God's wisdom is personified in the voice of the prophets, a voice that usually brought rejection and martyrdom because they spoke for God rather than for human approval and favor. Jesus chastised many of the religious leaders of his day 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 their message and closed their ears to the word of God. Are your ears open to God's word – enough to transform your mind and heart?

## **Friday, October 20 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 12:1-7** At that time: So many people were crowding together that they were trampling one another underfoot. Jesus began to speak, first to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven—that is, the hypocrisy—of the Pharisees. "There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed on the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body but after that can do no more. I shall show you whom to fear. Be afraid of the one who after killing has the power to cast into Gehenna; yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one. Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."

**Meditation:** You might be wondering why Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the ways of the Pharisees. The Pharisees wanted everyone to recognize that they were pious and good Jews because they meticulously and scrupulously performed their religious duties. Jesus turned the table on them by declaring that outward appearance doesn't always match the inward intentions of the heart. Anyone can display outward signs of goodness while inwardly harboring evil thoughts and intentions. The word hypocrite means actor – someone who pretends to be what he or she is not. But who can truly be good, but God alone? Hypocrisy thrives on making a good appearance and masking what they don't want others to see. The good news is that God's light exposes the darkness of evil and sin in our hearts, even the sin which is unknown to us. And God's light transforms our hearts and minds and enables us to overcome hatred with love, pride with humility, and pretense with integrity and truthfulness. God gives grace to the humble and contrite of heart to enable us to overcome the leaven of insincerity and hypocrisy in our lives.

**Prayer:** May the Priest Saint Paul, whose only love was the Cross, obtain for us your grace, O Lord, so that, urged on more strongly by his example, we may each embrace our own cross with courage. 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:** What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. "I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears...O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! ...Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord." (Psalm 34:4,9,11) What is fear of God? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual – the loss of one's soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of sinful pride, deceit and cowardice – especially in the face of evil and spiritual deception. Do you trust in God's grace and mercy and do you submit to his word?

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## Know Your Saints

**St. Luke** – Feast Day October 18 – Physician and companion of St. Paul whose Gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus than any other author. Luke came from the metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey. Luke was probably a gentile convert. Scholars have ranked him as a top historian of the time period and noted his Greek prose style and accuracy of his accounts of Christ’s life. They believe he was the only evangelist to provide the personal testimony of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose life emerges most clearly in His gospel. Tradition credits him with painting several icons of Christ’s mother, and one of the sacred portraits ascribed to him, titled “Salvation of the Roman People” survives to this day in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

After St. Paul’s conversion, Luke accompanied him as his personal physician and as a kind of biographer, since the journeys of Paul on which Luke accompanied him occupy a large portion of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke probably wrote this text, the final narrative portion of the New Testament, in the city of Rome where the account ends. Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St. Paul in the year 67, St. Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and possibly died as a martyr. (From Catholic News Agency)



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St. Edward is hosting its second parish-wide small groups discussing the Eucharistic Revival study titled ***Becoming Eucharistic People: The Hope and Promise of Parish Life*** by Timothy P. O’Malley, with a monthly potluck and discussions that will go through March 2024. ***The next one is October 17 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!***

## THE YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

***To assist in the formation and catechesis of our Eucharistic Culture, questions will be provided by Dcn. John. Full answers are in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.***

*“Every day, Jesus humbles Himself just as He did when He came from His heavenly throne into the Virgin womb. Every day, He comes to us and lets us see Him in lowliness, when He descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar.”*

*St. Francis of Assisi*

1. The Eucharist is called by many names. Why is it sometimes called “The Lord’s Supper”? Paragraph 1329 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “The Eucharist is also called the Lord’s Supper because of its connection with the supper which the Lord took with his disciples on the eve of his Passion and it anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem”. 1 Cor. 11:20; Rev. 19:9.

Saintly quote on the Eucharist – St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa): *“To make it easy for you and for me to see Jesus, He made Himself the bread of life, so that we may have a life of peace, a life of joy”.*

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## Bible Lesson for the Week

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** IS 25:6-10A; PS 23:1-6; PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20; MT 21:1-14 or 22:1-10

How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the “here and now,” forgetting about what matters most — living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands — with eternity in mind.

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well-fed and going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.” In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: “I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.” How? Through this: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.

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