



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 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

Monday, October 23 – St. John of Capistrano, Priest

9:00 a.m. Agnes Norris (RIP) by Family

Tuesday, October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Perry (RIP) by Michael Striker

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Denise Petticrew (RIP) by Jon Petticrew

Friday, October 27

9:00 a.m. John Ronan (RIP) by Ronan Family

Saturday, October 28 – Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

Sunday, October 29 – 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:45 a.m. Agnes Norris (RIP) by Family

*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.”*

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 22, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

Choral Song (S. Wesley, 1810-1876)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Lord of All Hopefulness (#410)

GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (#914)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 96: Give the Lord glory and honor.
(p. 209)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 210)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: We Walk by Faith (#514)

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

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

COMMUNION: What Wondrous Love Is This (#484)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir): Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
(Herbert/Vaughan Williams)

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: Lord, You Give the Great Commission (#380)

POSTLUDE

All' Offertorio (D. Zipoli, 18th c.)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Randy Kerr

8:15 a.m.: Karen Bovenizer

10:45 a.m.: Dave Conway

A Word from Your Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

As we journey through the Mysteries of the Rosary, we find that reaching the Glorious Mysteries is always a delight. They point to where we are headed and to the salvation that Jesus won for us by His suffering and death.

When praying these Mysteries, we experience a leap of the heart that comes from considering them all in one glance which offers a “taste” of the glory promised to human beings, merited by Jesus through His Life, Death and Resurrection and shared in a special way with His mother Mary.

The Glorious Mysteries are generally prayed on Sundays and Wednesdays. When we concentrate our thoughts on them, we are looking right into the heart of the Christian Reality. What makes Christianity different from all other religions is the centrality of the Resurrection and the promise of our sharing in its reality. We are destined to live Divine Life humanly.

1. The Resurrection is the Mystery that tells us that Jesus is truly God and that all that He said to us before His death is true. His Resurrection shows us that God’s power over death is real and that death has been conquered. It does not have the last word.
2. The Ascension of the Lord reveals the fact that the Lord Jesus has completed the bridge between heaven and earth. He took our very humanity, glorified and risen humanity, into the Heart of the Trinity. Forever our nature is in God and is capable of living God’s Life.
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the outpouring of God’s Spirit on us. Our human nature does not have to wait until the end of the world to live in God. Rather, through the Spirit we experience the first fruits of the Resurrection. This Spirit is building up the Presence of God among us. Disciples are witnesses of this truth.
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Mary’s personal share in the Resurrection of the Lord and the sign to us that our very humanity is taken into God. Mary gave God room in her womb and in her person on earth; God takes her into the very life of the Trinity, body and soul, in the fullness of her person.
5. The Coronation of Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth completes Mary’s journey into the promise of Heaven and gives her the capacity to serve as intercessor, means of grace for all and shows the reality of her full cooperation with salvation. Her place in Heaven shows that each human person can cooperate with grace to offer salvation to the world.

May we keep our eyes fixed on the glory held in store for us!

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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.



GIVING TREE

Giving Tree Starts November 18.



WITH SYMPATHY

The parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of Jane Fagan, beloved mother of parishioner Bethany Fitzgerald.

Notes from the Loft

♪ Today's closing hymn is "Lord, You Give the Great Commission." In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that "our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." The mini-refrain at the end of each verse echoes this message. We sing and pray that the gifts of the Spirit will empower us in our own ministry. May we live the Great Commission by bearing the good news of Christ to all, especially those who are in most need of reassurance, comfort, and hope.



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 Paul Radkowski, Music Director, at music@saintedwards.org or 740-587-3254.



The following was posted on the official YouTube page for the Diocese of Columbus:

As you are aware, a dangerous amendment on the November 2023 ballot would enshrine abortion as a constitutional right. Please watch this two-minute video where The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, clarifies why this amendment puts the women of Ohio at risk and calls you into action to vote NO in November.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNMBemP5LSA>.

Questions about the proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment

Members of the Respect Life Committee will be available to meet with parishioners after all weekend Masses to discuss Issue 1, the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution, and to help parishioners find answers to any questions they may have about this issue. Written materials will be available as well as web links to various experts' discussions of the amendment. Yard signs will be available until we run out. These meetings will take place in the lounge or in the conference room in case the lounge is not available.

"Defending human life remains a moral issue and not a political one. I urge all Catholics to register to vote and to vote No on the proposed amendment in November."

– Bishop Fernandes

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Second Collection – World Mission Sunday

Respect Life Committee Meeting – 9:15 in the Lounge

Little Flower Shower – 1:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

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

No PSR

OCIA – noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Youth Group – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ghiloni

No Preschool

Adoration after Mass to 11:30 a.m.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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 26

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Office Closed for Staff Meeting at Kenyon Inn

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Book Club – 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m.

Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – 6:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

Rosary for Life



Let us pray to our Blessed Mother For Defeat of Issue 1

Please meet to pray the Rosary for LIFE every Saturday after Mass at 6:00 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.

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
October 29-30: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Jerod Long Stefanie Manley	Christopher Haight	Jude Long Dean Long
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Johnda Orndorff Lisa Sloan	Thomas Bressoud	Colin Oncken Kiera Oncken
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Robin Krempel Joe Krempel	Peter Thomas	Avery Warling Anna Beth Zigan
October 31-November 1: All Saints Day			
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	Lisa Cannon Ava Vadala	Bill Hoekstra	Arianna Carter Claire Skinner
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Barbour Margo Downing	Selma Leshner	

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

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 15

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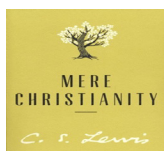
Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Sign up on the St. Edward website homepage at www.saintedwards.org. If already giving online, please update any changes to your credit card on your online account. For help, contact the Parish Office.



Santa needs helpers!
Sign up at the table in the Gathering Space!
SPREAD THE WORD!

Only two weeks until Santa's Attic Sale.

Have you cleaned out the attic and gathered your donations, shared the date with friends and family, signed up to share in this ministry? If you can't wait to get into the Christmas spirit, (are you already watching Hallmark Christmas movies?) join us the week of October 28th any time from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship! We would love your help and you will love seeing what an amazing process this event is! **Teens who need service hours are welcome to volunteer.** For questions, email santas.attic4st.eds@gmail.com.



ST. EDWARD'S BOOK CLUB

will meet Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge. The parish is invited to join in the discussion of C.S. Lewis' book, *Mere Christianity*, a compelling defense of the Christian Faith.



Contact Maggie Barno to schedule Mass Intentions at 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.



LITTLE FLOWER BABY SHOWER

St. Edward's Little Flower Baby Shower for Makayla is 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.



*Men of the parish, it is time
to step "Into The Breach"*
**Eight-week Program on
Saturdays at 7:00 a.m.**

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 eight-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.



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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 \$100,000.00 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 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!

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.

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 October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

“Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness that comes from the good example of a praiseworthy and blameless life. They must completely remove from their lives the filth and uncleanness of vice. Their upright lives must make them like the salt of the earth for themselves and for the rest of mankind. The brightness of their wisdom must make them like the light of the world that brings light to others.”

+SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

Monday, October 23 ~ Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.”

Meditation: Inheritance disputes are rarely ever easy to resolve, especially when the relatives or close associates of the deceased benefactor can't agree on who should get what and who should get the most. Why did Jesus refuse to settle an inheritance dispute between two brothers? He saw that the heart of the issue was not justice or fairness but rather greed and possessiveness. The Ten Commandments were summarized into two prohibitions – do not worship false idols and do not covet what belongs to another. It's the flip side of the two great commandments – love God and love your neighbor. Jesus warned the man who wanted half of his brother's inheritance to “beware of all covetousness.” To covet is to wish to get wrongfully what another possesses or to begrudge what God has given to another. Jesus restates the commandment “do not covet,” but he also states that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his or her possessions.

Prayer: O God, who raised up Saint John of Capistrano to comfort your faithful people in tribulation, place us, we pray, under your safe protection and keep your Church in everlasting peace. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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.

Contemplation: Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness – *it's mine, all mine, and no one else's*. The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! Saint Augustine comments on Jesus' words to the brother who wanted more: *Greed wants to divide, just as love desires to gather. What is the significance of “guard against all greed,” unless it is “fill yourselves with love”?* We, possessing love for our portion, inconvenience the Lord because of our brother just as that man did against his brother, but we do not use the same plea. He said, “Master, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” We say, “Master, tell my brother that he may have my inheritance.” [Excerpted from Sermon 265.9]

Tuesday, October 24 ~ Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Anthony Claret, Bishop, and
Founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:35-38 Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants."

Meditation: This parable contains a lesson in faithfulness and a warning against sloth. Why is faithfulness so important to God? For one, it's the foundation for any lasting and meaningful relationship. Faithfulness or fidelity allows us to persevere in living out an unswerving commitment. The Lord is committed to us in a bond of unbreakable love and fidelity. That is what covenant means – keeping one's word, promise, and commitment no matter how tough or difficult it gets. Faithfulness is a key character trait of God and one that he expects of us. Fortunately God gives the grace and strength to be faithful. He also rewards faithfulness. Why is fidelity, commitment, and faithfulness so difficult today? Many today in western society extol freedom over fidelity and don't want to be bound to an unknown or uncertain future. It's regarded as inconvenient and a burden to the pursuit of the individual's interests. We badly need to recover this virtue, not only for our own sake, but for the sake of future generations as well. If we want to pass on the faith then we need to first be faithful models for our young people. Faithfulness demands consistency and determination to stay the course and see the task to its completion.

Prayer: O God, who for the evangelization of peoples strengthened the Bishop Saint Anthony Mary Claret with admirable charity and long-suffering, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things that are yours, we may earnestly devote ourselves to winning our brothers and sisters for Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: God loves faithfulness. That is why we can always expect God to give us what he promises. In turn, God expects us to be faithful to him and to one another. How can we grow in faithfulness? God's grace shows us the way. When we are faithful in the little tasks and promises we make, we learn to be faithful in the bigger and more important responsibilities and tasks entrusted to us. Our reward is the Lord Jesus himself who shares with us his joy and friendship – "well done good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Master" (Matthew 25:21).

Wednesday, October 25 ~ Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:39-48 Jesus said to his disciples: "Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

Meditation: The Lord loves faithfulness and richly rewards those who are faithful to him. What is faithfulness? It's keeping one's word, promise, and commitments no matter how tough or difficult life's challenges may be. Faithfulness is a key character trait of God and one that he expects of us. Fortunately God gives us the grace and strength to remain faithful. He also rewards faithfulness. The joy and privilege of being a son or daughter of God carries with it an awesome responsibility. The Lord expects us to make good use of the gifts and graces he gives to us. The more he gives, the more he requires. The temptation while the Master is away is to put off for tomorrow what we know the Master expects us to do today. How can we grow in faithfulness? God's grace shows us the way. When we are faithful in the little tasks and promises we make, we learn to be faithful in the bigger and more important responsibilities and tasks entrusted to us.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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.

Contemplation: The Lord Jesus calls us to be vigilant in watching for his return and to be ready to meet him when he calls 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.

Thursday, October 26 ~ Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Meditation: Do you want to be on fire for God? Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here? Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deut. 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). It is also used of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us. Jesus' sharp statement that he would cause division rather than peace within families must have shocked his disciples. Was he exaggerating? Jesus used a typical Hebrew (Semetic) hyperbole to drive home an important lesson. We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the gospel message does have consequences for our lives. It has the power to heal, restore, and unite those who believe its message. But the consequence of ignoring or rejecting the gospel can lead to many hurtful desires and seduction by the world – especially the latest societal trends, what is popular, teachings of false prophets, and giving adherence to man-made civil laws prominence over following God's laws (e.g. supporting legalized abortion under the antiseptic spin language of "choice" and "freedom" versus God's simple and straightforward commandment of "Thou shalt not kill"). Do we really think we have the ability to trump God's laws by simply enacting civil laws or rendering judicial verdicts? Our human Supreme Court cannot invalidate or supersede God the Supreme being. Folks, let get back to loving God as his children, and loving Christ as our Savior and Redeemer, humbling ourselves to follow their way. Let's admit our all too human mistakes in life, reconcile ourselves with God, and come back to the fold of Christ as his sheep whom he loves and shepherds on the one path that leads to eternal life.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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.

Contemplation: When Jesus spoke about division he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: "a man's enemies are the men of his own household" (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ – a loyalty and faithfulness that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)? Remember, Jesus invites us to follow him – let's take him up on this profound invitation, and in doing so live lives of discipleship of love of God, and love of neighbor.

Friday, October 27 ~ Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:54-59 Jesus said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west you say immediately that it is going to rain—and so it does; and when you notice that the wind is blowing from the south you say that it is going to be hot—and so it is. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky; why do you not know how to interpret the present time? "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate, make an effort to settle the matter on the way; otherwise your opponent will turn you over to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the constable, and the constable throw you into prison. I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny."

Meditation: A lot of effort is made today, with the help of science and technology, to discern potential natural dangers, such as tropical storms, hurricanes, floods, tornados, earth quakes, and erupting volcanoes, so that people can be warned to take shelter before disaster hits. Our need for accurately discerning spiritual danger is even more necessary if we want to avoid a spiritual crisis or a moral disaster. Jesus used a vivid illustration to point out the urgency of getting right with God before it is too late. If you got into serious trouble with your neighbor and did something that could get you severely penalized (like being thrown into jail and losing everything you owned), would you not try to settle the case out-of-court to avoid the worst consequences?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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.

Contemplation: None of us has the power and strength of will for overcoming sin and evil on our own. We stand in constant need of God's grace, help, strength, and protection. That is why scripture uses vivid language to describe God as our rock, refuge, fortress, and mighty defense. We are also vulnerable to Satan's lies and deceptions as well as our own spiritual blind spots for recognizing sin and moral weakness in our own lives. That is why we need God's help and discernment for distinguishing between truth and error, right and wrong, good and evil. Fortunately the Lord Jesus, who is a just judge, is also a merciful advocate who pleads for us at the right hand of the Father in heaven. The light of Jesus Christ reveals what is in our hearts and his grace frees us from the tyranny of sinful habits, hurtful desires, and harmful addictions. God's call is urgent and his grace is available for total freedom and transformation in Christ. If we want to turn away from sin the Lord is ready to give us the grace and help we need to choose for his way of love and holiness. Are you ready for his saving grace and healing action in your life?

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MANY HANDS HELPED AT RECTORY

Work has begun to repair and update the rectory, led by Bill and Mary Hoekstra.

On Saturday, September 23, the work began on the grounds of the rectory. Trees were cleared and overgrown shrubbery was trimmed. Many thanks to parishioners and Knights of Columbus Helping Hands group. Workers were Ethan and Everett Perry, Jared and Claire Cottrell, Kyleigh Gilbert, Ray Stankunas, Val Matula, Jim and Kathi Jackson, Dave Addis, Bob Elfreich, David Bukala, Bill and Mary Hoekstra, Dave and Andrew Lammert, Gregg Hinterschied, Rich Hoben, Stephanie Dantzer, and Maggie Barno.

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

The National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative called for by the Bishops of the United States, is preparing for Year Two – the Year of Parish Revival (June 2023-June 2024). ***The Eucharistic Revival is a historic and transformative national movement to help the faithful fall in love***

with Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, and be inspired and equipped to share that love with others. (For a helpful infographic providing an overview of the three-year process and other information, go to www.eucharisticrevival.org.) St. Edward is hosting the 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 Tuesday, November 14 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. Eucharistic question for the week: Why is the Eucharist also called "Holy Communion"? Our Catechism, paragraph 1331, explains: "Holy Communion, because by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. We also call it: the holy things – the first meaning of the phrase "communion of saints" in the Apostles Creed – the bread of angels, bread from heaven, medicine of immortality, viaticum."

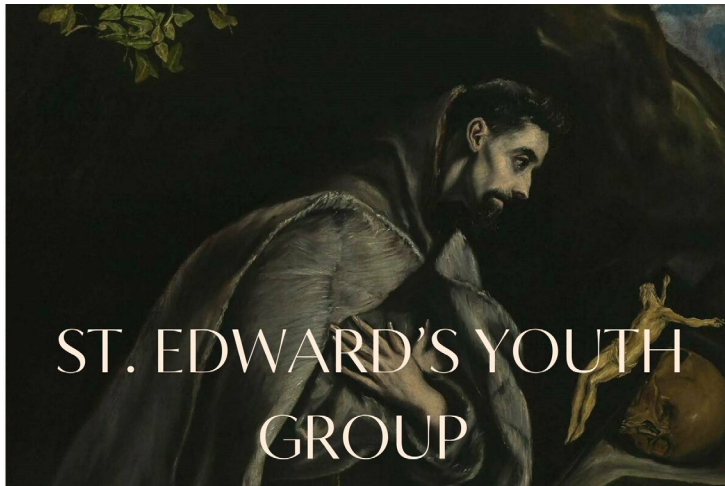
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IS 45:1, 4-6; PS 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;

1 THES 1:1-5B; MT 22:15-21

Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Whose we

are in every aspect of our lives.

Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big.

We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response, Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other!

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