



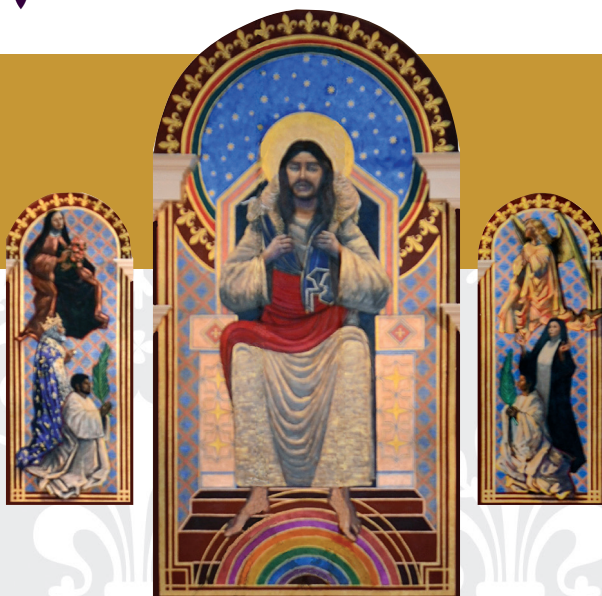
CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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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.

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

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 30

9:00 a.m. Theron Rogerson (RIP) by GHS Class of 2021

Tuesday, October 31

9:00 a.m. Valerie French (RIP) by Dale & Rose Tiemeyer

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass – Deceased Parishioners of
St. Edward Parish

Wednesday, November 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY;

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 a.m. Remembering Deceased of St. Edward Parish
Dorothy Schnupp (Birthday) by Mark & Paula Coleman

Thursday, November 2 – ALL SOULS DAY;

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

9:00 a.m. All Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mark & Paula Coleman

Friday, November 3 – FIRST FRIDAY;

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

9:00 a.m. Rob Dougan (RIP) by Greg & Barb Hinterschied

Saturday, November 4 – FIRST SATURDAY;

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

5:00 p.m. Livia Gallicchio (RIP, Birthday) by Cannon Family

Sunday, November 5 – 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.”

Notes from the Loft

♪ Today's first reading from Exodus reminds us that God will hear the cry of those who are poor and afflicted. The Communion hymn ("The Cry of the Poor") is a setting of Psalm 34 that echoes the Lord's words in Exodus. May we never hesitate to cry out to God in prayer – and may we share God's compassion and mercy with those who are in need.

♪ Thanks to Val Matula for playing the prelude for the Sunday morning Masses this weekend!



The Christmas Children's Choir resumes next week! 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 Music Director Paul Radkowski at music@saintedwards.org or 740-587-3254.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.: As Morning Dawns, Dear Savior
(Bach chorale/G. Niede, 1525-1588)

Val Matula, organist

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Blessed by Your Sacrifice (#205)

GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (#914)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 18: I love you, Lord, my strength.
(p. 211)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 212)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: Soul of My Savior (#211)

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

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

COMMUNION: The Cry of the Poor (#626)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir):

You Shall Love the Lord Your God (Englert)

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: Sing with All the Saints in Glory (#595)

POSTLUDE

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Kayla Drummond

8:15 a.m.: Jim Bidigare

10:45 a.m.: Kevin Skinner

Rosary for Life



Join together to 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.



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.



PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Advent is quickly approaching, and the Women of St. Edward will help you prepare. Four-piece sets of Advent candles will be for sale for \$5.00 on November 4 and 5 in the Gathering Space. Stop by to get your set to bring the Advent Wreath tradition to your home.

Santa's Attic Sale

**Saturday, November 4
from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

- **7 DAYS TILL SANTA'S ATTIC!**
- **Drop Off Your Gently Used Christmas Decorations This Week!**
- **SANTA NEEDS HELPERS! Sign up at the table in the Gathering Space or the side door entrance.**
- **TEENS who need service hours are welcome to volunteer!**

Even one hour of time to share is welcome! Please join in the fun and fellowship of Santa's Attic any time from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. this week. Questions? Email santas.attic4st.eds@gmail.com.



"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

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

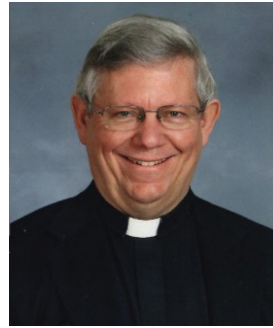
As you are aware, a dangerous amendment on the November 2023 ballot would enshrine abortion as a constitutional right. Please watch this two-minute video where The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, clarifies why this amendment puts the women of Ohio at risk and calls you into action 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.

A Word from Your Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

Our journey through the Mysteries of the Rosary for the month of October concludes with a look at the newest mysteries, The Mysteries of Light, also called the Luminous Mysteries. These mysteries were added by Pope Saint John Paul II. As the Holy Father commented, in a way they seem to "complete" the

collection of mysteries by adding a direct look at the public ministry of Jesus. The jump from the Finding in the Temple to the Agony in the Garden, from the last Joyful Mystery to the first Sorrowful Mystery, is filled with an invitation to discover anew the heart of the Message of the Rosary.

The Mysteries of Light point to particular moments in the life of Jesus where He reveals something unseen for our contemplation. Each Mystery is found in the Gospels and makes known to us the truth of Who Jesus Is, revealed to us in His human nature.

1. *The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John* is the first moment of the revelation of the Holy Trinity. The Father speaks of His Beloved Son and the Spirit is seen as a dove coming to rest on Jesus.
2. *The Self-revelation of Jesus to His disciples at the Wedding Feast of Cana* is the first revelation of Jesus' glory in the miracle of the water made wine.
3. *The Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to Conversion* is the first proclamation of the Gospel made by Jesus as He came from the desert after the Temptation: "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Good News."
4. *The Transfiguration* is the Luminous Mystery par excellence. It makes known the simple truth that our human nature itself is destined for glory, a sharing in Divine Life.
5. *The Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper* brings the Luminous Mysteries to their fullness, serving as the prelude to both the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Glorious Mysteries. Eucharist is the final Gift of Jesus before His suffering and death, and it already points to His Resurrection and the fulfillment of His promise of enduring Presence among us.

All are invited to see the Mysteries of the Rosary as a way of life. What happens to Jesus and Mary is what is offered to each of us and to all of us together. Your life and the life of your family are found in these Mysteries. We are destined for Light and Glory.

November begins with a reminder of the Communion of Saints with the Feast of All Saints and with All Souls Day.

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes Pastor

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
November 4-5: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Mary Maltry Andrew Morey	John Fitzpatrick	Kevin Bollo Olivia Priano
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Chris Carter Gary Carter	Jim Bidigare	Avery Miller Sydney Miller
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Emily Dunbar Noelle Gremling	Stephanie Dodd	Augustine Dodd Amanda Dunbar

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 22

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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.

Men's Ministry

**MEN'S
MINISTRY**
CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

*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," which started Saturday, October 21st. 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.



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!

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m., Fr. Hayes
Mass – 10:45 a.m., Fr. Hayes
ROSARY FOR LIFE – 10:00 a.m. in Rosary Garden
(Inclement weather, Lounge)
PSR

Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall
OCIA – noon-1:00 p.m. in the Lounge
Youth Group – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Mass – 9:00 a.m., Fr. Ghiloni
Preschool Fall Celebration
Adoration after Mass to 11:30 a.m.
Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Preschool Fall Celebration
Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall
VIGIL MASS for All SAINTS – 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Preschool
Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall
PSR – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.
OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY

Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Preschool
Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall
Choir – 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Preschool
Santa's Attic set-up in Parish Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m.
SANTA'S ATTIC SALE – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Confession – 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.
ROSARY FOR LIFE – 6:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
Advent Wreath Candle Sale in the Gathering Space

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m., Fr. Hayes
Mass – 10:45 a.m., Fr. Hayes
ROSARY FOR LIFE – 10:00 a.m.
in Rosary Garden
(Inclement weather – Lounge)



Advent Wreath Candle Sale in Gathering Space
Welcome Sunday after Masses in Parish Hall
PSR



Children's Choir Rehearsal – after 10:45 a.m. Mass –
on Choir Loft
OCIA – noon-1:00 p.m. in the Lounge
Youth Group – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows



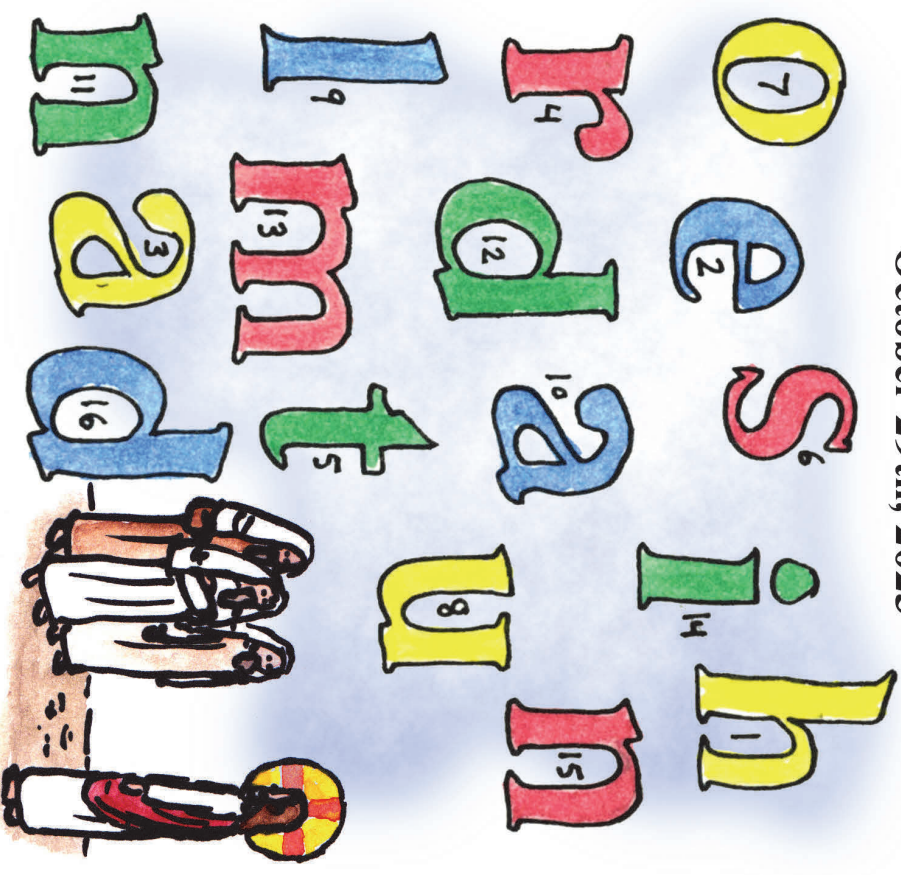
that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?

Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul, mind, first, love, yourself, whole, LOVE GOD

Answer to front page: heart, soul and mind.

The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29th, 2023



How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our

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Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the ⁷?" He said to him, "You

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law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?


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Saint Wolfgang

October 31



SAINT WOLFGANG WAS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PATRON SAINTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN EUROPE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE AGES. HE WAS THE TEACHER OF A FUTURE EMPEROR AND SEVERAL ARCHBISHOPS. HIS TEACHING KEPT THESE MEN CLOSE TO GOD AND HELPED THEM RULE WELL.

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.
The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.*

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head." +SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

Monday, October 30 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the Sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the Sabbath day from this bondage?" When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

Meditation: There are a plethora of things that, at times, can keep any of us bound up or oppressed – especially physical, emotional, or spiritual infirmities, which can befall us. Notice that when Jesus encountered an elderly woman who was spent of her strength and unable to stand upright, he gave her words of faith and freedom and he restored her to health. She must have suffered much, both physically and spiritually for eighteen years, since Jesus remarked that Satan had bound her. How can Satan do this? The scriptures indicate that Satan can act in the world with malice and can cause injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature. Satan's power, however, is not infinite. He cannot prevent the building up of God's kingdom or reign in our lives. Jesus demonstrates the power and authority of God's kingdom in releasing people who are oppressed by physical and emotional sickness, by personal weakness and sin, and by the harassment of the evil one in their lives. It took only one word from Jesus to release this woman instantly of her infirmity. Do you believe in the power of Jesus to release you from affliction and oppression?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 Jewish leaders were indignant that Jesus would perform such a miraculous work on the Sabbath, the holy day of rest. They were so caught up in their ritual observance of the Sabbath that they lost sight of God's mercy and goodness. Jesus healed on the Sabbath because God does not rest from showing his mercy and love, ever. God's word has power to change us, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Is there anything that keeps you bound up or that weighs you down? Let the Lord speak his word to you and give you freedom.

Tuesday, October 31 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:18-21 Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches." Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened."

Meditation: What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated -- the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor. 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 answers his own rhetorical questions with marvelous images: the tiny seed that grows into the large bush, the yeast that transforms the flour into an abundance of bread. We know this, that a small thing can have a big effect, as we have known a suggestion, a hope, an idea -- followed -- to lead to a whole career or way of life. From a chance meeting comes a fruitful relationship; from a small kindness comes -- well, salvation. To me, this is about Faith and Hope -- especially that my little faith and smaller abilities may yet help build "the Kingdom of Heaven." So although I continue to weep and groan, I pray each day, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done." A good question for today is: What can I do today that might be the seed or the bit of yeast that will grow into the Kingdom for others? That's a good question, and may be the right question for my readers. But -- true confession here! -- having considered this Gospel, I've discovered the question truly rhetorical (because I have an answer) that I've been trying to avoid -- that I am finally asking myself today is: What apparently little thing must I change in my life so that God may Reign in me?

Wednesday, November 1 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time
Solemnity of All Saints
~ A Holy Day of Obligation ~

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Meditation: The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2; 1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal. God alone satisfies. Theresa of Avila's prayer book contained a bookmark which she wrote: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things pass: God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing, God alone suffices." Is God enough for you? God offers us the greatest good possible -- abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God. Do you seek the highest good, the total good, which is above all else?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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 is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true happiness, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in

his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these ten beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation – to live a life of the beatitudes. The word beatitude literally means “happiness” or “blessedness.” Living a life of Christ will bring us true joy, true happiness – everything else of this world is fleeting.

About All Saints Day: Today the Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints. We all have this “universal call to holiness.” What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We “must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history” (*Lumen Gentium*, 40).

Thursday, November 2 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed ~ All Souls' Day**

Holy Gospel: John 6:37-40 Jesus said to the crowds: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

Meditation: What kind of future are you preparing for? What about the life to come after our death? God puts in the heart of every living person the desire for unending life and happiness with him. While death claims each of us at the appointed time, God gives us something which death cannot touch -- his own divine life and sustaining power. In the Old Testament, one of the greatest testimonies of faith and hope in the midst of great suffering and pain is that of Job: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another (Job 19:25-27).

Prayer: Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. 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.

An additional prayer for those who have died: Almighty God, through the death of Your Son on the Cross, You destroyed our death; through His rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You; and through His rising again You restored us to eternal life. God of the living and the dead, accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and who are buried with Him in the hope of rising again. Since they were true to Your name on earth, may they praise You forever in the joy of heaven. Amen.

Contemplation: Yesterday we celebrated “All Saints” day; today we celebrate “All Souls” day as a day of remembrance and honor to those who have died. As we commemorate this day, it seems much like our Memorial Day civic holiday – without the veteran aspect of the holiday. What is the difference between our celebrations? On All Saints Day we pray to those saints in heaven to intercede for us. And on occasion this includes someone we know and who has been a strong part of our life. But on All Souls Day we pray for our loved ones who have died and ask the Lord to admit them to their eternal reward. Our readings encourage us to open up our minds and hearts to the mystery of God’s love for us. We very easily can focus our attention on what we are missing as we remember our family and friends who have died. And this very human emotion is strong and is good and is part of our human nature which God has created. But God also has called us to trust in His promises of salvation and an eternal reward. Jesus reveals himself in many countless ways to those who seek him with eyes of faith. When we read the word of God in the Bible, Jesus speaks to us and reveals to us the truth – the mind and heart of God the Father.

All Souls Indulgences: An indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory (a specific person, or to any soul in purgatory), is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from November 1-8; on other days of the year it is partial. + A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 (as

well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day)] piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited. + To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit. + The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day. For more information, visit:

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/here-s-how-you-can-help-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory>

Friday, November 3 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Martin de Porres, Religious**

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1-6 On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. In front of him there was a man suffering from dropsy. Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and Pharisees in reply, asking, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?" But they kept silent; so he took the man and, after he had healed him, dismissed him. Then he said to them "Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" But they were unable to answer his question.

Meditation: In our increasingly busy world where we regularly try to pack ten pounds of activities into a five pound bag, today we should give an honest assessment of how each of us approaches the commandment to observe the Sabbath as a day of rest to honor the Lord. Obviously there is a balance to be struck here. The Pharisees were convinced that Jesus was a reckless Sabbath-breaker. The Gospels record seven incidents in which Jesus healed people on the Sabbath - the seventh day of the week set apart for rest and the worship of God. You would think Jesus' miracles on the Sabbath day of rest would draw admiration and gratitude from all. Unfortunately, each incident seemed to incite increasing hostility from the religious leaders who held an interpretation that went beyond God's intention for the Sabbath day of rest. They were certain that Jesus was a dangerous and irreligious man, a Sabbath-breaker, who must be stopped at all costs. But what about ourselves? How do we treat Sunday (the Sabbath for Christians)? Do we make going to Mass a priority because we want to give fitting praise, worship and thanksgiving to God, and to be nourished by the words of sacred scripture and the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ? Do we have a desire to "want" to go to Mass, versus a drag-your-feet attitude of "do I have to go to Mass?" Do I place sports, practices, rehearsals, sleep, shopping, travel, time in the office to catch up, yard work, et cetera above Mass? Or do I make Mass a priority recognizing that I can do these other things later? After Mass, am I cheating myself out of a much-needed day of rest by choosing instead to pack ten pounds of activities into a five-pound bag?

Prayer: O God, who led Saint Martin de Porres by the path of humility to heavenly glory, grant that we may so follow his radiant example in this life as to merit to be exalted with him 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: Why did God give the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath and enjoined his people to refrain from work on that day? The "Sabbath rest" was (and is still) meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his works, both in creation and redemption. It was (and still is) a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was (and still is) intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. It was not, however, intended to put a stop to love of God and love of neighbor. The law of love supersedes the law of rest! Jesus shows the fallacy of the Pharisees' legalism by pointing to God's intention for the Sabbath: to do good and to heal. Are hospitals closed on Sundays? Of course not. The need for physical healing is a constancy in our lives. So is spiritual healing, which is just as important. That is why the Sabbath remains an important day in our lives to get the spiritual nourishment we need to keep ourselves spiritually fit in order to live our lives as disciples of Christ.

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops;
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information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

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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 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 the Holy Sacrifice? Because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior and includes the Church's offering. The terms “Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,” “sacrifice of praise,” spiritual sacrifice, pure and holy sacrifice are also used, since it completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant. CCC 1330

Saint Anthony Mary Claret: “When I am before the Blessed Sacrament, I feel such a lively faith that I can't describe it... When it's time for me to leave, I have to tear myself away from His Sacred Presence.”



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Reflection on Lectionary Readings



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10; MT 22:34-40

Today's readings are all about love – the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing – but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life – simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up."

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