



CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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Rev. Timothy M. Hayes

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COME NOW, KING OF HEROES! DO NOT
DELAY TOO LONG! WE HAVE NEED
OF MERCIES! THAT YOU WILL FREE US!

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

TBA in bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

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

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 6

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

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 a.m. Lois Stammen (RIP) by Connie Bremmer

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Frances Skufca (RIP Anniversary)
by Tony & Dottie Skufca

Thursday, November 9 – Dedication of Lateran Basilica

9:00 a.m. Scot Brown (RIP, Birthday)
by Roy & Dorothy Brown

Friday, November 10 –

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Tim Murray (RIP) by Patty Gaul

Saturday, November 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

5:00 p.m. Denise Petticrew (RIP) by Jon Petticrew

Sunday, November 12 – 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:45 a.m. Tatla Dager (RIP) by Chuck & Terri Cera

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.”

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

Offertory on ‘Come, Ye Thankful People, Come’ (C. Callahan, 1993)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: As We Gather at Your Table (#315)

GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (#914)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 131: In you, Lord... (p. 215)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 216)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: Prayer of St. Francis (#534)

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

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

COMMUNION: Your Words Are Spirit and Life (#608)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir): To Serve Is to Reign
(Willock, SJ)

CONCLUDING RITE

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

POSTLUDE

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

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Michael Flanigan

8:15 a.m.: Dave Conway

10:45 a.m.: Randy Kerr

Notes from the Loft

Like our Sunday Mass readings, the Responsorial Psalms that we sing are on a three-year cycle. Today, we sing Psalm 131. It is special for three reasons:

♪ Many Psalms are repeated throughout the course of the three-year cycle. Psalm 131 appears only once: this weekend.

♪ Many Psalms are long, so the cantor only sings selected verses. Psalm 131 is short, so the cantor sings the entire text: all three verses.

♪ Many of the Psalm refrains that we sing are taken from the verses of the Psalm – but not this one. Today’s refrain conveys the sense of the Psalm, but its text does not actually appear in Psalm 131.



The Christmas Children’s Choir – 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.

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

Rosary for Life



Join together to pray to our Blessed Mother for Defeat of Issue 1

Please meet with Dcn. John to pray the Rosary for LIFE on Saturday after Mass at 6:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle and 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 November 5.



Welcome Sunday!

November 5! The Knights of Columbus and the Welcome Committee invite all parishioners and visitors to the Parish Hall after Sunday Masses to enjoy donuts, coffee and juice. Please take time to stop by to visit with fellow parishioners, welcome new members and make a new friend!

November’s Donut Sunday is in memory of Joe and Bernice Ciricosta. If you would like to sponsor a Donut Sunday, please contact Joe Coffey at coffeybreak@yahoo.com.



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.



WITH SYMPATHY

The parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Sewell, beloved sister of parishioner Helen Anderson. *May she rest in eternal peace in the presence of God.*



Please continue to pray for the souls who died since All Souls Day of 2022.

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| Joseph Ruby | Janet Shea |
| Tatla Dager | Rosemary McCarthy |
| Marianne Clapper | Karol Sweitzer |
| Dot Humiston | Daryl Mark Stewart |
| Frances Starinchak | Barb Sinsabaugh |
| Beverly Ann McMahan | Isaiah Perry |
| Paul Montalto | Michael Blakely |
| Ronald Bollo | Carolyn Velican |
| Jerome (Jerry) Datz | James Sands |
| David Gaul | Patricia Evans |
| Dan Lazar | |



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.



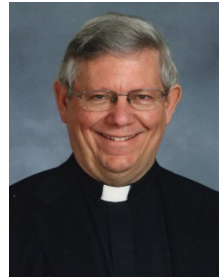
Contact Maggie Barno to schedule

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.

A Word from Your Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

National Vocation Awareness Week begins this Sunday. It is a time to share with the next generation the beauty of the Catholic Church and her encouragement to see how God calls all of us to share in the mission of spreading the Gospel.

The Catholic Church teaches that all of us share a common Baptism

and those who are confirmed have received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for the mission. We also experience a personal call to commit ourselves to God and to His Church in three distinct ways that are interdependent: generous Single Life, Marriage and the Consecrated life of Priests, Deacons and Religious. For most, the call to Marriage and Family is "the way." For some, walking the journey as a single person in the world is the call. These happen by responding in Faith to the "ordinary journey" that unfolds. They are meant to be a choice, not merely a happenstance.

The Catholic Church has "life choices" that are unique. The term Vocations has often been used to speak of the solemn and public commitment to lives of service as priests, deacons, and vowed men and women in religious communities. In recent times, given the variety of forms of service that have opened up for all, there have been fewer persons who respond to these forms of life. Nonetheless, God continues to call.

Vocation Awareness Week reminds us to invite young people to consider whether God is calling them as priests, deacons or religious. Many Saints have founded orders that continue to serve in our world today. Priests and deacons who are committed to the Diocese of Columbus serve most of our parishes. Religious orders with a variety of charisms are also present here and throughout the world. Missionaries, religious sisters, nuns, religious priests and religious brothers are to be found responding to vowed and consecrated life. God promises great rewards to those who respond to His call.

To reflect on a Vocation as priest or religious is a step on the way to making a true choice of life commitment. Do you have a son or daughter who is called to explore the possibility of God's invitation to service in the Church? Is there anyone who seems to have the signs of such a call? Don't be afraid to ask!

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Food Pantry needs are canned corn and canned fruit. 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!

| | Eucharistic Ministers: | Lector: | Altar Servers: |
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| November 11 -12: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | Adrienne Carter Gerry Moses | Eugene Gray | Arianna Carter Aaron Wolf |
| Sunday, 8:15 a.m. | Martin Flautt Kris Whiting | Michael Whiting | Ella Clark Paul McDonald |
| Sunday, 10:45 a.m. | Margo Downing Von Downing | Rose Ann Stevenson | Rylee Gray Katelyn Shaw |

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 29

\$ 6,382.00

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

The Second Collection on November 4 and 5 is for SVDP.
The next Second Collection is November 19 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

OCIA – A Journey in Faith

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



At OCIA, you can

- Prepare to become confirmed in the Catholic Faith
- Learn about the Catholic Faith in a friendly, relaxed environment
- Learn the "hows and whys" of the Catholic Faith
- Continue your journey if you're already Catholic

The 2023-2024 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation – formerly RCIA) Sundays from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All are invited! For questions, contact Dcn. John Barbour at 740-366-4124.

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – 8:15 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Second Collection – SVDP

Welcome Sunday –

Donuts and Coffee/juice after Masses

Respect Life Committee Answers Questions

about Issue 1 – in Lounge after Masses

Advent Wreath Candle Sale in Gathering Space

Children's Choir – after 10:45 a.m. Mass

ROSARY FOR LIFE – 10:00 a.m. in Rosary Garden

(Inclement weather, Lounge)

PSR – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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

Youth Group – 6:00-8:00 p.m.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ghiloni

No Preschool

Adoration after Mass to 11:30 a.m.

Walking With Mary – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences

Walking With Mary – 9:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive – noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

PSR – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Men's Rosary & Faith – 7:00 p.m.

Painting Class – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Book Club – 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Painting Class – 7:00 p.m.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Saturday Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m.

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.



Giving Tree is fast approaching. If you would like to sponsor an entire family, please contact Susan Martine at 740-975-0820 before November 10.

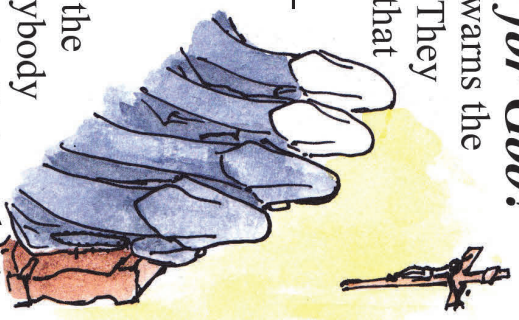
Should We Let Others See

What We Do for God?

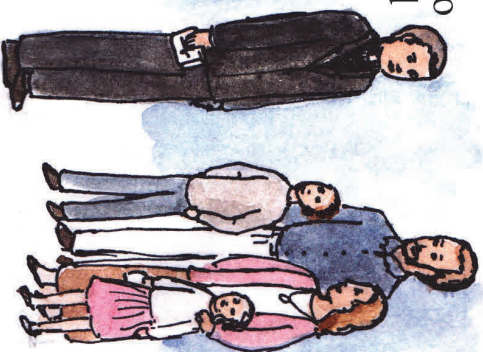
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warns the people about some of their leaders. They wore special clothes and made sure that people saw them giving to the poor. They also got the best seats at gatherings. These men were only concerned about outward things and not about being holy and loving in their hearts.

Our Lord wants us to be holy on the inside- to love Him and to love everybody

else with our hearts. But we don't always have to show it on the outside. Sometimes we pray together or help people when others can see us, but we should often pray and do good in ways that people won't see, too.



Still, there are some people who do wear special clothes and should get places of honour. Priests and religious sisters and brothers wear clothes that help us to know that they have special jobs. They aren't trying to get attention, but it is a sign that they have given themselves to God. We treat them with extra respect because they have dedicated their lives to God.



The Kids' Bulletin

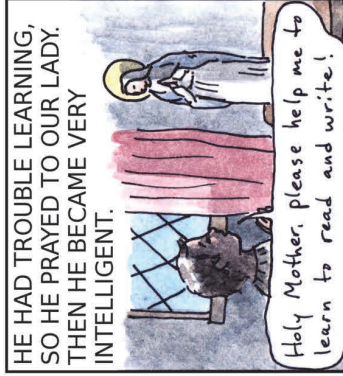
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5th, 2023



What was the last thing Our Lord said
in today's Gospel reading?
Look in the mirror to find out!

Blessed John Duns Scotus

November 8



BLESSED JOHN KNEW THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWING, LOVING, AND SERVING GOD. HE HAD A GREAT THIRST TO UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER SO HE STUDIED HARD. THE MORE HE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT GOD THE MORE HE COULD TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR GOOD TEACHERS.

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St. Paul's Letter

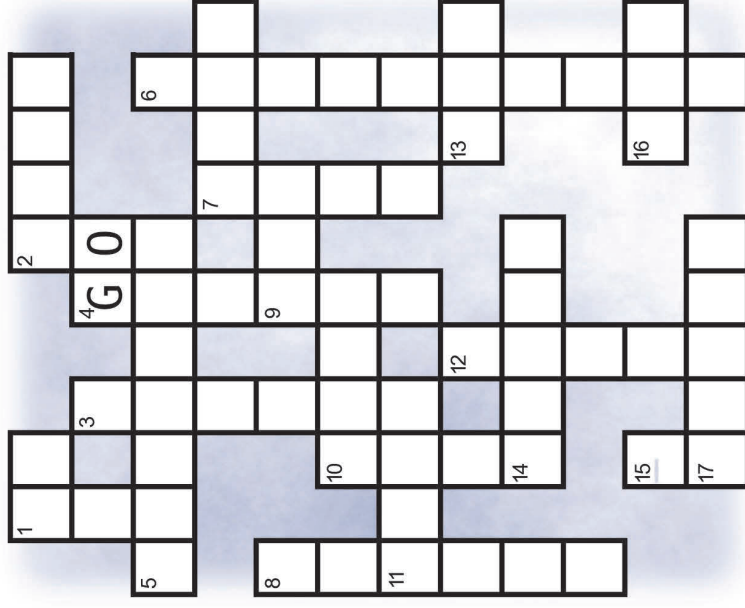
Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's reading from the letter to the Thessalonians and then fill in the puzzle.

A=Across

D=Down

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WELL



Brothers and sisters: We were (4D)
(12D) you, as a nursing (8D) cares for (16A) children. (10D) such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only (1D) gospel of God, but our very selves as (10A), so dearly (5A) had you become (1A) us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our (11A) and drudgery. Working (17A) and (13A) in order not to burden any of you, we (6D) to you the (3D) of God.

And for this reason we (9A) (2A) thanks to (2D) unceasingly, that, in receiving the (7D) of God from hearing us, you received not a (14A) word, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at (7A) (15D) you who believe.

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 November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

"Short and fleeting are the joys of this world's pleasures which endeavors to turn aside from the path of life those who are called to eternity. The faithful and religious spirit, therefore, must desire the things which are heavenly, and being eager for the Divine promises, lift itself to the love of the incorruptible Good and the hope of the true Light." +POPE SAINT LEO THE GREAT

Monday, November 6 ~ Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:12-14 On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees. He said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Meditation: The Lord is always ready to receive us at his table. As far as we can tell from the gospel accounts, Jesus never refused a dinner invitation! Why, in this particular instance, does Jesus lecture his host on who he should or shouldn't invite to dinner? Did his host expect some favor or reward from Jesus? Did he want to impress his neighbors with the honor of hosting the "miracle worker" from Galilee?

Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 probes our hearts as well. Do you show favor and generosity to those who will repay you in kind? What about those who do not have the means to repay you – the poor, the sick, and the disadvantaged? Generosity demands a measure of self-sacrifice. It doesn't impoverish, but rather enriches the soul of the giver. True generosity springs from a heart full of mercy and compassion. God loved us first, and our love is a response of gratitude to his great mercy and kindness towards us. We cannot out give God in his generosity towards us. Do you give freely as Jesus gives without expectation for personal gain or reward?

Tuesday, November 7 ~ Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time ~ Election Day ~

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:15-24 One of those at table with Jesus said to him, "Blessed is the one who will dine in the Kingdom of God." He replied to him, "A man gave a great dinner to which he invited many. When the time for the dinner came, he dispatched his servant to say to those invited, 'Come, everything is now ready.' But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, 'I have purchased a field and must go to examine it; I ask you, consider me excused.' And another said, 'I have purchased five yoke of oxen and am on my way to evaluate them; I ask you, consider me excused.' And another said, 'I have just married a woman, and therefore I cannot come.' The servant went and reported this to his master. Then the master of the house in a rage commanded his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' The servant reported, 'Sir, your orders have been carried out and still there is room.' The master then ordered the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedgerows and make people come in that my home may be filled. For, I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

Meditation: What does it mean to “eat bread in the kingdom of heaven?” In the ancient world the most notable sign of favor and intimate friendship was the invitation to “share bread” at the dinner table. Who you ate with showed who you valued and trusted as your friends. A great banquet would involve a lavish meal of several courses and a large company of notable guests and friends. One of the most beautiful images of heaven in the scriptures is the royal wedding celebration and banquet given by the King for his son and close friends. We, in fact, have been invited to the most important banquet of all! The last book in the Bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb and his Bride, the Church: The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! (Revelations 22:17). The ‘Lamb of God’ is the Lord Jesus Christ and his bride is the people he has redeemed by his own precious blood which was shed upon the cross for our salvation.

Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Before an Election: Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear and embrace your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your timeless truths as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Prayer Before I Vote: Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us (me) today as I participate in voting. Hear our (my) prayers, and increase in us (me) the will to follow your Son Jesus Christ. Help us (me) to draw on the resources of our (my) faith as we (I) use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more compatible with doing Your will, and respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor, the unborn children, the elderly, and the protection and support of the family. We (I) ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Notice how Jesus probes the reasons why people make excuses to God's great invitation to “eat bread” with him at his banquet table. The first excuse allows the claims of one's personal business or work to take precedence over God's claim. Do you allow any task or endeavor to absorb you so much that it keeps you from the thought of God? The second excuse allows our possessions to come before God. Do you allow the media and other diversions to crowd out time for God in daily prayer and worship? The third excuse puts home and family ahead of God. God never meant for our home and relationships to be used selfishly. We serve God best when we invite him into our work, our homes, and our personal lives and when we share our possessions with others. Do you make excuses to God's great invitation to “eat bread” with him at his banquet table?

Wednesday, November 8 ~ Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

Meditation: What does the parable of the tower builder and a ruler on a war campaign have in common? Both risk serious loss if they don't carefully plan ahead. In a shame and honor culture people want to avoid at all costs being mocked by their community for failing to complete a task they began in earnest.

This double parable echoes the instruction of Proverbs: "By wisdom a house is built" and "by wise guidance you can wage a war" to ensure victory (Proverbs 24:3-6). Every landowner who could afford it walled in his orchard as a protection from intruders who might steal or harm his produce. A tower was usually built in a corner of the wall and a guard posted especially during harvest time when thieves would likely try to make off with the goods. Starting a building-project, and leaving it unfinished because of poor planning would invite the scorn of the whole village. Likewise a king who decided to wage a war against an opponent who was much stronger, would be considered foolish if he did not come up with a plan that had a decent chance of success. Jesus tells his would-be disciples that they, too, must count the cost if they want to succeed as his disciples. Jesus assures success for those willing to pay the price. All it cost is everything! What does Jesus have to offer that's worth giving up everything else? More than we can imagine! Jesus offers the gift of abundant life and everlasting peace and happiness with God.

Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place in our lives over God. Jesus knew that the way of the cross was the Father's way to glory and victory over sin and death. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. We, too, must 'count the cost' and be ready to follow Jesus in the way of the cross if we want to share in his glory and victory. What is the 'way of the cross' for you and for me? When my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" for us is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can never out give God. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the love of God?

Thursday, November 9 ~ Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time **Feast of the Dedication of Saint John Lateran Basilica**

Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22 Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

Meditation: What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's action. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them through the sea, and finally to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of life embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God gave Moses instruction for worship and for making the Tabernacle, or tent of meeting, which was later replaced by the temple. The New Testament tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" – God's Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us – a cleansing of the mind, heart and soul.

Prayer: O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. 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: It is understandable that Catholics might ask what the significance is of celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica. This particular Basilica is the Cathedral Church of Rome – just as St. Joseph Cathedral is the "mother church" of the Diocese of Columbus, and is the "Bishop's Church." The Holy Father – Pope Francis – is also the Bishop of Rome, thus the Lateran Basilica

is his Church as Bishop. St. John Lateran is Christendom's earliest basilica. Ordered by Rome's first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great, it became the Popes' own cathedral and official residence for the first millennium of Christian history. Today, standing before the basilica's ponderous eighteenth-century facade, assailed by ear-splitting Roman traffic snarls on every side, we can hardly imagine this as the cradle of our religious heritage. It was to Jesus the Savior that Constantine dedicated the original church, confirming Christ's superiority over the Capital's pagan gods and assuring the worldwide expansion of the Christian religion. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. St. John Lateran is, in a sense, the parish church of all Catholics, for it is the Pope's parish, the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church.

Friday, November 10 ~ Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Leo the Great, Pope

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-8 Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than the children of light."

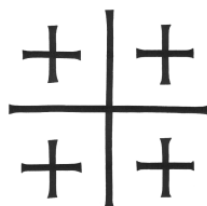
Meditation: Notice how the dishonest steward is commended not for mishandling his master's wealth, but for his shrewd provision in averting personal disaster and in securing his future livelihood. The original meaning of "shrewdness" is "foresight." A shrewd person grasps a critical situation with resolution, foresight, and the determination to avoid serious loss or disaster. Jesus is concerned here with something more critical than a financial or economic crisis. His concern is that we avert spiritual crisis and personal moral disaster through the exercise of faith and foresight. If Christians would only expend as much foresight and energy to spiritual matters which have eternal consequences as much as they do to earthly matters which have temporal consequences, then they would be truly better off, both in this life and in the age to come.

Prayer: O God, who never allow the gates of hell to prevail against your Church, firmly founded on the apostolic rock, grant her, we pray, that through the intercession of Pope Saint Leo, she may stand firm in your truth and know the protection of lasting peace. 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: Saint Ambrose once said: "The bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the barns which last forever." So, thus, true wealth consists not in what we keep but in what we give away. Possessions are a great responsibility. The Lord expects us to use them honestly and responsibly and to put them at his service and the service of others. We belong to God and all that we have is his as well. He expects us to make a good return on what he gives us. God loves generosity and he gives liberally to those who share his gifts with others. The Pharisees, however, had no room for God in their hearts. The gospel says they were lovers of money (Luke 16:14). Love of money and wealth crowd out love of God and love of neighbor. Jesus makes clear that our hearts must either be possessed by God's love or our hearts will be possessed by the love of something else. What do you most treasure in your heart? What do you love the most – better yet, who do you love the most. God? I hope so!

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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.)

NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 7 AT 6:30 P.M.

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."

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, 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.



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Reflection on Lectionary Readings



NOVEMBER 5, 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MAL 1: 14B-2: 2B, 8-10; PS 131: 1-3; 1 THES 2: 7B-9, 13; MT 23:1-12

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society – soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

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