



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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Monday 8:00 a.m.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 14 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:45 a.m. Pat Evans (RIP) by Dcn. John & Cindy Barbour

Monday, January 15 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Rev. Raphael Moscinski (RIP) by Dale & Linda Panko

Tuesday, January 16 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased McMillan Family by Vicki Kiser

Wednesday, January 17 – St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00 a.m. Joyce Hawk (RIP) by Marc & Tonya Hawk

Thursday, January 18 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Nubia Rivera Mosquera (RIP) by Steven Arias

Friday, January 19 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Prudence G. Lucas (RIP) by Patrick R. Lucas

Saturday, January 20 –

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

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

Sunday, January 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:45 a.m. Curtis Barbour (RIP) by SVPD Center Board



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.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024 – YEAR B

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: From All That Dwell Below the Skies (#546)

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 40: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (p. 60)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 60)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: O God, You Search Me (#442)

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: The Summons (#387)

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: The Spirit Sends Us Forth (#390)

CANTORS

TBD



Fr. Tim: As I pray and bow to the congregation, I invite you to also pray, "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

♪ Thank you all so much for the prayers, support, cards, messages, food, gestures of kindness, and love that you have shared with my family and me in these days since the death of Mary Agnes. Amidst our grief, God has blessed us with moments of strength, consolation, and peace far beyond our imagining. Your prayers have definitely been answered. We will forever be grateful. Thank you again.

Paul Radkowski, Music Director
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WITH SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family of our Music Director, parishioners Paul and Rose Radkowski and their children Rachel, Anna, Joseph and Sarah, on the death of their infant daughter and sister, Mary Agnes. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Altar serving is a great family ministry. It's a great way for a family to serve the parish for the New Year and beyond.

We are looking for a few young women and men and their families to begin the process of serving the Lord at the altar during Mass. The only prerequisite for the job is to have made your First Communion, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and a willingness to fulfill your commitment to this ministry by being on time as scheduled. **PLEASE CONTACT DEACON JOHN FOR TRAINING at barfamilybour@yahoo.com. One parent must attend the session with their student.**



HERE AM I, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

Ps 40: Sa and Ta



*"I rejoiced when they said unto me,
let us go into the house of the Lord."*

Psalm 122:1

WELCOME, all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today! To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward Parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Church Office, or call us at 740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

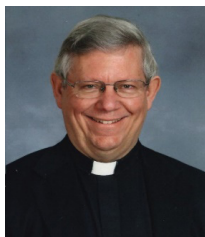
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A Word from Your Pastor



January 14, 2024

Dear Parishioners:

This week, our nation observes Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to advance the cause of unity among people of different races and ethnic backgrounds. Our Church cooperates with other Christian communities to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity beginning January 18 and concluding with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle on January 25. The direction of these observances is toward Unity.

When Christians speak of Unity, our primary reference is the Union of Love that is shared by the Holy Trinity, God

as a Community of Love in the Relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When the world speaks of Unity, it tends to be a mirror of this, seeking a relationship of cooperation, compassion and collaboration among people of diverse cultures, aware of our common humanity.

Our Readings this weekend speak to the challenge of passing on Faith and a vision of Unity to the next generations. Samuel experienced God's voice and Eli the priest did not realize it because folks of his day were less inclined to a personal encounter with God. John the Baptist, on the other hand, was always ready to pass on to his disciples what he had come to know, and some of his disciples became the first followers of Jesus as His public ministry began.

What gives you hope for Unity? Who are the ones entrusted to you that need to hear that vision? How do you share your Faith with the younger generations? What motivates you to do something to build up a more compassionate culture and a culture where each unique individual is cherished?

By telling a story of your own life, try to teach someone how to say: "Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening," and "Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your Will." The values we hold dear are generally taught by example rather than by lectures. If you really hold something as a value, you model it by putting it into practice. Are you one who promotes unity by word and example, or do the celebrations of these days serve to invite you to conversion? A change of mind and heart lead to a better world.

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes, Pastor



Food Pantry needs are grape jelly, Hamburger Helper, tuna, and canned vegetables.

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!

Rectory Update



Did you know?

The diocese does not pay for repairs to our rectory. The cost of repairs is the responsibility of the parish of St. Edward.

A late January to early February move-in for Fr. Hayes is expected to occur. He has been commuting from Gahanna since July.

Outdoor work will pick back up in the spring. The old pavers that have spread apart and become a serious fall hazard will be replaced by concrete.

Any and all donations for the repair of the rectory of St. Edward are gratefully accepted.



ADDED TIMES FOR ADORATION

St. Edward will participate in the Diocesan-wide "40 Days of Adoration" on February 18, 19, and 20. Adorers will be needed every hour for 40 hours. Please sign up in the Gathering Space. Bishop Fernandes has requested that parishes offer a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of each month in reparation for sins against human life and dignity, and to pray for the building of a civilization of love. The bishop has also asked that we give up fish on Fridays. We will pray together on Friday, February 2, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the chapel behind the sanctuary. You can come at any time during this hour and stay as long as you want.

Weekly Adoration is until 11:30 a.m. after Monday Mass.

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)



GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS IN JANUARY

Would you like to bring gifts for baby Jesus just as the Wise Men did? You may!

Throughout the month of January, there will be a box in the Gathering Space to receive your gifts for the Heartbeats organization in Newark. They work with young mothers and fathers that need

help with baby care items. The most needed items are: baby wipes, baby wash, diaper cream, sippy cups, clothing sizes newborn to 3T, and infant toys. NOTE: diapers are not needed.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

The Respect Life Committee

| | Eucharistic Ministers: | Lector: | Altar Servers: |
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| January 20-21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | Lisa Cannon Nancy Himmelsbach | June McCarthy | Dean Long Jude Long |
| Sunday, 8:15 a.m. | Leo Fox Suzanne Fox | Sarah Rundell | Isaac Gardner Jonathan Gardner |
| Sunday, 10:45 a.m. | Robin Krempel Joe Krempel | Richard Hoben | Amanda Dunbar Carter Skinner |

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

Santa's Attic Collection – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Choir – 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

No Adoration

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Eucharistic People Potluck & Discussion – 6:30 p.m.

in Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

PSR

Finance Council – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

40 Hours of Adoration – All Day (sign up in Gathering Space)

Preschool

Finance Council – 6:30 p.m.

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Social – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

40 Hours of Adoration – All Day (sign up in Gathering Space)

Preschool

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

40 Hours of Adoration – ends at 1:00 p.m.

(sign up in Gathering Space)

Knights of Columbus – “A Night Under the Stars”

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

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

PSR

*Pushkar Baum maintains the calendar. Please contact him for additions/corrections to the calendar.

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

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| December 10 | \$ 6,791.00 |
| December 17 | \$ 4,164.50 |
| December 24 | \$ 13,747.13 |
| December 31 | \$ 4,085.00 |
| January 7 | \$ 6,566.00 |

Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Sign up on the St. Edward website homepage at www.saintedwards.org.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

Propagation of the Faith – January 21

Catholic Times – February 11

Black & Indian Missions – February 18



MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C.

JANUARY 18-19, 2024!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE PLANS!!

2023 was a Roller Coaster ride in our battle against abortion. More than ever, we need to band together for support as we face an uncertain future. St. Edward's Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a charter bus for the 2024 National March for Life in Washington, D.C., departing late evening, Thursday, January 18, and returning late evening, Friday, January 19. This is a busy but impactful day of adventure, mission and sacrifice to our Nation's Capital, witnessing our ongoing concerns with Abortion. Thanks to a generous grant from the Catholic Foundation, seats can be reserved for only \$40.00 each with family pricing and Scholarships available as needed. Contact Paul Gassman at 740-334-8898 or Dcn. John Barbour at 740-973-5583 to reserve a spot or for more information.



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.



How to Build a Culture of Life

THE PROBLEM.....

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

OUR CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."¹

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

OUR MISSION AS CHRISTIANS.....

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP.....

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."²

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

IDENTITY CRISIS

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

OUR RESPONSE

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows

how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

A CULTURE OF LIFE

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

1 John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002.

2 USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*. Copyright © 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

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Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

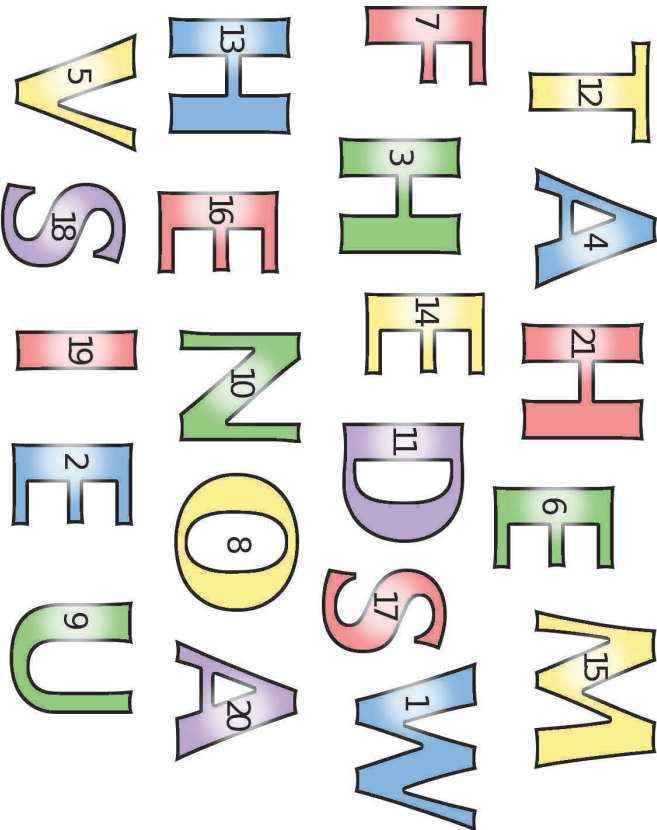
God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!
Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.
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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14th, 2024



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



Saint Bernard of Corleone

January 12

PHILIP LATINI WAS BORN IN 1605 IN SICILY. HIS FAMILY WAS CATHOLIC BUT HE DIDN'T TAKE THE FAITH SERIOUSLY. HE BECAME A SHOEMAKER LIKE HIS FATHER.

WHEN HIS FATHER DIED HE QUIT WORKING AND BECAME A SWORDSMAN- A VERY GOOD ONE!

PHILIP GOT INTO MANY QUARRELS, BUT HE DID DEFEND THE ELDERLY AND HELPLESS PEOPLE.

ONCE HE WOUNDED THE HAND OF A MAN WHO HAD FOUGHT WITH HIM IN A DUEL.

HE WENT TO THE CHURCH, WHERE HE THOUGHT ABOUT HOW HE WAS SPENDING HIS LIFE.

WHEN HE WAS 27 HE BECAME A CAPUCHIN MONK AND TOOK THE NAME BROTHER BERNARD.

BROTHER BERNARD DID MUCH PENANCE AND DID HIS JOBS WITH JOY. HE ALSO HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. HE DIED AT AGE 62.

SAINT BERNARD WAS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN SICILY, BUT WHEN HE FELT THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BECOME A MONK, HE DIDN'T LET HIS FAME STOP HIM FROM SERVING GOD. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT? DOES IT HELP YOU SERVE GOD OR DOES IT GET IN THE WAY?

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Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep."

So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."

Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling? It was

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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 January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

"The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross." +SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

Monday, January 15 ~ Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 2:18-22 The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to Jesus and objected, “Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” Jesus answered them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins.”

Meditation: Jesus warns his disciples about the problem of the “closed mind” that refuses to learn new things. Jesus used an image familiar to his audience — new and old wineskins. In Jesus’ time wine was stored in wineskins, not bottles. New wine poured into skins was still fermenting. The gases exerted gave pressure. New wine skins were elastic enough to take the pressure, but old wine skins easily burst because they were hard. What did Jesus mean by this comparison? Are we to reject the old in place of the new? Just as there is a right place and a right time for fasting and for feasting, so there is a right place for the old as well as the new. Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old (Matthew 13:52). How impoverished we would be if we only had the Old Testament or the New Testament, rather than both. The Lord gives us wisdom so we can make the best use of both the old and the new. Are you eager to grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's word and plan for your life? If not, what is holding you back?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Which comes first, fasting or feasting? The disciples of John the Baptist were upset with Jesus' disciples because they did not fast. Fasting was one of the three most important religious duties, along with prayer and almsgiving. Jesus gave a simple explanation. There's a time for fasting and a time for feasting (or celebrating). To walk as a disciple with Jesus is to experience a whole new joy of relationship akin to the joy of the wedding party in celebrating with the groom and bride their wedding bliss. But there also comes a time when the Lord's disciples must bear the cross of affliction and purification. For the disciple there is both a time for rejoicing in the Lord's presence and celebrating his goodness and a time for seeking the Lord with humility and fasting and for mourning over sin. Do you take joy in the Lord's presence with you and do you express sorrow and contrition for your sins?

Tuesday, January 16 ~ Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 2:23-28 As Jesus was passing through a field of grain on the Sabbath, his disciples began to make a path while picking the heads of grain. At this the Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?” He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry? How he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of offering that only the priests could lawfully eat, and shared it with his companions?” Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Meditation: What does the commandment “keep holy the Sabbath” require us to do? The religious leaders confronted Jesus on this issue. The “Sabbath rest” was meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God’s goodness and the goodness of his work, both in creation and redemption. It was a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. Jesus’ disciples are scolded by the scribes and Pharisees, not for plucking and eating corn from the fields, but for doing so on the Sabbath. In defending his disciples, Jesus argues from the scriptures that human need has precedence over ritual custom.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: So how do you spend the Sabbath (Sunday for we Catholic Christians)? There was a time when families and individuals spent Sunday attending Mass, relaxing in one way or another, having “Sunday Dinner” with family, visiting grandma. The Sabbath – the “Lord’s Day” should always be a day of praise and worship to God through the Mass; it should also be a day rest for us, giving us time to “re-create” ourselves for the coming week. In our hurried world, take some time to contemplate how you spend your Sundays. Carve out time on this day to give praise and worship to God the Father and receive the Eucharist during Mass, then carve out some time for yourself and your family.

Wednesday, January 17 ~ Second Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Anthony, Abbot ~ the “Father of Monks”**

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:1-6 Jesus entered the synagogue. There was a man there who had a withered hand. They watched Jesus closely to see if he would cure him on the Sabbath so that they might accuse him. He said to the man with the withered hand, “Come up here before us.” Then he said to the Pharisees, “Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?” But they remained silent. Looking around at them with anger and grieved at their hardness of heart, Jesus said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against him to put him to death.

Meditation: What is God’s intention for the commandment “keep holy the Sabbath” (Exodus 20:8; Deuteronomy 5:12)? The scribes and Pharisees wanted to catch Jesus in the act of breaking the Sabbath ritual so they might accuse him of breaking God’s law. In a few penetrating words Mark records that Jesus knew their thoughts. They were filled with fury and contempt for Jesus because they put their own thoughts of right and wrong above God. They were ensnared in their own legalism because they did not understand or see the purpose of God. Jesus shows their fallacy by pointing to God’s intention for the Sabbath: to do good and to save life rather than to do evil or to destroy life.

Prayer: O God, who brought the Abbot Saint Anthony to serve you by a wondrous way of life in the desert, grant, through his intercession, that, denying ourselves, we may always love you above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Anthony intercessory prayer: Dear God, Saint Anthony the Abbot accepted your call to renounce the world and to love you above all things. He faithfully served you in the solitude of the desert by fasting, prayer, humility and good works. In the Sign of the Cross, he triumphed over the devil. Through his intercession, may we learn to love you better; with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, all our strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Saint Antony the Abbot, great and powerful saint, intercede for us also for this special request (*mention your request*). We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We Catholics – in fact all Christians – celebrate Sunday as the Lord’s Day, to commemorate God’s work of redemption in Jesus Christ and the new work of creation he accomplished through Christ’s death and resurrection. Taking “our Sabbath rest” is a way of expressing honor to God for all that he has done for us. Such “rest” however does not exempt us from our love for our neighbor. If we truly love the Lord above all else, then the love of God will overflow to love of neighbor as well. Do you honor the Lord in the manner with which you celebrate Sunday, the Lord’s Day, and in the way you treat you neighbor?

Thursday, January 18 ~ Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:7-12 Jesus withdrew toward the sea with his disciples. A large number of people followed from Galilee and from Judea. Hearing what he was doing, a large number of people came to him also from Jerusalem, from Idumea, from beyond the Jordan, and from the neighborhood of Tyre and Sidon. He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him. He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him. And whenever unclean spirits saw him they would fall down before him and shout, "You are the Son of God." He warned them sternly not to make him known.

Meditation: Is there anything holding you back from giving yourself unreservedly to God? Jesus offered freedom to everyone who sought him out. Wherever Jesus went the people came to him because they had heard all the things he did. They were hungry for God and desired healing from their afflictions. In faith they pressed upon Jesus to touch him. As they did so power came from Jesus and they were healed. Even demons trembled in the presence of Jesus and acknowledged his true identity: You are the Son of God. When you hear God's word and consider all that Jesus did, how do you respond? With doubt or with expectant faith? With skepticism or with confident expectation? Ask the Lord to increase your faith in his saving power and grace.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In this scene, where Jesus is withdrawing a bit, do you feel a special closeness to him? He came to enter our world completely and be with us. It must have been a challenge for him to be so misunderstood by his disciples, to be so sought after by the poor, to be so rejected by the religious leaders, and have the demons proclaim that they alone seem to know who he is. In scenes like this, we can recognize that he must understand us when we are tired or stretched, misunderstood or rejected, frustrated or discouraged. Knowing this, can you draw closer to him during times of anxiety or challenge? Times of rejection or persecution?

Friday, January 19 ~ Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:13-19 Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him. He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles, that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons: He appointed the Twelve: Simon, whom he named Peter; James, son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, whom he named Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder; Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus; Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Meditation: When Jesus embarked on his mission he chose twelve men for the task of preaching the kingdom of God and healing the sick in the power of that kingdom. In the choice of the twelve, we see a characteristic feature of God's work: Jesus chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, who had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these men to be his apostles – not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: While Jesus called twelve men to be his apostles, Jesus calls all of us to serve the Lord as his disciples. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not shrug back because we think that we have little or nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you make your life an offering to the Lord and allow him to use you as he sees fit?

Saturday, January 20 ~ Second Week in Ordinary Time Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-21 Jesus came with his disciples into the house. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

Meditation: Have you thought about how the Lord Jesus Christ is honored in your home? Why would Jesus' relatives be so upset with him when he began his public ministry? On one occasion Jesus remarked that a man's enemies will be the members of his own household (Matthew 10:36). The Gospel of Mark records the reaction of Jesus' relatives when he went home: they came to seize him. They, no doubt, thought that Jesus must have gone mad or become a religious fanatic. How could a good home-body from Nazareth leave his father's carpentry trade and go off to become an itinerant preacher? Jesus had thrown away the security and safety of a quiet and respectable life close to his family and relatives. He, undoubtedly, expected opposition from the Jewish authorities. The hardest opposition, however, may come from someone close to us, even your own kin. Jesus met opposition with grace and with determination to fulfill his Father's will. Are you ready to obey and follow the Lord even if others oppose your doing so?

Prayer ~ Saint Fabian: O God, glory of your Priests, grant we pray, that, helped by the intercession of your Martyr Saint Fabian, we may make progress by communion in the faith and by worthy service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Sebastian: Grant us, we pray, O Lord, a spirit of fortitude, so that, taught by the glorious example of your Martyr Saint Sebastian, we may learn to obey you rather than men. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

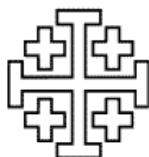
Contemplation: The Gospel, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and St. Ignatius of Loyola in his *Spiritual Exercises* all tell us that "talk is cheap" – that love ought to show itself more in deeds than in words, that we ought to focus more on acting like Catholics and Christians by loving one another than by going around simply talking about being a Catholic Christian. Part of today's message is about not being a hypocrite, which begs the question -- have you co-opted this directive for your own devices, using it as a reason to rarely talk about being a Catholic Christian. Why ask this? Because of what happened to Jesus and his followers in today's gospel passage. After beginning his ministry, he returns home where his friends and relatives reject him and think he is crazy. What do you choose to do or not do in order to be "accepted" by others? Do you shortchange your faith in order to be part of the crowd?

About Saint Fabian: St. Fabian, a Roman, was as energetic as he was admired and respected. He was able to accomplish a great deal during his long pontificate. Escaping the persecution of Emperor Maximus Thrax, who had been assassinated, Fabian enjoyed peace in the Church under the reigns of succeeding emperors. One of St. Fabian's first acts was to reorganize the clergy of Rome to better serve the increasing flock. He is also credited with beautifying and enlarging the cemeteries. He ordered paintings to adorn the vaults, and he erected a church above the cemetery of Calixtus. The Church flourished under St. Fabian as a succession of emperors left the Christians to themselves. This peaceful time came to an abrupt end with the ascension of Emperor Decius. He was a cruel enemy and he decreed that all Christians were to deny Christ by openly worshipping pagan idols. The Church was to lose many followers, but more stood firm to suffer torture and even death. Certainly, one of the first was Pope Fabian. Arrested, he was thrown in prison and died at the hands of his brutal captors. He is buried in the cemetery of Calixtus.

About Saint Sebastian: St. Sebastian was widely venerated during the Middle Ages, particularly as a protector against the plague. Paul the Deacon relates that in 670 a great pestilence at Rome ceased when an altar was dedicated in his honor. The Breviary account of the saint is highly legendary; in part it reads: "Diocletian tried by every means to turn Sebastian from the faith of Christ. After all efforts had proven fruitless, he ordered him tied to a post and pierced with arrows. When everyone thought him dead, a devout woman named Irene arranged for his burial during the night; finding him still alive, she cared for him in her own house. After his recovery he appeared again before Diocletian and boldly rebuked him for his wickedness. Enraged by the saint's sharp words, the emperor ordered him scourged until he expired. His body was thrown into a sewer."

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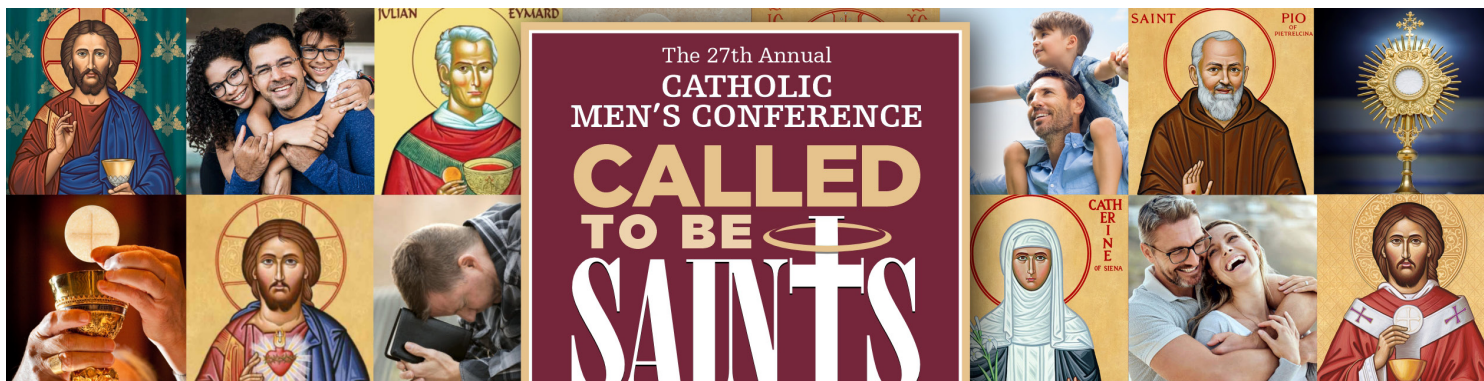
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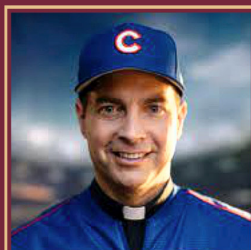
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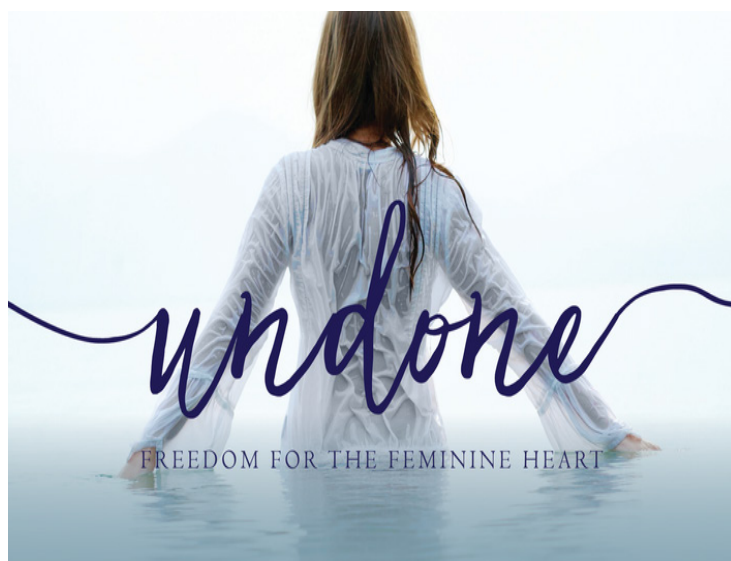
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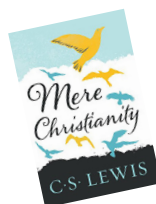
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The C. S. Lewis Book Club will meet Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge.



THE 2024 ST. EDWARD'S FISH FRY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

St. Edward's Lenten Fish Fry Season is quickly approaching. In addition to the fantastic fellowship and service involved in bringing a delicious menu of hand-breaded fish, fries, and homemade desserts to the community, this year we are launching a new way to increase net profits to better support the Catholic mission.

The purpose of parish fish fries is actually twofold: Community Engagement with Fellowship AND raising money. In 2024, we are offering the opportunity for individuals, small businesses, and larger corporations to be sponsors. Recognition will include names written in the bulletin for the Bronze level and with the Silver Level will also add names displayed on table tent cards. At the Gold Level, recognition includes name and logo on a banner displayed in the Monsignor Enke Hall during the Fish Fry events.

To confirm a level of sponsorship for this year's Fish Fry, please contact Lisa Ford at (lford3616@aol.com):

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The deadline for this sponsorship opportunity is Monday, Feb 5th allowing time for recognition materials to be printed for the first Fish Fry. Gold sponsors, please provide a logo to be displayed along with sponsorship commitment.

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National Eucharistic Revival



The National Eucharistic Revival is a 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. (To learn more, go to www.eucharisticrevival.org.)

St. Edward is hosting parish-wide small group discussions and potluck dinners with the study *"Becoming Eucharistic People"*.

NEXT MEETING – January 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Come and offer your suggestions for our church!

St. Pio of Pietrelcina: "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

Reflection on Lectionary Readings



JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 SM 3:3B-10,19; PS 40: 2,4,7-10; 1 COR 6:13C-15A,17-20; JN 1:35-42

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards and servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

"Here I am" is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly do we respond, and do we follow?

In order to do that properly, we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

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