



# CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

*Pastor*

**Rev. Timothy M. Hayes**

*Deacon*

**Rev. Mr. John Barbour**



COME NOW, THINKING 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.

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### **Bulletin Submission Deadline**

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 21 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

### Monday, January 22 – U.S. Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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

### Tuesday January 23 – St. Vincent, Dcn and Martyr;

**St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

**9:00 a.m.** Randy Dusenberry(RIP) by Deb Dusenberry

### Wednesday January 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**9:00 a.m.** Karen Sullivan (RIP) by Tim Sullivan

### Thursday January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

**9:00 a.m.** Maxine Behr (RIP) by Ed & Lisa Smith

### Friday January 26 – St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

**9:00 a.m.** Curtis Barbour (RIP) by Puskar Baum

### Saturday, January 27 – St. Angela Merici, Virgin

**11:00 a.m.** Funeral Mass for Fleur Metzger

**5:00 p.m.** Jauch & Myers Families by John & Marilyn Jauch

### Sunday, January 28 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**10:45 a.m.** Jeanette Carpenter (Birthday) by Kendall Carpenter

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### JANUARY 21, 2024 – YEAR B

#### PRELUDE

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Praise to the Lord (#203)

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

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 25: Teach me your ways... (p. 62)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 62)

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (#206)

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: "At That First Eucharist" (#374, alternate vs. 1)

#### CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#553)

#### CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Kevin Skinner

8:15 a.m.: Michael Flanigan

10:45 a.m.: Griffin Helms

## Notes from the Loft

♪ Today's designated music urges us to praise and adore God. As befits this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, three of our hymns are familiar to many English-speaking Christians of different denominations: the opening hymn ("Praise to the Lord"), the offertory hymn ("Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"), and the closing hymn ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"). In our Communion hymn, we pray that the Church – which on earth is bound together in the "Sacrament of Unity" – will one day be united with the Trinity. Indeed, let us pray that all Christians will give living witness to God's unifying love.

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



**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 boys and girls, and young men and women (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 Jesus and the Eucharist, and a willingness to fulfill your commitment to this ministry by being on time as scheduled, or getting a substitute. **PLEASE CONTACT DEACON JOHN FOR TRAINING at barfamilybour@yahoo.com. One parent must attend the session with their student.**



*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."*



*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.*



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

*Psalms 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!**

**I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## A Word from Your Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

As you may know, the bulletins over the Holy Days are often sent in early, so some messages that would be timely are published "late." This year, we also had several funerals that engaged us just as the year started. I want to thank everyone for hanging in there with us.

For the Advent-Christmas Seasons, I want to thank all who were involved with environment and liturgy and for the many "details of the Season" that require personal commitment. We had a truly lovely celebration of the Incarnation of our Savior at St. Edward the Confessor Parish. Everyone has commented on the beauty of the church, the music, the choirs – adult, children's and bells. Many guests and visitors felt very welcome and found that we had "room in the inn."

We especially thank Paul Radkowski and his family for their involvement in everything. Today, January 21, is the date of the Feast of St. Agnes. We cannot help but think of the precious little lamb, Mary Agnes Radkowski, whose brief life we celebrated with her family at the funeral on January 10. We waited with them, and we continue to grieve with them, even as we put our trust in the Lord, Who is our Shepherd. Paul and Rose and Rachel, Anna, Joseph and Sarah loved their Mary Agnes and shared her so generously with us. May God continue to be with them and bless them.

This week is a special time for celebrating the unique and unrepeatable gift of each human life, from the first moment of conception until the invitation to return to the Creator. We remember our little ones who have gone to be with the Lord, and we beg for mercy on all who are touched with the sorrows of loss. Let us cherish one another and God's precious gift of life that is shared with us.

We now have a bit of time where we simply count the days and weeks, "Ordinary Time." This will last until Ash Wednesday February 14. It is a time to grow in our Faith and to deepen our readiness to commit to all that the Lord asks of us. At St. Edward, it is also time to prepare for the annual Lenten Fish Fry each Friday. I have no doubt that those who lead in the efforts to prepare will find among our parishioners all the helpers they will need, as well as those who will fill the Msgr. Enke Parish Center on Friday evenings of Lent. If you are new to the community, this is the event that can introduce you to everyone.

*Rev. Timothy M. Hayes*

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes, Pastor



### ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR ADORATION

St. Edward will participate in the Diocesan-wide "40 Days of Adoration" on February 19. Adorers will be needed every hour from 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 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. 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. Additionally, the Bishop has asked that we give up meat on all Fridays.

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

*"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."*

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

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### 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 that will be donated to the Heartbeats organization in Newark. They minister to young mothers and fathers who need help with baby care items.

Parishioners are invited to bring baby wipes, baby wash, diaper cream, sippy cups, baby washcloths and towels, clothing sized newborn to 3T, and infant toys. NOTE: Currently, diapers and blankets are not needed.

*You are the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you very much for your generosity!*

*The Respect Life Committee*



**For the Safety of All at the March for Life**

**For Our Country & World to Return to God**

**For all War-torn Countries in the World**

**For Catholics to Return to Church**

**Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops and Priests**

**For Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest**

**For St. Edward's Youth Group to Grow**

**For Sick & Homebound Parishioners**

**All Staff, Teachers, Volunteers & Members of St. Edward**

**Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayer requests**

## 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

January 14 \$ 19,967.00

Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Sign up on the St. Edward website homepage at [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org).

**Diocesan Second Collections**  
**Propagation of the Faith – January 21**  
**The Catholic Times – February 11**  
**Black & Indian Missions- February 18**



### 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 will

- 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) meets Sundays from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All are invited! For questions, contact Dcn. John Barbour at 740-366-4124.



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

*January, February and March Mass Intentions are filled.*

**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.**

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
<b>January 27-28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Ava Vadala Mandy Vadala	John Fitzpatrick	Claire Skinner Carter Skinner
<b>Sunday, 8:15 a.m.</b>	John Casale Sue Casale	Barb Mattei-Smith	Paul McDonald Calvin Harris
<b>Sunday, 10:45 a.m.</b>	Rebecca Gassman Paul Gassman	Laura Collins	Katie Cottrell Katelyn Shaw

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

## This Week at St. Edward

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

Second Collection for Propagation of Faith

PSR – 9:30 a.m.

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

Choir – 9:30 a.m.

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

Preschool Registration Opens to Parish Families

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Adoration after Mass until 11:30 a.m.

Walking with Purpose Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.  
in Enke Parish Hall

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Parish Council – 6:30 p.m. Parishioners invited to attend.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Walking with Purpose Bible Study – after Mass in the Lounge

PSR – 6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Book Club – 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Funeral Mass for Fleur Metzger – 11:00 a.m.

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

PSR – 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group – Trampoline Party and Pizza  
(Free for Altar Servers)

\*Pushkar Baum maintains the calendar. Contact him for additions/corrections to the calendar.



## 2024-2025 ST. EDWARD PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS TO PARISH FAMILIES JANUARY 20/21

Registration packets will be available beginning Saturday, January 20, and Sunday, January 21, by the front doors to the church in the Gathering Space; by the preschool office door; and online on the preschool page of the parish website at <https://saintedwards.org/enrollment-forms>.

St. Edward Preschool offers classes for 3, 4, and 5-year-old children:

### Tuesday/Thursday

3-year-old morning classes, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

### Monday/Wednesday/Friday

4-year-old morning classes, 8:55-11:55 a.m.

### Monday-Thursday

Pre-K afternoon class for 4/5-year-old, 12:15-3:15 p.m.



**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!

## ICONOGRAPHY PAINTING COURSE

Instructor: Steven Arias

**FEBRUARY 7-JUNE 14, 2024**

CLASS TIME: EVERY WED-FRI FROM 7-9 PM

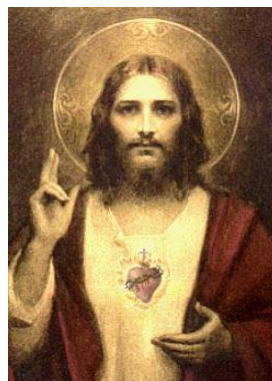
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## Sacred Heart Enthronement



*Is this the year that  
you invite Jesus into  
your home as your  
King and Savior?*

*"Come to me, all you that labor  
and are burdened, and  
I will refresh you."*

*Matt 11:28*

### Enthronement the Sacred Heart in Your Home

God wills that our home become a domestic church, a place where all members of the family grow in holiness – husband and wife, parents and their children – or single people.

**Husbands** – It is your duty to see that your family knows and loves Jesus and His Church.

**Wives** – Guide your children in the enthronement process. Everyone in the home prays together as a family without distraction from television, computer, phone, sports, etc.

### Why Enthronement Our Homes?

- The Sacred Heart of Jesus loves us as His Father loves Him.
- Jesus wills your salvation – you will see Him in heaven if you accept His love and His truth.
- Jesus has given us His Heart to shelter us and for refuge from our sufferings, sinful desires, and snares of the devil.
- Jesus has given us His most Holy Mother to be our Mother, His angels to be our protectors, and His saints to be our advocates and intercessors.
- To give our words, actions, thoughts, and all your sufferings to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Jesus will share with you His immense treasures.

### Show Jesus that We Love Him

- Express our thanks in prayer and Adoration of Him.
- Ask pardon for all the suffering He endures from our sins.
- Ask for the grace and strength needed by our body and soul.
- Seek and follow the will of God for our lives.

### To Enthronement Your Home

Contact Gregg Hinterschied at [hinterg@gmail.com](mailto:hinterg@gmail.com) or 740-403-3738.



### BOOK CLUB

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

# RESPECT LIFE MASS *and* ROE REMEMBRANCE

**Monday, January 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**

## **RESPECT LIFE MASS**

*St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus*

On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Principal celebrant and homilist is Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. All are invited. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org) or 614-241-2540.

**Monday, January 22, 2024, at Noon to 1 p.m.**

## **ROE REMEMBRANCE AT THE STATEHOUSE**

Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the annual Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse (West Lawn) following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. For additional information, visit [www.gcrtl.org/roe.html](http://www.gcrtl.org/roe.html).

## **9 Days for Life**

now through  
**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer and action during the U.S. bishops' pro-life novena. [www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena](http://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena)



Participating in the Respect Life Mass and Roe Remembrance is not just a testament to our faith but also a powerful witness to the world about the value of every human being.

*radical*  
**solidarity**

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.*

***“Faithfully attend to your obligations, but know that you have no greater obligation than that of your salvation and of the saving progress of your soul on the way to true devotion.”*** + SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

**Monday, January 22 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**  
***Day of Penance and Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14** At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost.

**Meditation on this special day of prayer:** Love is not merely a feeling, but is rather the desire for the best possible good for those whom we love. Through our natural intelligence and through Divine Revelation we become aware of the value of this most basic of all gifts which is life. Mere reason leads us to comprehend that it is better to be alive than never have had been in existence. The knowledge of the value of life that comes through revelation leads us to understand better this gift and to appreciate it: as a result, we worship and love more and more the Giver of this gift. This love is what moves us to protect the life of the unborn or any who might be unjustly treated. We are also led to protect women that might feel tempted or forced to commit abortion, as we know the devastating consequences that abortion will have in their lives. Last but not least we have to love, even if most of them seem to be utterly unlovable, the many perpetrators of abortion: medical personnel, and pro-abortion activists and politicians. We have to do everything that we can to convince them of their errors so that they repent and change their ways, both for their own benefit and for the benefit of society.

**Prayer:** God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. 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 on this special day of prayer:** All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. Using a traditional scholastic term, we can state that He is the exemplary cause of every human being, in other words, He is the model on which all human beings are created. He looked upon himself and wished that other beings would share in His own happiness. So if we reflect upon ourselves, we can begin to understand our participation in the greatness of our Creator. This participation on His greatness leads us to comprehend that He has brought us out of nothing with a purpose, because knowing His intelligence and His loving nature it is clear that all His actions are always guided by a magnificent purpose. The first intention for which He has created us is that we should enjoy for an eternity His loving company in Heaven. All human persons are called to this eternal and loving company, no one is excluded, save those who, through their own actions, exclude themselves. This manner of creation brings us to understand the unique essential dignity of every human being. A dignity that is not lost for any deprivation of the many external perfections that we might expect to find in a human person. A person might be born with a

disability, or may suffer disability through injury or disease, but these deprivations do not affect his basic dignity. A Christian also has the hope that one day when the doors of Paradise will be opened for those children, all their human imperfections will be healed and they will enjoy forever the beatific vision that we all long for.

**Tuesday, January 23 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 3:31-35** The mother of Jesus and his brothers arrived at the house. Standing outside, they sent word to Jesus and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

**Meditation:** Jesus is God's love incarnate – God's love made visible in human flesh (1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God – his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever does the will of God is a friend of God and a member of his family – his sons and daughters who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, mercifully pour out your Spirit upon us, so that our hearts may possess the strong love by which the Martyr Saint Vincent triumphed over all bodily torments. 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:** One of the early martyrs of the Church, Lucian of Antioch, once said: "a Christian's only relatives are the saints" – namely those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and adopted as sons and daughters of God. Those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ and who live as his disciples enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all of our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God first and to his kingdom of righteousness and peace. Do you want to grow in love and friendship? Allow God's Holy Spirit to transform your heart, mind, and will to enable you to love freely and generously as he loves.

**Wednesday, January 24 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
***Patron Saint of the Diocese of Columbus***

**Holy Gospel: Mark 4:1-20** On another occasion, Jesus began to teach by the sea. A very large crowd gathered around him so that he got into a boat on the sea and sat down. And the whole crowd was beside the sea on land. And he taught them at length in parables, and in the course of his instruction he said to them, "Hear this! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain. And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." He added, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." And when he was alone, those present along with the Twelve questioned him about the parables. He answered them, "The mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven." Jesus said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. As soon as they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the word sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground who, when they hear the word, receive it at once with joy. But they have no roots; they last only for a time. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Those sown among thorns are another sort. They are the people who hear the word, but worldly

anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

**Meditation:** Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

**Prayer:** O God, who for the salvation of souls willed that the Bishop Saint Francis de Sales become all things to all, graciously grant that, following his example, we may always display the gentleness of your charity in the service of our neighbor. 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:** This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task – to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

**About Saint Francis de Sales:** Francis was born on August 21, 1567, and ordained to the priesthood in 1593. From 1594 to 1598 he labored at the difficult and dangerous task of preaching to the Protestants of Chablais and effected the return of some 70,000 souls to the Catholic faith. In 1602 he became bishop of Genf. His zeal for souls is attested in 21,000 extant letters and 4,000 sermons which exemplify how he applied St. Paul's words: "I have become all things to all men." You may epitomize his character in two words: (1) kindness and (2) loveliness — virtues that were the secret of his success. His writings reflect his kindheartedness and sweet disposition. Most widely known is the saint's *Introduction to the Devout Life*, which, with the *Imitation of Christ*, is rightly considered the finest outline of Christian perfection. Francis' *Introduction* proves to the world that true piety makes persons amiable, lovable and happy. In recognition of the *Introduction* and his other writings Francis was declared a doctor of the Church.

## **Thursday, January 25 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time** **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 16:15-18** Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

**Meditation:** Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to the entire world. Their task is to proclaim the good news of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a nation, but it is for the whole world – for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power

of God, the power to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver from evil and oppression, and to restore life. Do you believe in the power of the gospel?

**Prayer:** O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. 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.

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**About Saint Paul:** St. Paul, originally named Saul, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in the year 66 A.D.; his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul near the Ostian Way.

### **Friday, January 26 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time** **Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34** Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

**Meditation:** What can mustard seeds 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. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

**Prayer:** O God, who adorned Saints Timothy and Titus with apostolic virtues, grant through the intercession of them both, that, living justly and devoutly in this present age, we may merit to reach our heavenly homeland. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The Lord of the Universe is always ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his grace and power? 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 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

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# Came, Follow Me...



If God asked you to come and follow Him right now would you be ready to drop everything and follow? In today's Gospel reading that's exactly what happened to Simon and Andrew and James and John.

They had been working at their fishing nets when Jesus walked past and called them to follow Him.

We are all called to follow Jesus in some way. God wants some people to give up their lives for others like Jesus did, and some people He wants to look after the poor and sick. Some people are called to care for children and some to build things. Some people are called to be special followers of Our Lord as priests and religious.



Do you know how you can best follow Jesus? When you're young the best way to be like Him is to be kind to everyone and honour and obey your parents like the Child Jesus did. Also, you can already start praying that when the time comes you will be know how to follow Our Lord in the way that you can serve Him best.



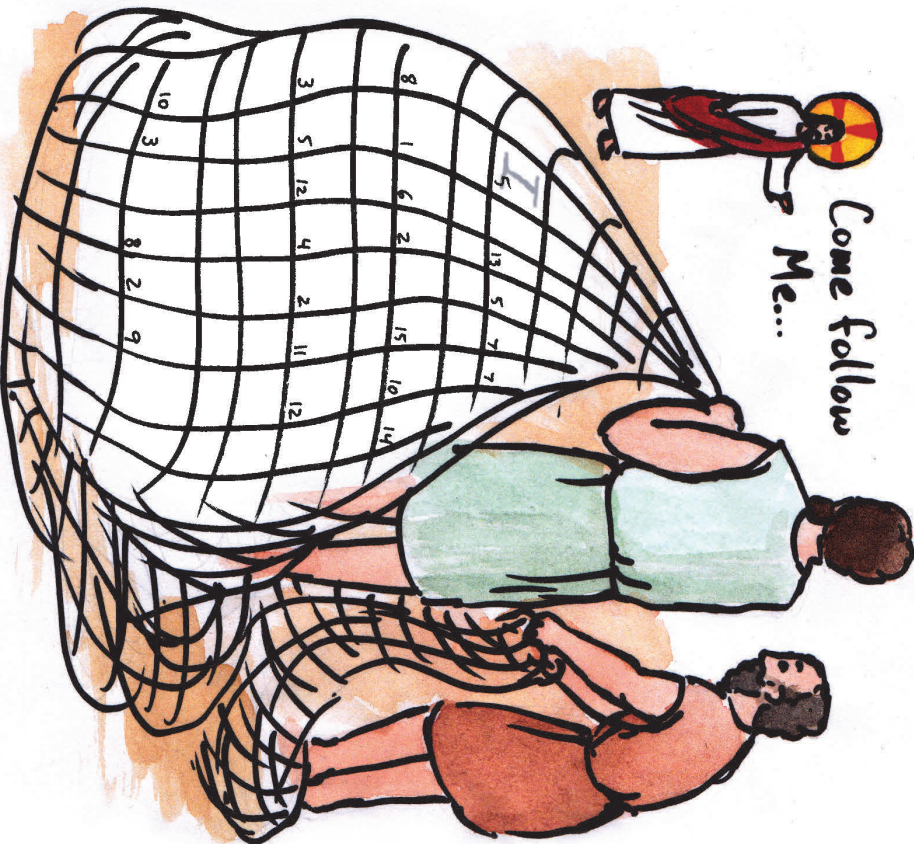
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Answer to front page puzzle: I will make you fishers of men.  
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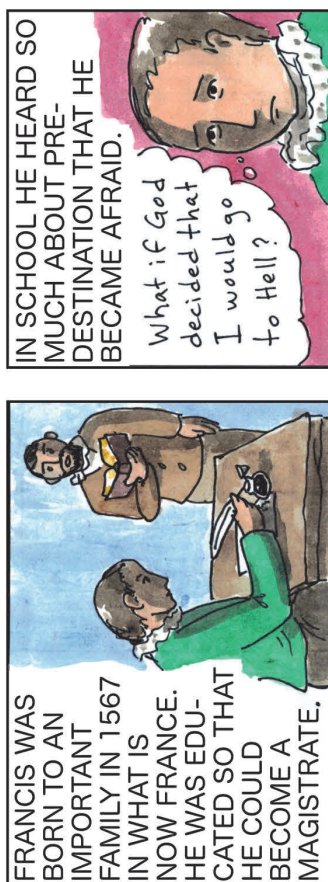
What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen?  
Find the letters that match the numbers in the net to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!



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# Saint Francis de Sales

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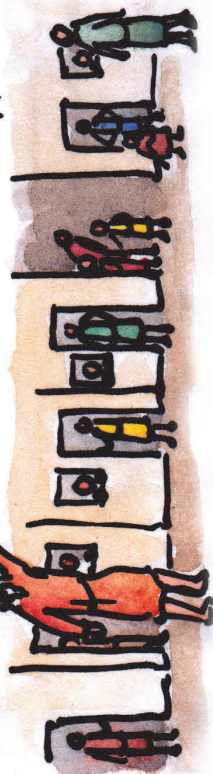


# JONAH GOES TO NINEVEH: TRUE OR FALSE?

*How well do you know the second part of Jonah's story?  
Which of these are true and which are false?*

1. After Jonah's incident with being inside a whale for three days, God asked him to go to Nineveh again. True or false?
2. Jonah refused to do what God asked this time too. True or false?
3. Nineveh was only a small city, so Jonah walked across it in a couple hours. True or false?
4. Jonah cried out that in forty days the city would be overthrown. True or false?
5. The people ignored Jonah and went on with their lives. True or false?
6. All the people believed in God, proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth. True or false?
7. God saw what the people were doing and decided that the city would not be overthrown. True or false?

**Nineveh will be destroyed!**





## 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.

This year the funds raised will support the general fund at St. Edward, with special focus on the homeless shelter mission at Saint Vincent Haven. With the expanded capacity at SVH (now 50 beds), their financial need has also grown.



### WINTER DONATIONS FOR HOMELESS

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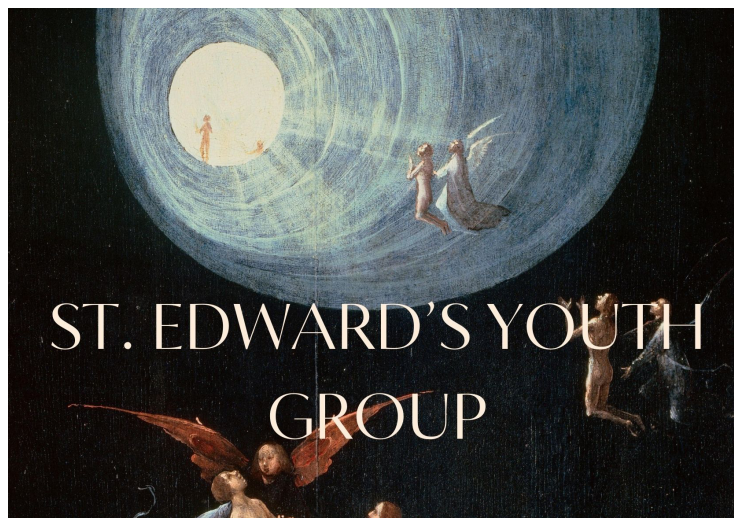
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*Undone* offers women an encounter with truth and healing tailored to their specific identities as daughter, sister, bride and mother. The weekend includes three great speakers, small group discussion, Adoration time for prayer, and much more. Two evenings and one full day: Thursday, January 25, 6:00-10:00 p.m.; Friday, January 26, 6:00-10:00 p.m., and Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Live streaming is also available. Visit [jpilhealingcenter.org/events/](http://jpilhealingcenter.org/events/) for details and to buy tickets now.



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**Fun Activity: What is under the cup?**  
**Dinner: Spaghetti and Meatballs**

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## National Eucharistic Revival



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The last St. Edward potluck dinner and small group discussion on "Becoming Eucharistic People" is at 6:30 p.m. on February 13.

**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 21, 2024 / THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:1-5, 10; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 COR 7:29-31; MK 1:14-20

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

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