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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Holy Day Mass ScheduleTBA in bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

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

Bulletin Submission Deadline

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 4 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:45 a.m. Elsie Gray (RIP) by Eugene Gray

Monday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 a.m. Christopher Reynolds (Birthday) by Andy & Lisa Sloan

Tuesday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. Emil & Darlene Looker by Dale & Linda Panko

Wednesday, February 7 - Weekday

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

Thursday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

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

Friday, February 9 - Weekday

9:00 a.m. Christine Brielmaier (RIP) by Von & Margo Downing

Saturday, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

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

Sunday, February 11 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. Armand Leo Lanciault (RIP, Birthday) by Rita Baldwin

10:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish



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." 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!**

I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH:				
NAME				
EMAIL _				
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FISH FRY HELPERS

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2024 – YEAR B

PRELUDE

5:00 p.m.: organist's choice

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.: Come, Worship the Lord (Ps. 95/J.M. Talbot)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (#430)

GLORIA: A New Mass for Congregation (text: inside front cover or

p. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 147: Praise the Lord... (p. 65) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 66)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: Faith of Our Fathers (#506) EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: Gift of Finest Wheat (#344)

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: How Can I Keep from Singing? (#447)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Kayce Long 8:15 a.m.: Jim Bidigare 10:45 a.m. Sandy Wolfe

Notes from the Loft

☐ Today's opening hymn is "I Sing the Mighty Power of God." Its melody (ELLACOMBE) is named for an English village, but it first appeared in a German hymnal. Its text was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), an English Congregational minister who wrote many hymn texts, including "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." He is also credited with writing the text of "Joy to the World."

♪ Many thanks to Leeanne Hohman, who played the viola for the 5:00 p.m. Mass last weekend. Leanne is one of our high school students, and she plays in the Newark-Granville Youth Symphony Orchestra. Thank you, Leeanne! Many thanks also to our other regular organists: Val Matula, who played for the 8:15 a.m. Mass last weekend and continues to play for various weekday Masses, and Mike Sullivan, who generally plays for two 5:00 p.m. Saturday Masses each month.

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



Welcome Sunday! FEBRUARY 4TH

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! Special thanks to January's donor Downey's Carpet Care. All donations for donuts go to support our seminarians. If you would like to sponsor a Donut Sunday, please contact Joe Coffey at coffeybreak@yahoo.com.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

A Word from Your Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

Time is rushing ahead of us! In just two weeks, we will enter Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Two celebrations that have Catholic roots will clash in our current culture: the memorial of St. Valentine and the Penitential experience of the imposition of ashes to highlight the beginning of Lent with its practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Love and Sacrifice are the heart of both celebrations. We express our love for God by a willingness to change our hearts and open our lives to a deeper experience of our relationship with Him. St. Valentine supported the same message by giving his life as a martyr and by the generosity of his way of living to promote sacrificial and sacramental love. Our current "universal culture" tends to water down the message of both celebrations. Sacrifice, giving up something of ourselves for the sake of others, is the evidence of real love, "Agape Love," that is, the very love of Christ. May we begin now to open ourselves to a greater depth.

The feasting of Valentine's Day will have to be anticipated. World Marriage Day is Sunday, February 11. Ironically, that day is also World Day of the Sick, taking its cue from the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, that is usually celebrated February 11. May we learn from this "mixing of metaphors" and coincidence of feasts and celebrations what the essence of Love really is.

Christ taught us to love one another as He has loved us. He gave His life for us to heal us and save us from sin. He gave everything of Himself motivated by His Love for the Father and for us. May we live in Love, do penance, and care for all those in need around us.

How will you spend your Lent? Make plans to be part of our Soup Suppers, Stations of the Cross, Lenten Penance Service (March 19) and Adoration at varied times during the Season at St. Edward Church. At the same time, be sure to allow your Catholic Faith to be visible in your homes with Lenten practices with family and friends: fasting from meat on Fridays, extra times of prayer and Scripture reading, Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and the Rosary. Let your Faith shape your days and weeks rather than just "squeezing it in" among your other plans and activities. Invite your friends, Catholic and non-Catholic to share all the practices that are part of Lent. Let your Faith shine!

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We need more Eucharistic Ministers to prepare for the return of the distribution of the Precious Eucharistic Blood at all Masses on the first Sunday of Lent, February 17 and 18. There will be training sessions

for ALL Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, both existing Ministers and new Ministers. Have you been a Eucharistic Minister in the past? Would you like to become a Eucharistic Minister? You are needed. Please call Deacon John at 740-366-4124 or call the office and we will let him know.



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.





TIMES FOR ADORATION

St. Edward will participate in the Diocesanwide "40 Days of Adoration" on February 19. Adorers will be needed every hour from 9:30 a.m. to 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, March 1 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.



BEWARE of Fake Emails from Fr. Tim! DO NOT REPLY to emails from Fr. Tim!

A Special Note from Fr. Tim

I just want to let you know that someone is getting very bold in sending out email and text message requests pretending to be me. They create a new Gmail ID and use a part of my parish email in the name portion of it.

They also mimic my usual signature name. Please know that I will never ask you to make a purchase or send anything to me by email, text, or Flocknote without contacting you personally. Always feel free to call the office to check out anything suspicious. Report spam email to whatever email system you use. There is a special place in Purgatory for the persons who are doing this sort of deception. I suspect they will be asked to lock the doors and turn off the lights when they have finished with their time there! Thanks for your generous spirit in being willing to help, but do not be deceived. Fr. Tim

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:	
February 10/11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Adrienne Carter Andrew Morey	Charles Peterson	Arianna Carter Volunteer Needed	
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Martin Flautt Johnda Orndorff	Jim Bidigare	Calvin Harris Kara Bergeron	
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Joe Krempel Stephanie Dodd	Robin Krempel	Peter Moberg Warren Moberg	

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

January 28

\$ 12,020.00

Please consider Online Giving. Sign up on the St. Edward website homepage at www.saintedwards.org.

Diocesan Second Collections SVDP - February 4

The Catholic Times - February 11 Black & Indian Missions - February 18



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.



Contact Maggie Barno to schedule Mass Intentions at maggie@saintedwards.org. 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.

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Mass – 8:15 a.m. "Blessing of the Throats" Mass – 10:45 a.m. "Blessing of the Throats"

Second Collection - SVDP

Welcome Sunday after each Mass PSR - 9:30 a.m.

Choir - 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister Training for

Existing & New - 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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

Youth Group – 2:00 p.m. meet at Church to cook for Homeless

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool (Registration Open for next year)

Adoration after Mass until 11:30 a.m.

Walking with Purpose Bible Study- 7:00 p.m.

in Enke Parish Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool (Registration Open for next year)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool (Registration Open for next year)

Walking with Purpose Bible Study – after Mass in the Lounge PSR – 6:00 p.m.

Painting Class - 7:00 p.m. in Enke Parish Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Parent Event (Registration Open for next year)

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Women of St. Edward - 6:30 p.m. in Enke Parish Hall

Book Club - 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Parent Event (Registration Open for next year) Set up for Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in Enke Parish Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Confession - 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass - 5:00 p.m. "Blessing of the Throats"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Mass - 10:45 a.m.

Second Collection - The Catholic Times

PSR-9:30 a.m.

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

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



Food Pantry needs are grape jelly, toothbrushes and Hamburger Helper. 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!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2024



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):

- Bronze Sponsor: \$100-199 (recognized in the bulletin)
- Silver Sponsor: \$200-499 (recognized by table tent card, plus bulletin)
- Gold Sponsor: >\$500 (recognized by banner, tent card, and bulletin)

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.



FISH FRY HELPERS

The office is receiving a number of calls from folks who cannot sign up to help with the Fish Fries. If you are having difficulty signing up, please call Michelle Gardner at 614-537-6978.

Fish Fry Volumteer Sign Up



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23 & MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22



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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 February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

"Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!" +SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Monday, February 5 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:53-56 After making the crossing to the other side of the sea, Jesus and his disciples came to land at Gennesaret and tied up there. As they were leaving the boat, people immediately recognized him. They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. Whatever villages or towns or countryside he entered, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak; and as many as touched it were healed.

Meditation: Faith is an entirely free gift which God makes to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believing and trusting in God to act in our lives is only possible by the grace and help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the mind and helps us to understand, accept, and believe God's word. How do we grow in faith? By listening to God's word with trust and submission. Faith also grows through testing and perseverance. The Lord wants to teach us how to pray in faith for his will for our lives and for the things he wishes to give us to enable us to follow him faithfully and serve him generously. Jesus gave his disciples the perfect prayer which acknowledges God as our Father who provides generously for his children. The *Lord's Prayer* teaches us to seek first the kingdom of God and to pray that God's will be accomplished in our lives. The Lord in turn, gives us what we need to live each day for his glory. The Lord is never too distant nor too busy to meet us and to give his blessing. Do you pray to the Father with confidence that he will show you his will and give you what you need to follow him? Ask the Lord to increase your faith and gratitude for his merciful love and provision for your life.

Prayer: May the Virgin Martyr Saint Agatha implore your compassion for us, O Lord, we pray, for she found favor with you by the courage of her martyrdom and the merit of her chastity. 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: Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life? The gospel records that when Jesus disembarked from the boat the people immediately recognized him. What did they recognize in Jesus? A prophet, a healer, the Messiah, the Son of God? For sure they recognized that Jesus had power from God to heal and to make whole bodies, limbs, minds, and hearts that were beset with disease, affliction, and sin. What happened when they pressed upon him and touched the fringe of his garment? They were made well. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to meet our needs as well. Do you approach him with expectant faith?

Tuesday, February 6 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-3 When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. (For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.) So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He went on to say, "How well you have set aside the commandment of God in order to uphold your tradition! For Moses said, *Honor your father and your mother*,

and Whoever curses father or mother shall die. Yet you say, 'If someone says to father or mother, "Any support you might have had from me is qorban" (meaning, dedicated to God), you allow him to do nothing more for his father or mother. You nullify the word of God in favor of your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many such things."

Meditation: The Scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus' disciples of breaking their ritual traditions. Jesus deals with the accusation by going to the heart of the matter – by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of all, hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and interpretations of what God requires us to do. They paid more attention to their own legal arguments rather than God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them. If we listen to God's word with faith and reverence, it will both enlighten our mind and purify the hearts - thus enabling us to better understand how he wants us to love and obey him.

Prayer: O God, strength of all the Saints, who through the Cross were pleased to call the Martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions to life, grant, we pray, that by their intercession we may hold with courage even until death to the faith that we profess. 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 and his disciples apparently upset some of the religious leaders of Jerusalem who had invited them over for dinner. What did they do wrong? They apparently neglected the Jewish custom of washing their hands before eating. Such an offence was not only bad table manners, but it also caused ritual impurity for the religious-minded Jews. Jesus was publicly scolded as a rabbi who should have known better to instruct his disciples to keep themselves ritually clean. Jesus' response, however, caught his hosts off guard. Jesus turned the table on his accusing hosts by chiding them for their uncleanness of heart. The Lord invites each of us to draw near to him and to feast at his banquet table. Do you approach with a clean heart and mind? Ask the Lord to cleanse and renew you with the purifying fire of his Holy Spirit.

Wednesday, February 7 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23 Jesus summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." When he got home away from the crowd his disciples questioned him about the parable. He said to them, "Are even you likewise without understanding? Do you not realize that everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters not the heart but the stomach and passes out into the latrine?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) "But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles him. From within the man, from his heart, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Meditation: Remember the story of Cain and Abel, when Cain became jealous of his brother Abel and God warned Cain to guard his own heart: "Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it" (ref. Genesis 4:7). Unfortunately, Cain did not take God's warning to heart. He allowed his jealousy to grow into spite and hatred for his brother, and he began to look for an opportunity to eliminate his brother altogether. When jealously and other sinful desires come knocking at the door of your heart, how do you respond? Do you entertain them and allow them to overtake you? Do you slam the door to keep these sinful desires out? Fortunately God does not leave us alone in our struggle with hurtful desires and sinful tendencies. He gives us the grace and strength we need to resist and overcome sin when it approaches the door of our heart.

Prayer: Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ wants to set us free from the burden of guilt and from the destructive force of sin in our personal lives. He wants to purify our hearts and renew our minds so that we can love and act in every situation as he would love and act. The Lord is ready to change and purify our hearts through the grace and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Like a physician who examines the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings sin into the light that we may

recognize it for what it truly is and call upon his mercy and grace for pardon and healing. The Spirit of truth is our Consoler and Helper. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Believe in the power of God's love to heal, change, and transform your heart and mind! The beginning of Lent – Ash Wednesday – is one week from today. Use this Lenten Season to transform your life, to turn away from sin and instead turn toward the Lord and grow closer to him.

Thursday, February 8 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-30 Jesus went to the district of Tyre. He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice. Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied and said to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter." When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Meditation: This passage describes the only occasion in which Jesus ministered outside of Jewish territory. (Tyre and Sidon were fifty miles north of Israel and still exist today in modern Lebanon.) A Gentile woman – an outsider who was not a member of the chosen people – puts Jesus on the spot by pleading with him to show mercy to her daughter who was tormented with an evil spirit. At first Jesus seemed to pay no attention to her, and this made his disciples feel embarrassed. Jesus very likely did this not to put the woman off, but rather to test her sincerity and to awaken faith in her.

Prayer ~ Saint Jerome Emiliani: O God, Father of mercies, who sent Saint Jerome Emiliani as a helper and father to orphans, grant through his intercession, that we may preserve faithfully the spirit of adoption, by which we are called, and truly are, your children. 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 ~ Saint Josephine Bakhita: O God, who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. 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 praises a Gentile woman for her persistent faith and for her affectionate love. She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rebuff in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had indomitable persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever sought Jesus with faith – whether Jew or Gentile – was refused his help. Do you seek Jesus with expectant faith?

About Saint Jerome Emiliani: A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood. In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital. Around 1532 Jerome and two other priests established a congregation dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928 Pius XI named him the universal patron of orphans and abandoned children.

Prayer to Saint Jerome Emiliani: O St. Jerome Emiliani, our country is in such need of your powerful intercession before the throne of God. So many children are orphans of broken homes, some are missing and others have been used for evil purposes on our city streets. Even worse than this, people are killing children before they are even born. Inspire parents to adopt orphans. Help us to have your fervor for all children, especially those in most need. Finally, we ask you to transform us into children so that we may one day enter the Kingdom of Heaven and with you praise the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

About Saint Josephine Bakhita: For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave, but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of seven, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Soon Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. Josephine entered the Institute of Saint Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. On the occasion of her beatification, Pope John Paul II praised her for "leaving us a message of reconciliation and evangelic forgiveness in a world so much divided and hurt by hatred and violence. She, that was the victim of the worst injuries of all times, namely slavery, herself declared: 'If I was to meet those slave raiders that abducted me and those who tortured me, I'd kneel down to them to kiss their hands, because, if it had not been for them, I would not have become a Christian and religious woman'."

Prayer to Saint Josephine Bakhita: God of goodness and mercy, rewarder of the humble, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with charity and patience. May her prayers help us, and her example inspire us to carry our cross and to love you always. (*Mention your intention here.*) Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita. By serving you as she did, may we please you by our faith and our actions. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us. Amen.

Friday, February 9 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!") And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Meditation: When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Prayer: Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. Pope Saint Gregory the Great comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like kind. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; prayers are from *The Roman Missal*, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

Spending Time with God



But early the next morning sick and casting out demons spent the evening healing the Andrew's house, where He Our Lord went to Simon and In today's Gospel reading,

wilderness to pray. before the sun came up He went away into the

after all! But He was also human to be with His Heavenly Father. so He needed to take some time would have to pray- He is God At first we wonder why Jesus

God and talking to Him and listening to Him. And that is what real praying is- it's being with



time to talk with Our Father in truths, we still need to take some are always doing His work, like spend time with God. Even if we helping people or studying His Like Jesus, we also need to

with God. minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk Heaven. Starting today, take a few

Answers to picture puzzle: top:5, 2. middle: 4, 6. bottom:1, 3.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4th, 2024



At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach. Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

Saint Jerome Emiliani February 8











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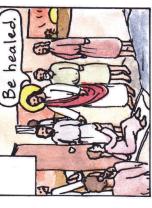
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Sort-out-the-Pictures:

An Evening and Morning with Jesus

See if you can sort out the order of these pictures What happened in today's Gospel reading? by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.

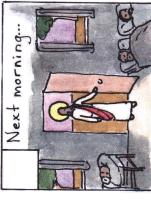












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We will also discuss Lenten Soup Suppers, the May women's event, and review WOSE guidelines. All women of the parish are invited!



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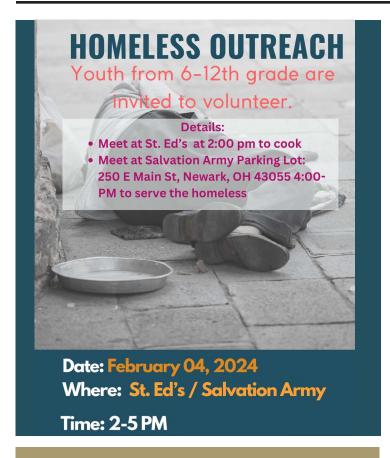
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The last St. Edward potluck dinner and small group discussions on "Becoming Eucharistic People" is at 6:30 p.m. on February 13.

St. Padre 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."

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Reflection on Lectionary Readings



FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JB 7:1-4, 6-7; PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 COR 9-16, 22-23; MK 1:29-39

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission – the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our home, parish, and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through –prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer – we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord – how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord."

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