



# 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.

### **Confessions**

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

### **Bulletin Submission Deadline**

**Monday 8:00 a.m.**

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## Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday, February 12 – Weekday

**9:00 a.m.** Rev. Thomas McFarren (RIP) by Bill & Peg McFarren

### Tuesday, February 13 – Weekday

**9:00 a.m.** Curtis Barbour (RIP) by Steve & Janice Schroeder

### Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

**9:00 a.m.** Dorothy Sewell (RIP) by Ginny Prusaczyk

**7:00 p.m.** Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

### Thursday, February 15

**9:00 a.m.** Sherry Lamb (RIP) by Karen Hayes

### Friday, February 16

**9:00 a.m.** Herbert Howard (RIP) by Agnes Atteberry

### Saturday, February 17 – Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order

**5:00 p.m.** Curtis Barbour (RIP) by Diaconate Community

### Sunday, February 18 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

**10:45 a.m.** John Crecca (RIP) by Jodie Crecca Family

## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEBRUARY 11, 2024 – YEAR B

#### PRELUDE

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (#557)

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

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 32: I turn to you... (p. 67)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 68)

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREP. OF GIFTS: Soul of My Savior (#214)

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: O Sacrament Most Holy (#346)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 Choir): Draw Near (arr. S. Janco)

#### CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: All Creatures of Our God and King (#547)

#### CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Randy Kerr

8:15 a.m.: TBD

10:45 a.m. Michael Flanigan



*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.*

## Notes from the Loft

Lent is on the way, so today we sing plenty of alleluias in our closing hymn. This Lent, in addition to omitting the Gloria and not singing "alleluia," the Office of Divine Worship has urged all parishes in our diocese to follow other established norms for Lenten music. As in past years, our weekend Masses will:

- ♪ usually have sung antiphons instead of instrumental preludes and second Communion instrumentals
- ♪ have silence instead of music during the Children's Liturgy of the Word dismissal at 10:45 a.m. Mass
- ♪ use less bright organ settings
- ♪ have "Jesus, Remember Me" as the closing song
- ♪ incorporate chanted Mass parts in English and in Latin (for practice videos, go to [saintedwards.org/music](http://saintedwards.org/music) and click on "Chant Mass parts").

Until then, let us keep singing with our hearts, minds, souls, and voices: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

~ Paul Radkowski, Director of Music  
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*"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 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



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

**February, March and April 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.**

## A Word from Your Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

Happy World Marriage Day! Blessings on World Day of the Sick! Are you ready for the Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving? Ash Wednesday is coming February 14. All of these themes capture our attention this weekend. What unites them? For Catholics, it is the truth of the Paschal Mystery – the simple fact that the Life, Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior continues to touch us



in the very core of our being. The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony unites two hearts into the union of life and love that mirrors the Love of the Holy Trinity. Husbands and Wives give themselves to God and to one another to be a sign in the world of what God has in store for us in Eternity. World Marriage Day calls us to pray for all who are called to live the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. We pray for spouses, that they may be true to their vocation. We pray for those who have lost their spouses, that they may continue to know the spiritual unity that began in their earthly experience of union in marriage. We pray for those who seek spouses, the God may fulfill the longing of their hearts.

God has a special love and concern for the Sick. All are entrusted with the responsibility to pray for them and to treat them with compassion. Those who experience illness are invited to unite their sufferings to Jesus Forsaken, the Crucified One Who gives His Life for us. They can draw strength from the example of Jesus and the many Saints who have suffered and been purified by that suffering, who continue to intercede for us. The story of Bernadette and the continuing reality of mercy to be experienced through the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes remind us that God knows our plight. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick serves those who are greatly burdened by illness to find strength and prepares those at the end of life's journey for the Kingdom.

Lent calls us to live our Faith intensely, praying for our own growth in holiness and walking in a special way with those who are on the journey that leads to unity of Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the rites of initiation. May we persevere in a Holy Lent and reach together the glories of Easter.

*Rev. Timothy M. Hayes*

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes, Pastor



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

*A Special Note from Fr. Tim*

Lately, someone has been sending emails and texts to parishioners 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. Thanks for your generous spirit in being willing to help, but do not be deceived.

Fr. Tim



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.

We need more Eucharistic Ministers to prepare for the return of the distribution of the Precious Blood at all Masses on the First Sunday of Lent, February 17 and 18. Deacon John will hold training sessions for ALL Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, both existing Ministers and new Ministers. Please contact him today.



### Altar serving is a blessed ministry.

We need boys and girls, and young men and women, from 4th grade to adulthood to serve the Lord at the altar during Mass. If you have made your First Communion, you can be an altar server. Showing up on your designated day is important or getting a substitute if you are ill or on vacation.

**PLEASE CONTACT DEACON JOHN FOR TRAINING at [barfamilybour@yahoo.com](mailto:barfamilybour@yahoo.com). One parent must attend the session with their student.**



### DIOCESAN "40 DAYS OF ADORATION"

**Monday, February 19, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.**

**Bishop Fernandes has asked that every church in the diocese take a day during Lent for Adoration, called the "40 Days of Adoration."**

**St. Edward has chosen Monday, February 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our Day of Adoration. Adorers will be needed every hour.**

**February 19 is Presidents' Day, to give parishioners who normally work on Mondays the opportunity to attend morning Mass and Adoration.**

**Sign up on the Flocknote that was sent on February 6. Sign up for an hour; however, you are welcome to stay as long as you like.**

**Bishop Fernandes also asked parishes to have a "Holy Hour of 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 next First Friday Adoration is March 1, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the chapel behind the sanctuary. Come at any time during the hour and stay as long as you want.**

**The bishop has asked that we give up meat on all Fridays. Weekly Adoration is until 11:30 a.m. after Monday Mass.**



	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:
<b>February 10/11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	John Martin Andrew Morey	John Fitzpatrick	Kevin Bollo Volunteer Needed
<b>Sunday, 8:15 a.m.</b>	Martin Flautt Johnda Orndorff	Jim Bidigare	Calvin Harris Volunteer Needed
<b>Sunday, 10:45 a.m.</b>	Joe Krempel Von Downing	Robin Krempel	Peter Moberg Warren Moberg
<b>February 17/18: First Sunday of Lent</b>			
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Adrienne Carter Andrew Morey Volunteers Needed	Sharon Stancavage	Kevin Bollo Volunteer Needed
<b>Sunday, 8:15 a.m.</b>	Jane Dougan Volunteers Needed	Selma Leshner	Avery Miller Sydney Miller
<b>Sunday, 10:45 a.m.</b>	Noelle Gremling Rebecca Gassman Paul Gassman Volunteers Needed	Dana Updegrave	Katelyn Shaw Anna Beth Zigan

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



### ST. EDWARD OFFERTORY

Basket:	\$5,189.00
Online:	\$ 3,946.00
Total:	\$ 9,136.00
Weekly Offertory Needs:	\$ 17,442.00
Weekly Deficit/Surplus:	(\$ 8,306.00)

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

### Diocesan Second Collections

**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.**



The Food Pantry needs 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!

## This Week at St. Edward

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Mass – 8:15 a.m. Renew Marriage Vows

Mass – 10:45 a.m. Renew Marriage Vows

**2nd Collection – The Catholic Times**

PSR – 9:30 a.m.

Choir – 9:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic Minister Training for**

**Existing & New – 9:30-10:00 a.m.**

OCIA – noon-1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

No Youth Group

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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 13

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Valentine Celebration

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Mass – 7:00 p.m.

Preschool Valentine Celebration

Walking with Purpose Bible Study – after Mass in the Lounge

Ashes Distributed at Swasey Chapel – 12:30 p.m.

**Eucharistic Minister Training – 6:00 p.m.**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

**Two Eucharistic Minister Trainings – 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

No Preschool

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Confession – 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

**2nd Collection – Black & Indian Missions**

OCIA – noon-1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Diocesan “40 Days of Adoration” – 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

No Preschool

Office Closed for Presidents' Day

*\*Pushkar Baum maintains the calendar.*

*Contact him for additions/corrections to the calendar.*



# Fish Fry Volunteer Sign Up



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



**Scan to Sign Up**

For more information

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FADAC2CA2F9C16-47227666-fish>



**St. Edward the Confessor Church**  
**785 Newark Granville Road | Granville**



## **FISH FRY HELPERS**

**If you are having difficulty signing up to help with Fish Fries, please call Michelle Gardner at 614-537-6978.**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you and your families are doing well.

This letter is to let you know of changes coming this year concerning the publication of our finances. The reason for these changes is two-fold. One: We want to be transparent to explain how we are spending our monies, and two: We want you to see financially where we are now and where we need to be, not only for now, but also for the future.

The finance council of St. Edward Parish has noticed that over the past three years, the offertory is declining. They want to start addressing this issue and want to provide an overview of the budget to the parish.

This year, the finance council has budgeted \$907,000.00 for income through the offertory. This offertory income pays for St. Edward salaries, preschool, utilities, office/church expenses, and general maintenance. Listed below are just some of the costs to run the church:

1. Salaries and Benefits for the preschool and staff are budgeted at \$522,000.00.
2. Utilities are budgeted at \$48,000.00 this year.
3. Office and church expenses are budgeted at \$72,000.00.
4. Yearly routine maintenance is budgeted at \$75,000.00

One thing that was not included in that budget was the rectory. Just this past spring, after an assessment by the Diocese, it was made known to us that the rectory house needed repairs.

Some of the repairs have been made and Father Tim will move in this week.

Nearly \$120,000.00 out of our parish reserves was used for rectory repairs. (I want to take a moment to thank parishioners, Bill and Mary Hoekstra and Tom Hoffer for their wonderful work in overseeing the project.)

To help defray some of the costs for this project, a Rectory Repair Fund has been set up.

If you would like to donate to the Rectory Repair Fund, you can do so by a check to St. Edward and in the memo line put "rectory repair," or you can give online under the "rectory fund."

No gift is too small and will be greatly appreciated. A plaque with all the names of those who donated to this fund will be located in the entryway of the rectory.

So far, we have raised a little over \$10,000.00 for the rectory. The Rectory Repair Fund will remain open throughout the year.

I would like to thank all of the parishioners who have already given. We also received a generous grant from the Catholic Foundation in the amount of \$14,000.00 for rectory repair.

Starting this week, we will begin to publish our weekly needs, our deficits/surpluses and our yearly deficit in the bulletin. Please take a look at those numbers and prayerfully consider any gift you can give to your church.

At the end of our fiscal year in July, another letter will be in the bulletin to include all the yearly financials and future needs of the parish with any upcoming maintenance projects that need to be completed.

If you have any questions concerning finances, you can reach me at the Parish Office.

Please know that you are in my prayers.

In Christ,

Pushkar Baum

Business Manager

# 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 February is dedicated to the Holy Family.*

***“Lent is like a long ‘retreat’ during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual ‘combat’ which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.” + POPE BENEDICT XVI***

### **Monday, February 12 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:11-13** The Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. He sighed from the depth of his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." Then he left them, got into the boat again, and went off to the other shore.

**Meditation:** The people of Jesus' time expected that the coming of the Messiah would be accompanied by extraordinary signs and wonders. The religious leaders tested Jesus to see if he had a genuine sign from heaven to back his Messianic claims. False messiahs in the past had made extraordinary claims to attract their followers, such as claiming that they could cleave the Jordan River in two or cause the walls of Jerusalem to fall. Jesus knew the hearts of those who came to test him. They were more interested in seeing signs and supernatural phenomena than they were in hearing the word of God. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (ref. Luke 2:34-35). Jesus gave them no sign except himself and the ultimate proof of his divinity when he rose from the dead.

**Prayer:** Show gracious favor, O Lord, we pray, to the works of penance we have begun, that we may have strength to accomplish with sincerity the bodily observances we undertake. 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:** Never forget that the Lord reveals himself and makes his presence known to us in many ways – in his word and in the "breaking of the bread" in the Eucharist, in his church – the body of Christ, in his creation, and even in the everyday circumstances of our lives. If we seek the Lord, we will surely find him. And we can be confident that he will give us whatever we need to understand and carry out his will. Most of all, the Lord assures us of his daily presence and the promise that he will never leave us. Saint Theresa of Avila's prayer book contained a bookmark in which she wrote: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; All things pass: God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing, God alone suffices." Think about that for a moment, then ask yourself: Is God enough for you?

### **Tuesday, February 13 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:14-21** The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. Jesus enjoined them, "Watch out, guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." They concluded among themselves that it was because they had no bread. When he became aware of this he said to them, "Why do you conclude that it is because you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many wicker baskets full of fragments you picked up?" They answered him, "Twelve." "When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many full baskets of fragments did you pick up?" They answered him, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"



**Meditation:** The apostles set off in their boat across the Sea of Galilee only to discover that they forgot to bring enough food for their journey. What were they to do miles away from land and any place where they could buy food and supplies? They were anxious of course, and this was right after Jesus had performed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes where the disciples fed more than four thousand people (ref. Mark 8:1-9). Jesus knew the trouble in his disciples' hearts even before they could speak. Jesus dealt with their anxiety by first warning them to not fear what can harm the body rather than what can destroy the very heart and soul of their being.

**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:** One might wonder why Jesus told his disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod? To the Jewish person leaven was a sign of evil. It was a piece of dough left-over from a previous baking. In due course it fermented and this fermented dough became leaven. Fermentation was associated with decomposing rot. Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the evil influence of the Pharisees and of Herod who sought their own counsels rather than the will of God. As the apostles continued to worry about their lack of bread, Jesus reminded them of his miraculous provision of bread in the feeding of the four thousand. He then upbraided them for their lack of trust in God. "Do you still not understand?" It's easy to get preoccupied with the problems and needs of the present moment and to forget the most important reality of all – God's abiding presence with us and his abundant provision for our lives as well. Thus when you pray, do you pray with joyful confidence, "Father, give us this day our daily bread?"

### **Wednesday, February 14 ~ The Beginning of the Season of Lent Ash Wednesday ~ A Day of Fast and Abstinence**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18** Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

**Meditation:** One might ask why Jesus singled out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for his disciples. The Jews considered these three as the cardinal works of the religious life. These were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast, and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory – the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all things (Isaiah 11:1-2). The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. We are called to journey with the Lord in this special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection.



As we begin this holy season of testing and preparation, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

**Prayer:** Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. 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:** God wants to set our hearts ablaze with the fire of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his holiness and radiate the joy of the gospel to those around us. St. Augustine tells us that there are two kinds of people and two kinds of love: "One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." We are what we love. God wants to free our hearts from all that would keep us captive to selfishness and sin. "Rend your hearts and not your garments" says the prophet Joel (Joel 2:12). Use this Season of Lent to the fullest – embrace the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church. Undergo a conversion of mind and heart. Conform your will to God's; don't ask God to conform his will to yours, as so many foolishly try to do. With the help of the Holy Spirit, become humble, transform your minds and hearts to be lead in God's way of truth and holiness.

### **Thursday, February 15 ~ The Thursday After Ash Wednesday**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 9:22-25** Jesus said to his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"

**Meditation:** Quite simply, the cross of Jesus Christ leads to freedom and victory over sin and death. We then need to ask ourselves: "What is the cross which Christ commands me to take up each day as his disciple?" When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can never outdo God in giving, no matter how abundant we try. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Are you ready to lose all for Christ in order to gain all with Christ?

**Prayer:** Prompt our actions with your inspiration, we pray, O Lord, and further them with your constant help, that all we do may always begin from you and by you be brought to completion. 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:** We need to ask ourselves: "What will I give to God in exchange for freedom and eternal life?" In thinking about this question, are you ready to part with anything that might keep you from following him and his perfect plan for your life? Jesus poses these questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. A true disciple is ready to give up all that he or she has in exchange for happiness and life with God. The life which God offers is abundant, everlasting life. And the joy which God places in our hearts no sadness or loss can diminish.

### **Friday, February 16 ~ The Friday After Ash Wednesday**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-15** The disciples of John approached Jesus and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

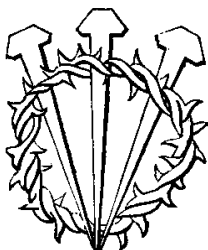
**Meditation:** What kind of fasting is pleasing to God? Fasting can be done for a variety of reasons – to gain freedom from some bad habit, addiction, or vice, to share in the suffering of those who go without, or to grow in our hunger for God and for the things of heaven. Basil the Great wrote: "Take heed that you do not make fasting to consist only in abstinence from meats. True fasting is to refrain from vice. Shred to pieces all your unjust contracts. Pardon your neighbors. Forgive them their trespasses." Do you hunger for more of God and for his holiness and for the abundant life he has to offer you?

**Prayer:** Show gracious favor, O Lord, we pray, to the works of penance we have begun, that we may have strength to accomplish with sincerity the bodily observances we undertake. 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:** We must remember that hungering for God and fasting for his kingdom go hand in hand. When asked why he and his disciples did not fast Jesus used the vivid picture of a wedding celebration. In Jesus' time the newly wed celebrated their honeymoon at home for a whole week with all the guests! This was a time of great feasting and celebrating. Jesus points to himself as the bridegroom and his disciples as the bridegroom's friends. He alludes to the fact that God takes delight in his people as a groom delights in his bride (Isaiah 62:5). To be in God's presence is pure delight and happiness. But Jesus also reminds his followers that there is a time for fasting and for humbling oneself in preparation for the coming of God's kingdom and for the return of the Messianic King. The Lord's disciples must also 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, fasting, and mourning for sin. If we hunger for the Lord, he will not disappoint us. His grace draws us to his throne of mercy and favor. Do you seek the Lord with confident trust and allow his Holy Spirit to transform your life with his power and grace? If not, perhaps this is an area for you to work on during this Season of Lent

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**AS WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF LENT ~ A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

*God, our heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this Holy Season of Lent.*

*By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.*

*Without You I can do nothing.*

*By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will.*

*Teach me to find new life through penance.*

*Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.*

*God of compassion and mercy, bring me back to You.*

*Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works in serving others.*

*May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love,*

*and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.*

*Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life*

*and make me one with You in thought, word and action.*

*Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to living the Gospel of Christ.*

*Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness and faults.*

*Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Eucharist during Mass.*

*Father, our source of all life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;*

*let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy,*

*for left to myself I struggle to do Your Will.*

*Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin*

*to the new life of grace.*

*Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.*

*I pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,*

*Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE ATONEMENT**



# Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always **DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A SECRET...** ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings?

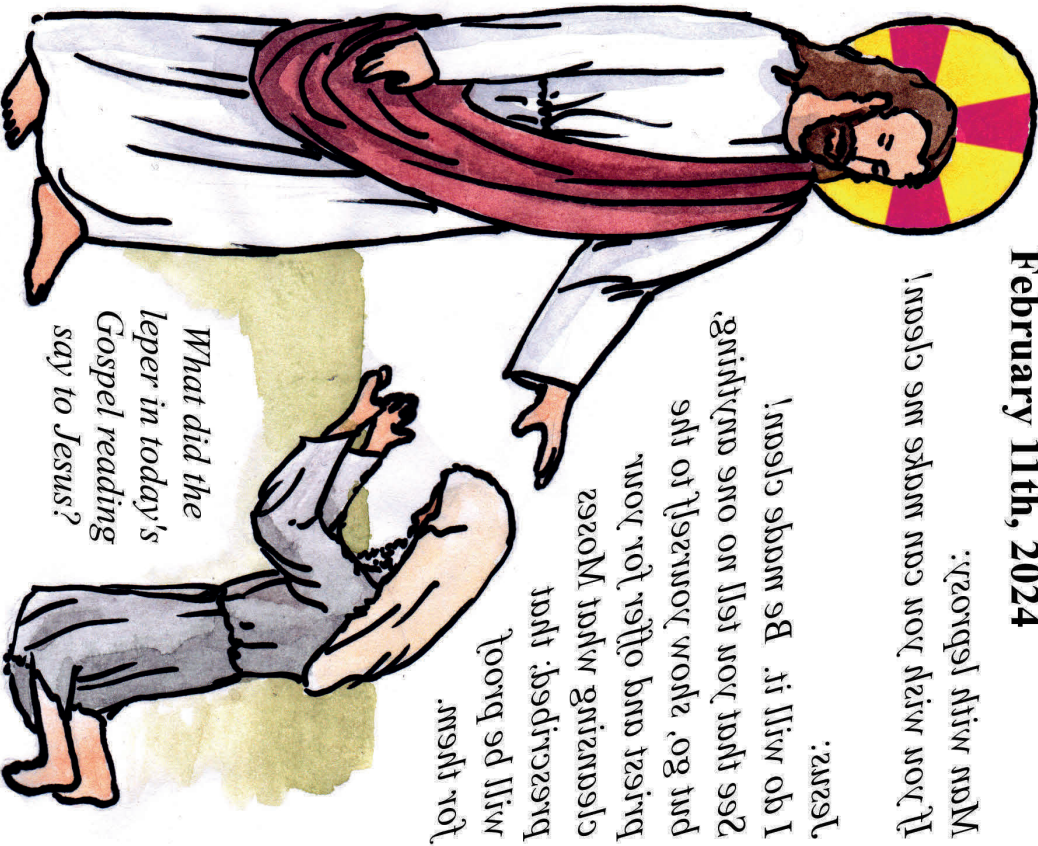


Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 11th, 2024



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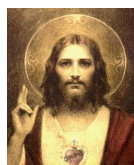
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*Matt 11:28*

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## Reflection on Lectionary Readings



### FEBRUARY 11, 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LV 13:1-2, 44-46; PS 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 COR 10:31-11:1; MK 1:40-45

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstituted into the community.

Let us approach this Holy Season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we, too, should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This Holy Season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the Resurrection of Christ.

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