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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT + 12 MARCH AD 2023+

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Dear Parishioners,

A very big thank you to everyone for a very successful Lenten Parish Mission. We are grateful for Bishop Brendan Cahill for leading us into the time in our Church year when we prepare our hearts and our minds to journey with Jesus through His Passion, His Death, and ultimately to the glory of His Resurrection. Jesus Himself underwent such a period of preparation before He began His earthly ministry, traveling into the desert to fast and pray, seeking connection with His Father, and engaging with His great foe. We pattern our own time of preparation on His desert sojourn, taking the same forty days, and using His techniques of prayer and abstinence to grow closer with God, and perhaps confront some of our own personal shortcomings.

The scripture readings this weekend can help us express that, "Thirsting for you, my God." The imagery of thirst in relationship to God is most prominent in the psalms. Psalm 42 compares our desire to know God with the need of a thirsty deer for life-giving water asking, "when can I see the face of God?" (Psalm 42: 3.) As human beings, on average, our bodies are over 60% water. We can survive for weeks without food of any kind, but only 3 days without water. It is not an exaggeration to say that water is one of the most vital elements to sustaining life. In comparing our need and desire for God to thirst, the psalmist emphasizes God's crucial life-giving power in our lives.

As we take up our Lenten journey to the cross on Calvary, then on to the empty tomb, we begin in the desert. Our personal desert is anywhere in our lives or in our hearts that feels barren, or hopeless, or lifeless. Our demons await us there, tempting and torturing us in our moments of need. But we do not travel to the desert alone. As we acknowledge our thirst for a relationship with God, we can accept His invitation to drink of the living water of His mercy and love. It is my hope for each of us that we can drink freely of this great gift, watering our desert and making it bloom.

I wish you and your loved ones Lenten blessings of good health, new hope, and a fruitful desert journey.

Father Christian



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Don't miss out on our Lenten Fish Fry followed by Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting **Fish Fry Fridays during Lent from 5-7 PM in the PLC**. Please join us to share food, faith, and fellowship this Lenten season!

MINISTRY MESSAGE

HE is here! Last Sunday we heard the wonderful scripture reading from the Transfiguration. "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here."

Peter was so overwhelmed to see Jesus, Moses, and Elijah that he wants them to be comfortable and to stay! He is then blessed to hear directly from the voice of God: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Are we also happy to be in the presence of God during our Eucharistic Celebration. HE is here at every Mass where the Priest consecrates the bread and wine into the body & blood, soul & divinity of Jesus Christ. Do we just relish in the special experience. Are we like Peter and desire it to continue? Or do we not encounter the presence of Christ in our mass? Do we prepare ourselves? Are we open to His presence, even for the short time of Mass?

As we continue a year of Eucharistic Revival, perhaps we are called to examine our views and feelings of the Eucharist. Since our baptism, and because of our baptism, we participate in both the saving power of the cross, and the resurrection! Do we also allow the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus Christ to continue to work in us, to transform us into the best person God has called us to be. Luke 22: 19 says, "then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

Our participation involves us surrendering our faults, to be transformed into something more, then called to join Jesus' mission helping others.

Deacon Don



PARISH LIFE

St. Edward Catholic Church
Presents

St. Joseph's Altar

Join us for a rosary, procession, and
potluck brunch in honor of St. Joseph!
If possible please bring a dish to share
and/or a food donation for St. Vincent
De Paul Food Bank

March 18, 2023

7:30 AM: Rosary
8:30 AM: Mass

Immediately after mass there will be
a procession followed by **Blessing of
the Altar**, and **potluck brunch** in the
PLC.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:30AM & 5:30PM

Sunday

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM,
& 5:00PM

Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30AM

Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30AM
(Beginning 12/6/22)

Friday 12:10PM

Rosary

Monday-Saturday 8:00AM

Friday 11:30AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 7:00PM

1st Friday 9:00AM-6:00PM

Benediction at 5:45PM

CONFESSIONS

Thursday

5:30-6:30PM

Saturday

4:00-5:00PM

or call office for appointment

SACRAMENT PREP

Infant Baptism

Contact Anthony Hernandez at
ahernandez@saintedward.org at
least 4 months before due date or
before desired baptism date.

Marriage

Contact Jane Truttier at
jtruttier@saintedward.org at least 6
months prior to the desired wedding
date.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

RCIA

Contact Annette O'Driscoll at
aodriscoll@saintedward.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:00AM-4:00PM

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Mon	March 13	8:30AM	LV	Thom & Ched Asana	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tues	March 14	6:30AM 8:30AM	† †	Ann Henthorn Tracy Martin	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wed	March 15	6:30AM 8:30AM	† †	Benji Arnold Lydia Dominguez	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thurs	March 16	8:30AM	†	Linda Gonzalez	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Fri	March 17	8:30AM 12:10PM	† †	Tony & Cecilia Pedraz Tom McCue	Saint Patrick, Bishop Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34
Sat	March 18	8:30AM 5:30PM	† LV	Tony & Rose Balana Michael Sean Murphy	Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sun	March 19	7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM 5:00PM	† † † †	Mary Mobley Sydney Williams Evelina Sciacca People of St. Edward	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

PRAYER REQUESTS

Yogi & Rosie Ybarra, Paul & Mark Ybarra, The Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families, Simon Joseph, Crystal Truttier, Joseph Kennedy, Jr., Seth Auzenne, Concepcion Cruz, Eric Wassilchalk, Arlene Hebert, Philip Gonzalez, Francesca Young, Danny Bryan, Michael David Young, Jr., Pat Trail, Linda Bilski Johnson, Zoe, Kolbie Guyton, Kathryn Stein, Chris & Kathy Kelly, Tracy Hopkins, Valerie Loebig, Tiffany Brasseaux, Rie Cieslak, Caroline Waldron, Cleo Bryan, Julia Belland, Margorie Terro, Victor Ruiz, Carolyn Wawrykow, Sean Auzenne, Mila Mathis, Joyce Kwiatkowski, Rich LaBoda, Geof Gribble, Ann Gibson, Julia Sanchez, Roger Kare

To make a request to add someone to the prayer list, please email us at info@saintedward.org or call the Parish office before Monday to have their name in for the following week.

The prayer list changes every 8 weeks!

PARISH LIFE

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

On March 13th the Vocation Committee will join with The Knights of Columbus in the PLC to recite the rosary at 7:00PM in the chapel. All are welcome to join us!

BEREAVEMENT MEETING CHANGE

The March meeting has moved to Monday, March 13th, at 10:00AM in the parlor of the church. All who have lost a loved one through death are welcome.

LENTEN ADORATION THURSDAYS DURING LENT FROM 7:00PM-10:00PM

Enhance your Lenten journey through the desert with more opportunities for peace, silence, and prayer. Make a Holy Hour with Christ by signing up with the QR code. Questions? Contact Ruth at rcroma1979@gmail.com.



MEET OUR COUNCILS

Pastoral Council

Virgil Frando, Raquel Runge, Joey Marchetti, Sarah Alaniz, John Edwards, James Crichton, Jim Caldwell, Regina Charpentier, Manny Payan



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Want to Become Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and are considering becoming Catholic, email Annette O'Driscoll at aodriscoll@saintedward.org for information. We have sessions most Sunday mornings from 10:00am to 11:00am for adults, children (at least 7 years of age), teens, and their parents. All are welcome!

Infant Baptism

We offer formation for parents who are interested in baptizing their child (6 years of age or younger). To inquire more information about the formation process and how to schedule the baptism, please call Anthony Hernandez at ahernandez@saintedward.org.

Adult Faith Formation

Catholic Social Teaching is usually referred to as the "best kept secret" in the Catholic Church. How about we break the secret and tell everyone about these principles that can help us know Jesus Christ in a more intimate way as we work towards justice and peace. How can your relationship with Christ deepen through Catholic Social Teaching? How can a family live the principles in daily life and busy schedules? Join us on Sunday, March 26th in the Parish Life Center from 3:30pm to 4:45pm.

GOALS AND GIVING



Parish Goal:
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\$1,175,613



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MOMS CIRCLE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Moms Circle will be leading a family-friendly Stations of the Cross in the parish plaza on Friday, March 17th, and March 31st at 5:30PM. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer and the passing on of this powerful Lenten tradition to your children.



STEPS FOR STUDENTS

Thank you for another successful year at Steps for Students! Save the date! We want you to join us next year too.

STEPS FOR STUDENTS
5K RUN/WALK

SAVE THE DATE!

The dates have been set for the next 2 Steps for Students Races:

2/10/24

2/08/25



St. Edward Girl Scout Troop #114092 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies in the PLC after all morning Masses today, Sunday, March 12th! All purchases from school and parish sales support the girls' activities for the year. Thank you for your support!

Want to Be a Monarch?

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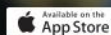
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