

Saint Edward Church

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March 19, 2023

SACRAMENTS

Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am & 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM & 12 Noon

Confession: Saturday at 4:30 PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. GLEN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In the Ancient Near East, people believed vision occurred because a beam of light goes out of the eye and hits an object. Whereas now we know that light reflects off the objects and then gets absorbed by the eye. As science matured and human anatomy was better understood, sight occurs because of the reflection of light off an object and makes its way into an eye. The ancient understanding focused on what comes out of the eye. If a person had darkness within them, i.e., evil, then they may not see clearly, but the Spirit of Jesus within a person can conquer that. The modern understanding focuses on reflection of light into the eye, and that Christians are a reflection of Jesus and his ministry.

For many centuries in the Early Church, the sacraments were known as ‘mysteries’, and the Eastern Churches still use that term today. Two ‘mysteries’ – baptism and confirmation (chrismation) – are still known as the ‘mysteries of illumination’. We usually think of mystery as something enigmatic or obscure or even symbolic, but its derivation is from the Greek *mustēs*, which is an ‘initiated person’, but which originally derived from *muein*, to ‘close the eyes or lips’. In all senses of the word, mystery is about seeing with the ‘eyes of faith’.

This weekend, the three readings are about seeing with the ‘eyes of faith’. When David is being selected to be anointed the future king, the prophet Samuel must use his ‘eyes of faith’ to see whom God is selecting. God peers into the heart and is not concerned with outward appearances. After all, this Lenten Season has been about ‘rending our hearts and not our garments’, according to the Prophet Joel. Although David is not perfect by any measure (recall the story of Bathsheba), he has a heart that is capable of contrition. Saint John presents the other side of ‘eyes of faith’ – being enlightened by Jesus, especially because the man born blind has been cured physically *and* spiritually. The Fathers of the Church saw parallels between physical and spiritual blindness, and Lent provides abundant opportunities to overcome spiritual blindness in our lives. Even Saint Paul impressed upon the community in Ephesus that each member is to live as a child of the light, to be alive and not asleep or spiritually lethargic.

Jesus challenges those listening to him to stop being like the Pharisees, because they believe that already possess the light and are enlightened. Instead, Jesus wants them to have the gift of true sight. Saint John’s gospel is lesson in opposites: sometimes a person can look but not see (like the Pharisees), but the converse is also true: a blind man can see through the eyes of faith and is able to see the truth.

The challenge to us today, however, is: are we willing to be changed for the sake of faith? Since Jesus is the source of light and illumination, are we willing to see truth as it is and be changed by having an open mind and heart, or do we see them as we might wish them to be? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (§§162-163 *passim*) says that “Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to [us]. ... Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God ‘face to face’, ‘as he is’. So, faith is already the beginning of eternal life: When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy.”

Saint James (Jas 1, 16-17) said, “Do not be deceived, my beloved: all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.” Continue to prepare well for the upcoming solemnity of Easter.

+ Archimandrite Glen J. Pothier

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 19, 2023

Saturday, March 18

8:30 AM †Poor Souls in Purgatory By Marilyn Diaz

5:30 PM †Richard Schmeelk
By The Koppel Family

Sunday, March 19

7:00 AM †Parishioners and Benefactors of
Saint Edward Church

9:00 AM †John Rooney
By Tim & June Rooney & Family

10:30 AM †Zachary J. Allison By John Allison
12:00 PM †Jose O. Rojas By The Rojas Family

Monday, March 20

7:30 AM †Antoinette Sherman
By Barbara Juliano

8:30 AM †Patricia Higgins By Sheila McDonald

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 AM **Special Int.** Remi Vassallo
By Loving Grandparents

8:30 AM **Special Int.** The Hug Family
By Julia Morris

Wednesday, March 22

7:30 AM †Wayne Alch By Jack Burns

8:30 AM †Robert Muscarelle By Trudy Hajduk

Thursday, March 23

7:30 AM †Edmond Moylan By Chip Horne

8:30 AM †J. Brian Moran Family
By Sharon Moran Callahan

Friday, March 24

7:30 AM †Annette Lobel By Jack Burns

8:30 AM †Jeanne D'Elia By The Lenko Family

Saturday, March 25

8:30 AM †Jack Daniel Rehm By Joan Navin

5:30 PM †Richard Schmeelk
By John Rich & Family

Sunday, March 26

7:00 AM †Ransom Parker By Ginny & Tommy Parker

9:00 AM †Elizabeth & James Fehilly
By E. & L. Ferrarese

10:30 AM †Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Edward
12:00 PM †Dale McNulty By Bishop's Gala Committee

MASS INTENTIONS

UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

† Rod Fink

By Madeline Fink

† Judy Moran By Bobby Slater

† Regina Treffiletti
By Jo Ellen & Anthony Pusatere

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By Svetlana Ilkevich

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The Women's Guild would like to extend a very special thank you to all the wonderful Saint Edward Ushers, who volunteered their time and muscle during the Treasures of the Island Sale!

PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

Located in the vestibule of the church is a binder where parishioners can write down their prayers and intentions, that they would like to be remembered at Mass.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David

(1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 19, 2023

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Lenten & Easter Services 2023

Lenten Reflections

Every Wednesday during Lent,
after the 8:30 AM Mass

Healing Mass

March 28
10:00 AM

Tenebrae Service

April 3
7:00 PM

Communal Penance Service

April 5
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 PM

Good Friday April 7

12:00 Noon, Stations of the Cross
1:30 PM, Solemn Celebration of the Passion of
the Lord

EASTER

Blessing of Easter Baskets

12 Noon on Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 8
7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

April 9
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon

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The Guild is proud to provide support to Faith Formation, charitable works, special needs, Catholic school education and support to many of the underserved within our community. The Treasures of the Island Sale enables the continued success of these very special programs.

Your generous donations enabled us to exceed total proceeds expectation. This assistance allows us to continue to accomplish our goal of serving others.

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Edward Guild, we are immensely grateful!

Co-chairwomen,
Jo Anne Burkholder & Priscilla Schmeelk



St. Edward Parish Welcome

Happy
Easter

Join us for  
an Easter
Egg Hunt and
Easter Brunch

On April 2 we will be having a
Easter Egg hunt, children ages 2
to 12 are invited to participate.
This will be held after 9:00 AM
Mass. Following the Easter egg
hunt all families are invited for a
Easter Brunch, in the Parish Hall.
With a special visit from the
Easter Bunny!!!!





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Registering in the Parish of Saint Edward

The law of the Church defines a parish as a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a [Diocese]. The pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop. The law of the Church also states that a parish is to be territorial and embraces all the Christian faithful within a certain territory [cc 515, 518]

The certain territory for Saint Edward Parish established at its founding is the area of Palm Beach Island from the north end of the Island south to Sloan’s Curve.

To register as a parishioner of Saint Edward requires residence within its territory.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information.

Confession

Saturday at 4:30 PM

First Penance and First Eucharist Programs

Beginning in the First Grade, children of registered parishioners are to be enrolled in a two- year Parish Religious Education sacramental program. Registered parishioners whose children attend Catholic Grade Schools are to participate in the immediate sacramental preparation programs of the Parish. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Confirmation Program

Children of registered parishioners who are to be enrolled as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must have been baptized, capable of renewing their Baptismal promises, and properly instructed by participation in the two-year parish program beginning in the seventh grade. The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually scheduled for September, when the candidate is a ninth grader.

Marriages at Saint Edward Parish

Saint Edward Parish reserves the celebration of the sacrament of marriage to registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics and their immediate family members. Registration requires residence within the territory of the parish [the North End of the Island south to Sloan’s Curve.] New parishioners must be registered for one year before being considered for the scheduling of a marriage.

Saint Edward Marriage Regulations

All couples intending to marry at Saint Edward must meet with the pastor. No date is promised or scheduled before this initial meeting with the pastor, who is to assess the freedom to marry of the couple and explain other marriage regulations. Saint Edward Parish is not a destination site for marriage and Saint Edward does not rent the Church to non-parishioners for marriage ceremonies.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be administered to the sick after the age of reason when the person begins to be in danger due to sickness or age. It is preferred that the sacrament be administered when the person is in control of their faculties. Please contact the parish in emergencies. After hours leave a message as directed by the parish voicemail.



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