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SACRAMENTS

Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30 PM



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2023

Building on the first reading from Isaiah and his story of a vineyard, Jesus provides a parable that symbolizes the various stages in the growth of the people of Israel. The parable reflects the day-to-day reality present to all peasants: the extortion practiced by brutal absentee landowners.

The vineyard owner lives in a different country, which was a common practice in the Ancient Near East. Under Roman occupation, much of the farmland in Palestine (especially Galilee) was controlled by foreign owners. These owners would exploit cheap labor and increase their profits. Tenant farmers (who might, today, be known as sharecroppers) put in tremendous amounts of time working the land, only to see most of the fruits of their labors sent off to the absentee owner, thus leaving the sharecroppers' families only enough food to keep them alive.

Moreover, under Herod the Great, Palestine grew annual crop surpluses, but instead of feeding their own, the abundance was sold abroad, leaving the local population wanting because of food shortages, together with the scarcity of food bringing higher prices. Combined with diabolical taxation, many 'commoners' would do anything to provide for their families. One can understand how this parable would pique the interest of the hearers, sympathizing with the hard-workers and showing their contempt for the foreign owners.

Hence, the violent actions of the sharecroppers are well understood, for they are desperate and clearly in need, using violence as a type of resolution. When delegations from the foreign owners came to collect what was owed to them, the workers beat and kill the first two delegations from the owner. No one listening would shed a tear in Palestine. So, when the foreign owner's son shows up, they misinterpret his presence and presume that the owner of the land is dead. Believing the son to be the sole surviving heir, they killed him in hope of gaining the vineyard for themselves. The plan is reckless (and criminal!), but they are driven to such actions by their hopeless situation. Regardless, the owner is not dead, and, moreover, he will not be deprived of his income. Surely, he will redress the issue and lease his land to tenants who will be more acquiescent to his will.

But every parable is an allegory. Yes, this could be a story about foreign owners hoarding foodstuffs to themselves as a moral lesson. But when Jesus turns this story around, its meaning would have been surprising to his listeners, especially in his depicting God as the foreign landowner, and the two waves of prophets, first the major prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel) and then the minor prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malach), many who were killed because of their preaching, being the delegates of the foreign landowner. As in the first reading from Isaiah, it was God who created the people of Israel, i.e., the vineyard itself, and leased it to their leaders (the sharecroppers), i.e., the chief priests, Pharisees, and religious echelons. However, these leaders saw Israel as their own possession, and not God's, and anyone who challenged them were threatened or killed, i.e., the delegations sent, which included the owner's son, i.e., Jesus. Recall that in the Gospel reading today, Jesus is speaking to the chief priests and elders. Thus, it is ironic that when Jesus asked them about the outcome of the story, they condemn themselves: "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

In quoting Psalm 118 about the 'rejected stone becoming the cornerstone,' Jesus presents one more surprise by telling the chief priest and elders that the Kingdom of God would be taken from them, and that someone else would possess the land with God's blessing, producing good fruit. A new people would emerge with God's blessing. He informed the People of Israel that they did not have an exclusive claim to God's salvation; rather, those who did the will of the Father had a claim, including sinners, foreigners, and all those who did the will of God.

Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. Work hard at doing the will of God.

+ Archimandrite Glen J. Pothier

Week of October 8, 2023

Saturday, October 7

8:00 AM **Special Intention** Remi Vassallo
By Loving Grandparents

5:30 PM †Roderic Fink
By Madeline Fink

Sunday, October 8

9:00 AM †Dorothy Duszczak
By The Vassallo Family

10:30 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
of Saint Edward Parish

12:00 PM †Christina Stroz
By Beata Stroz & Family

Monday, October 9

8:00 AM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 AM †Jerry Shields
By Helen Guest

Wednesday, October 11

8:00 AM †Judy Kreidler
By Bobby Watson

Thursday, October 12

8:00 AM †Brian Burns
By Eileen Burns

5:30 PM Feast of Saint Edward the Confessor

Friday, October 13

8:00 AM †Marc Shapiro
By Bobby Watson

Saturday, October 14

8:00 AM †Kathy Knill
By Christian Diaz

5:30 PM †William & Dorothy Engles
By Dorothy Engles Gulden

Sunday, October 15

9:00 AM †Lynn Cotter
By The Vassallo Family

10:30 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
of Saint Edward Parish

12:00 PM †Christina Stroz
By Beata Stroz & Family

MASS INTENTIONS

UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

- † For the souls in purgatory the longest
By Pat Egan
- † Eileen Coates Moore By Bob Slater
- † Fr. Steve & Maria Wojcichowski 50th Anniv.
By Ihor & O'Felia Lenko
- † Michael Edward Simmons
By Dorothy & Christelle Martin
- † Carol Blanton (3 Masses)
By William & David Lucey
- † Carol Blanton (2 Masses)
By Julie & Rob Reveley & Family
- † Stan Freeman
By Julie & Rob Reveley & Family
- † Brooks Robinson
By Tom O'Neill
- † Richard Lomuscio
By Florence & Sheldon Berney
- † Carol Blanton
By Jo Ann & Craig Burkholder



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.

REGARDING THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Only baptized and practicing Catholics, in good standing with the Church—and if married, are presently in a marriage recognized by the Church—may present themselves for Holy Communion, after fasting for at least one hour, and being free of any unconfessed mortal sin.

SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD

On October 11th at 11 AM the first Ladies Guild Meeting of the year will be held. We will begin the meeting with Mass at 11 AM in the Church followed by a meeting and a light lunch.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We welcome these young men and women into the fullness of the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Vivienne Angle
Luc Borzillieri
Piper Cook
Jake DePaul
Emma Flynn
Eva Furlo
Luca Furlo
Ty Kirkpatrick
Ajax Joseph LaNasa
Alessandro Miniervini
Lelsy Moore
Olivia Myers
Cole Shepherd
Isabella Spinola-Pedroni
Pierce Zimmermann
Margaux Zimmermann

Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they continue on the journey of faith.

We would like to extend a thank you to Elizabeth Bockmeyer and her team in helping prepare these students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a heart felt thank you to Ms. Susan Carmel. Ms. Carmel donated the beautiful statue of Mary which is located in the Church courtyard. Bishop Barbarito, while here for Confirmation, was kind enough to bless this wonderful addition to the grounds of Saint Edward. Thank you, again, Susan for your generosity to the parish of Saint Edward.

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 (139A)

Responsorial Psalm: 80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of October 8, 2023

Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, and Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wed Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15. 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

SUGGESTED PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS AND ILLNESS

God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection.

We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illness which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge.

We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

Feast of Saint Edward the Confessor

October 13 is Feast day of Saint Edward the Confessor. Saint Edward (1002-1065) became king of England in 1042 after a period of exile. He vowed that if, following his exile, he should return to England, he would make a pilgrimage to the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul in Rome or to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. Instead, however, he received word from the Pope that he should build (or rebuild) one of the monasteries in England and dedicate it to Saint Peter, which he did on Thorney Island, with the new Church being now known as Westminster Abbey. A few days after the construction of this magnificent edifice was completed, Saint Edward died. He was a kind king who was religiously motivated and was known for his piety and gentle disposition, especially with the poor. He was canonized about 100 years after his death in 1161.



St Edward the Confessor

On the Vigil of the Feast, Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:00pm, a Solemn Mass for the Memorial of Saint Edward the Confessor will be celebrated in the Church which bears his name. May we ask for his continued intercession to God on behalf of the parish and its parishioners.

LEGION OF MARY

Do you want to be Holy and become a Saint?

Come with friends and families to our meetings every Monday from 12 pm to 1 pm to check us out.

Experience the presence of Mary among us while doing our Tessera prayers and more importantly be part of our Spiritual readings on our sacred Catholic Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit who we invoke right at the beginning of our meeting. Do the rosary with our brothers and sisters through which we become one Legion.

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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.