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October 15, 2023

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 2023

In the world, generally, a small percentage of the population controls most of the world's goods. This is true in the United States, and this was true in the Roman world of Jesus. There was strict division between the aristocracy and the general population which defined social-economic barriers. The ancient world saw wealth as static, i.e., not to be redistributed, so that there was no upward mobility (which was why Jesus was challenged, many times, socially). Wealth was finite, as was status, and was distributed by God, hence the belief that the wealthy would retain their wealth and the poor would remain poor.

But this static world would be challenged by Jesus. After all, he redefined 'family' in the sense that his 'family' included those who heard his word and lived it out, in opposition to a 'family' which was related solely by bloodlines or kinship. Of course ... Jesus loved his Blessed Mother and his foster-Father, and there was no intended negation of this. In last week's gospel, he redefined 'honor' and 'shame', not focusing on society but rather seeing them in relation to God Himself! In Saint Matthew's Gospel today, he redefines society and imposes a definition of what equality means, superseding the established divisions. But ... there was a catch.

Obviously, at a royal wedding, only the social elites would be invited. Just as in current-day receptions after the wedding, seating arrangements were made, and the more important people would be seated closer to the host. The 'pecking order' was evident – one knew one's place in society by the seating arrangement. Earlier, the king would have sent out invitations so that planning could take place and a response would have been recorded. When the day of the wedding came around, there was an expectation that the guest would be present, and much food was prepared, and significant financial expenditures had been made. When many declined to come, a concerted effort was made to canvass the kingdom, expecting that people would make good on their response. The story even mentions violence. Imagine the shock to those listening to the parable when they heard that people declined the king's invitation.

But imagine the greater shock when a general call went out to find people to fill the hall. Normally, it was the social elite who would have filled the hall. Not so now. Everyone was on the same footing now, and a royal decree went out to everyone. Like Jesus, the king broke social norms. All, including outcasts, were equal in the eyes of the king.

Still, imagine further that there was an understanding that the Temple was a microcosm of the universe. God was at the center, as was the Holy of Holies in the Temple where only the High Priest could go. Then, farther out, the priests were allowed to minister in the outer sanctuary, and then farther out, again, there was a court of the men and another of the women, then a court of the Gentiles. Each created even more distance from the Holy of Holies. Those listening to Jesus would have realized that the parable was even more applicable when it came to access to God: everyone was on the same footing now and all were equal in the eyes of God. There were not more 'courts' to enter. That's why all were wearing white garments.

But this was not the end. Although everyone had access to God, each person would need to be conformed to his ways. One could not simply give lip service to the requirement for change in one's life while still living a sinful life. Divesting from sin was the key to finding eternal life. Even the Temple leadership needed to change, and they were not excused simply because they believed they were at the apex of the hierarchy. God, the King, overturned the collective order of society. He calls everyone to change, and although rejected at times, some did choose to respond and were given a new status as equals in the Kingdom of God. Indeed, many are called, but only those who truly convert their lives are chosen for the Kingdom.

+ Archimandrite Glen J. Pothier

Week of October 15, 2023

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

Monday, October 16

8:00 AM †Barbara Joseph and Ames Families
By Jerry Ames

Tuesday, October 17

8:00 AM †Thomas Hanna
By Nancy and Ward Bitter

Wednesday, October 18

8:00 AM †Moiria B. O'Hare
By Jack Burns

Thursday, October 19

8:00 AM **Special Intention** Margarita Muiña
By Marietta McNulty

Friday, October 20

8:00 AM †Diana Lewis
By Paulette Lewis

Saturday, October 21

8:00 AM †Alexis N. Racine
By Mr. & Mrs. John K. Castle
5:30 PM †Postmaster Alfred J. Tracy
By Helen Tracy Grady

Sunday, October 22

9:00 AM †Dr. James Walsh
By Lesly Smith
10:30 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
of Saint Edward Parish
12:00 PM †Alexander Peter Gamma, Jr.
By Lauren Lerma

MASS INTENTIONS

**UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR LIVING AND
DECEASED**

- † For the souls in purgatory the longest
By Pat Egan
- † Joseph Johnson
By Joan McAuley
- † Carol Blanton
By Joan McAuley
- † Carol Blanton
By Glenaan Robbins
- † Joseph Johnson
By Glenaan Robbins
- † June Racine
By Maria Quirao
- † Joseph Benedict Breen
By Linda Siris
- † Jean Schiller
By Linda Siris
- † Will Reynolds
By Carol & Harold Baxter
- † Carol Blanton
By Carol & Harold Baxter



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.

BE AWARE OF SCAMMERS!!

With all the technology that surrounds us in all parts of our daily lives, we need to be ever present and aware of our surroundings. Unfortunately, we have people with ill intentions that we encounter everywhere we go, even when we are trying to focus on our prayer life in Church. With this in mind, please know that there are dishonest people who may approach you for money with a heart-wrenching story. We at Saint Edward do not condone this kind of behavior. The Catholic Church has many programs set up to aid people who truly need help, all requests are vetted through the parish office and Catholic Charities.

BE VIGILANT!!

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

October 15—Faith Formation Classes 10 AM
October 22—faith Formation Classes 10 AM
October 29—faith Formation Classes 10 AM

- All Saints Day Parade—Dress like your favorite Saint!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on October 22nd at the 9 AM Mass. This is a special Liturgy of the Word geared toward children, held in the Sacristy during the regular Liturgy of the Word. No registration is required, best for Pre-K4—4th grade students, however all children are welcome.

Children who would like to sing in the choir but will also like to attend Children's Liturgy in the Sacristy will be able to do so.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All the children in the parish are invited to join Ms. Alicia in the choir loft at the 9 AM Mass every Sunday. This is a great opportunity for your children to participate at Mass and learn about music. This is a Sunday commitment only, there will be no choir practices during the week. All children from Kindergarten to high school are welcome.

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a (142A)
Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of October 15, 2023

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

Monday Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

PEACE ON EARTH

It might seem a bit early, but before we know it we will be in the midst of Advent!

This year's Annual Saint Edward Christmas Gala will be on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at The Breakers Resort.

Formal invitation will sent out to the parish in October.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



We are introducing an exciting program that gives you a new way to support our parish: “eGiving” through *Faith Direct*.

- You can visit **faith.direct/FL1169** and enroll securely online.
- For those of you who would not be comfortable going online, you can still enroll in this program by calling their Customer Service Team at 866-507-8757.
- You can elect to have your specified bank or credit card account debited on either the 4th or 15th of the month for both offertory and any second collections you support.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who is unable to attend Saint Edward Church to celebrate Mass with the community and receive communion? Would they like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Jesus in the Eucharist? Please contact the parish office at stedwardch@aol.com or call (561) 832-0400 for information concerning receiving communion in their home.

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.

Legion of Mary, “Mary, Mother of God Praesidium”
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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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