

Saint Edward Church

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December 31, 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: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

Confession: Saturday at 4:30 PM



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After the season of Easter concludes with Pentecost in May or June, there is a Sunday that reflects on the mystery of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The image of the *Trinitas celestis*, or the ‘Heavenly Trinity’ has been depicted in sacred art and iconography for centuries. Saint Andrei Rublev’s icon of the Trinity, written in 1410, is my favorite.

But there is also another trinity, known as the *Trinitas terrestris*, or the ‘Earthly Trinity’. The Earthly Trinity is based on the model of the heavenly Trinity, of which it is a reflection. Saint Francis de Sales (d. 1622) wrote in his *Spiritual Conferences*, “Mary, Joseph, and the Child [Jesus] are a Trinity on earth that represents in some way the most Holy Trinity. Saint Joseph is the image of God the Father, the Child [Jesus] is evidently the Son, and the Virgin takes the place of the Holy Spirit, of which she is the living temple.” From the seventeenth century onwards these two ‘trinities’, celestial and terrestrial, came to be represented fairly frequently in painting.

On this Sunday of the Holy Family – the ‘Earthly Trinity’ – it is good to reflect on the Fourth Commandment. If the Decalogue can be divided into two sections (as Jesus did – ‘love God and love neighbor’), the first three commandments address a relationship with God and the last seven address a relationship with humanity. Notice that honoring parents is number one in the second list, for family is the bedrock of society. That responsibility is more important than the commandments on murder, stealing, infidelity, or bearing false witness.

Even the first reading from the Book of Sirach suggests that honoring parents is an act of righteousness. Moreover, it forgives sins (Sir 3,3), and is a means of divine blessing, with the result being progeny (being blessed with children) and prayers being caught up in the sight of God (Sir 3,5). Furthermore, it was a guarantee of long life. Even in their failing years, the patience exhibited by children for the care of their parents is a sign of true religious character. God’s response is simple: He looks upon the children who honor their parents with compassion.

Unfortunately, the Western world oftentimes opposes the extended family outlook of Sirach or of the Holy Family. The ancient world was family-oriented, looking to the elderly for wisdom and for continuity with the past. What was once essential for successive generations is now merely one of a myriad of options for the elderly. But the value of the Fourth Commandment still has meaning today. Saint Paul reinforced this relationship in the second reading when he proffered how the Church at Colossae should act using a list of various Christian virtues, especially compassion and forgiveness. It exhorted the community that it should have the reputation of people filled with love.

Culminating this feast is the Gospel passage, which shows the fidelity of the *Trinitas terrestris* to the requirements of the *Torah* in the circumcision / presentation in the Temple. On the eighth day after birth, the Holy Child was circumcised, declaring that the Child was a legitimate member of the People of Israel. For thirty-three days afterwards, the Blessed Virgin – according to the *Torah* – remained ritually unclean. Saint Luke cursorily mentions the circumcision but combines it with the presentation in the Temple (40-days after Christmas) for emphasis. At the same time, it provides the purifying rites for the Blessed Virgin and the first offering of her Son to God, ‘redeemed’ according to the Tradition. Much more importantly, however, it is that Saint Luke uses the ceremonies, the place, and the witnesses to further proclaim that Jesus is the Christ.

Obviously, the central theme of the Gospel is that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. The Temple priest Saint Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit (like the prophetess Saint Anna) that he would not taste death until he saw the long-awaited Messiah. And he finally did, as he announced in his prayer: ‘My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.’ He quickly addressed the Blessed Virgin and declared that her Child would cause the fall and rise of many. This refers to the choice for or against Christ that needs to be made by each person. Her Son would be a sign that many opposed and cause the Blessed Virgin deep pain.

The Holy Child would have an unimaginable effect on the world. But even as infinitely awesome as He was, in his humble human state, he was obedient to his parents, and he grew in character, as God – his true heavenly Father – favored him with wisdom and grace. What an incredible model for all Christians.

+ Archimandrite Glen J. Pothier

Week of December 31, 2023

Saturday, December 30

- 8:30 AM †Dr. Robert McHugh
By Dr. M. Joan Gillespie
5:30 PM †Richard Schmeelk
By Maggie Shepherd

Sunday, December 31

- 7:00 AM **Special Int.** Sean Rooney
By Colleen Rooney
9:00 AM †Joe Rich
By John Rich and Family
10:30 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
of Saint Edward Parish
12:00 PM †Thomas "Tommy" Langhorne
By Darlene Dzuba

Monday, January 1

- 7:30 AM **Special Int.** Alessandra Gieffers
By Fran & Leo Amore
8:30 AM †Gaeton Vateri
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Tuesday, January 2

- 7:30 AM †John Croddick
By Carol & Harold Baxter
8:30 AM †Peter M. Sughrue
By Jim Bowman

Wednesday, January 3

- 7:30 AM †Dr. Jerry Shank
By Catherine Alexander
8:30 AM †Marian P. Hardie-Robedoux
By Bernadette & Dennis

Thursday, January 4

- 7:30 AM †Margarita odas
By The Rojas Family
8:30 AM †Patricia Chimera
By Bernadette & Dennis

Friday, January 5

- 7:30 AM †John Joseph Ryan Jellison
By Danny & Joanna Colangelo
8:30 AM †Eileen Gelston
By Eileen & Lou Ferrarese

Saturday, January 6

- 8:30 AM †Emily Fisher Landau
By Sarah Langenfeld
5:30 PM †Members of the Perasso Family
Priscilla Schmeelk

Sunday, January 7

- 7:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
of Saint Edward
9:00 AM †Maria Tralono By E. & L. Ferrarese
10:30 AM †Charles Holmes
By Maureen & Orator Woodward
12:00 PM †Nancy Mizelle
By Susan Gammino

MASS INTENTIONS

UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

- † For the souls in purgatory the longest
By Pat Egan
† Anne Griswold
By Eileen Burns
† Bob Hill By Bob Slater & Friends

Special Intention By Gail Coniglio

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- † John Bangit (2 Masses)
By Susan T. Kirkpatrick

- † Betsy Anthony (2 Masses)
By Susan & Mike Kirkpatrick

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- † Philippe Lenglet
By Florence Metzger

- † Christina Sioris
By Florence Metzger

- † Marilee Wehman
By Richard Halley Wehman & Family

- † Tom Thomas
By Denise Richards

- † Mary Bolin By Katherine Wienert

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

For those who require (for a medical reason) low-gluten hosts, please notify the priest celebrating Mass at **least 10 minutes before Mass begins**. Recently, several people have made this request when the entrance procession for Mass is about to begin, which is too late. If you are late for Mass, you can make a Spiritual Communion, and / or receive a blessing from the priest who is celebrating Mass.

Remember, too, that low-gluten hosts must contain enough gluten for them to be constituted as 'wheat', which is essential to the Sacrament. Hosts that are gluten-free are invalid matter for consecration.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40

Monday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21:1-3 (17b)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22 - 40

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.

ROSARY GROUP

Everyone in the parish is invited to join in the Rosary Group that meets every day after the 8:00 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday, to say the Rosary in the church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

In memory of Helen Lomuscio
In memory of Karen & Richard Lomuscio
In memory of Margarita Muiña
In memory of The Deceased members of the Borynack Family
In memory of Richard Schmeelk
In memory of Louis Perasso
In memory of Nina Perasso
In memory of Eugenia Mazzari
In memory of Christian Schmeelk
In honor of Mrs. Charlotte C. Weber
In honor of Mr. Armand L. Moens
In memory of Stella & Stanley Kovaleky
In memory of Terry Bowen
In memory of David & Sandi Trudeau
In memory of Ralph & Pat Bowen
In memory of Mary Boldin
In memory of Marcantonio & Murphy Families
In memory of Mary Coffin
In memory of Walter Elliott, III
In memory of Dexter Coffin, Jr.
In memory of Walter Elliott, IV
In memory of Mary McAuley
In memory of Richard McAuley
In memory of Mac Handleman
In memory of Ben Handleman
In memory of Kip Robbins
In memory of Rita Kip
In memory of William Robbins
In memory of Herron & Kuhn Families
In memory of Margaret & Joseph Phelan
In memory of Josephine & James Jordan
In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Nick Valenti Family
In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Schroeder.
In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Queally
In memory of Eileen Lavick
In memory of Carole Blanton
In honor of the Priest of Saint Edward
In memory of Addie Holt

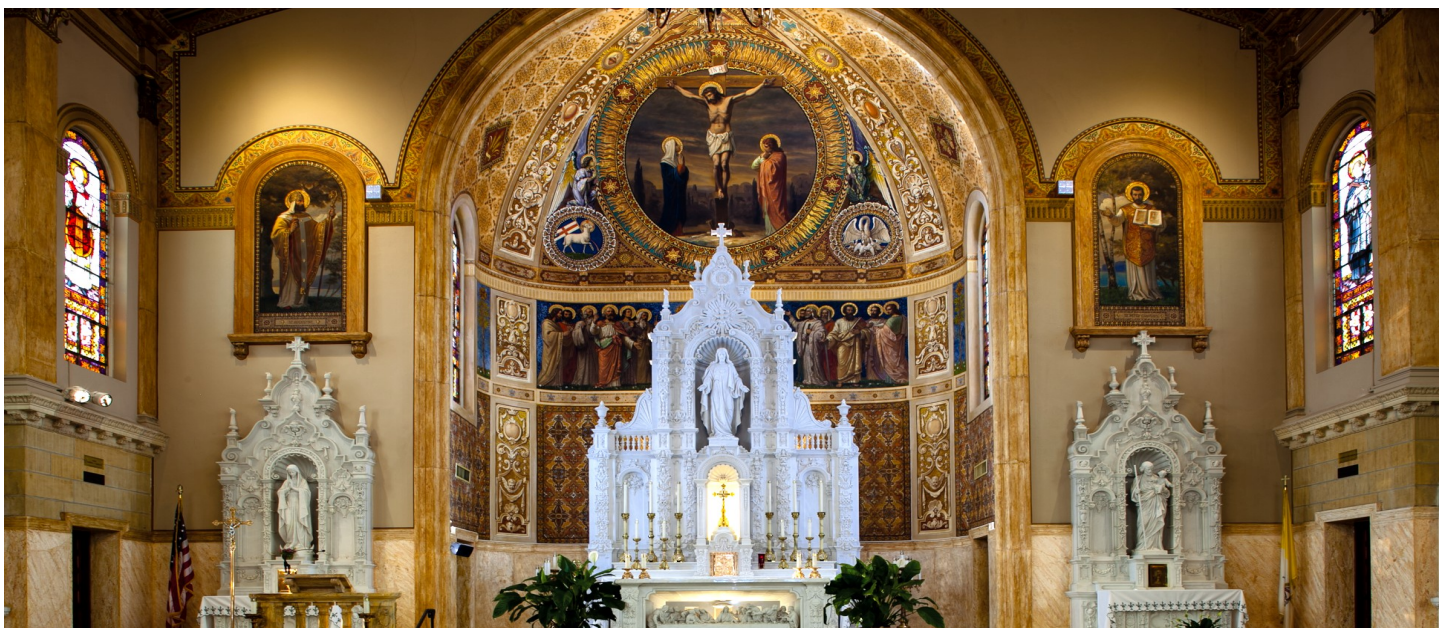
THANK YOU

Fr. Glen would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have helped to make this Christmas Season so special! Thank you to all the Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, the Saint Edward Choir and all our guest musicians who made our Christmas celebration so magnificent.



A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!

**FROM FATHER GLEN AND THE STAFF OF
SAINT EDWARD**



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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.