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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, 10:30AM & 12 Noon

Confession: Saturday at 4:30 PM



A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR

Did you ever think about where the *Decalogue* (the Ten Commandments) is placed in the Book of Exodus? It comes *after* God delivered the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt. It is a set of values of how God's people are to act, but as an imitation of God: my / your behavior toward others must reflect God's comportment toward us. Most biblical tenets, in the Old and New Testaments alike, are geared to our response to what God has done in the past.

Keep in mind, however, that, in today's Gospel, one's 'enemy' in the Lucan context is not an axe-wielding murderer or a terrorist; no, it is one who is non-Jewish. One of the hallmarks of Saint Luke's Gospel is universalism, that is, everyone is called by God ... but it requires a response on the part of a person (of whatever status) for the relationship to grow. So, one must understand what Jesus is saying when he tells his followers to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." This is not about foregoing self-defense or protecting those in need.

The first reading from 1 Samuel focuses on the non-violent (and possibly passive aggressive) behavior of the future King David with respect to the current King Saul. Recall that King Saul wanted to kill the young David because he became intensely jealous of his growing popularity and military success, especially after David defeated Goliath, the Philistine, which made King Saul feel threatened and insecure about his own position as king; this jealousy was further fueled by a 'evil spirit' that tormented Saul (cf. 1 Samuel 16-18). King Saul commenced a 'search-and-destroy mission' against the young David. But how can King David be used as a teacher of non-violence when later he murders Uriah (the husband of Bathsheba) out of lust?

Twice – one of them in today's first reading – the young David shows this clearly. The first time is while David is hiding in a cave at Engedi. When King Saul enters that cave to relieve himself, David sneaks up behind him and cuts off the end of his mantle. Then David reveals himself to Saul, letting him know that he had refrained from taking advantage of his vulnerability, and the young David stated, "I ... did not kill you; ... see and be convinced that I plan no harm. ... I have done you no wrong, though you are hunting me down to take my life. The Lord will judge between me and you." (1 Samuel 24:11). A second time the young David has been pursued by King Saul into the Desert of Ziph. David and his friend Abishai are able to get beyond King Saul's guard while all were asleep, and Abishai steals Saul's spear and a cruse of water from his holster. Abishai wanted to kill Saul right then "with one trust of the spear," but the young David rejects the offer because he does not wish to harm the legitimate king who had been anointed by the Lord. Rather, outside the camp, he simply taunts all who were asleep, attempting to shame King Saul into having a change of heart.

What David did twice – as a sign of his magnanimity – Jesus expands into a pacifist way of life. Non-violence sits at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Both Saint Luke, in a much shorter version in today's Gospel, and Saint Matthew in the six *antitheses* (or, maybe better, *hypertheses*) in the Sermon on the Mount, expound upon Jesus' teaching. But Saint Luke gives love of enemies an even higher profile, and he places the mandates of enemy love and nonviolence immediately after the 'beatitudes and woes' of last week's Gospel. The young David deals with his enemy (King Saul) as a fellow human being under the judgment of God ("Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord's anointed"). And when Jesus proffers non-violence and a love of enemies, he shows it to be nothing less than an imitation of God. Recall, as a corollary, how Saint Matthew noted Christians must love their enemies because God makes the sun rise on the bad and the good, just like rain falls on the unjust and the just. The positive consequence is that we will be 'children of the Most High'. In other words, we must be as benevolent to all as God the Father is to us.

Following Jesus' command to love even our enemies, and consequent non-violence that stems from it, is not something we do simply by willing it. Rather, it springs from a covenantal relationship with God that bursts forth in our Christian communities and beyond. Saint Matthew saw love and non-violence as a means of 'perfection' ('be perfect as your Heavenly Father perfect'), but Saint Luke tempers it a bit ... for the good: 'be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful.' The Greek word found here is *oiktirmos* (>Gk οἰκτιρμός: 'compassion, pity, mercy') and is used occasionally in the New Testament to refer to the mercy and compassion of God in Saint Paul's letters.

In the end, while Jesus has initiated forgiveness toward us, if we are to remain in that forgiveness, we must continue to show forgiveness to others.

+ Archimandrite Glen J. Pothier

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Week of February 23, 2025

Saturday, February 22

8:30 AM †Maria Simon
By Melissa & Todd Simon
5:30 PM †John Maiuccoro
By Cathi Maiuccoro

Sunday, February 23

7:00 AM †Parishioners and Benefactors of The
Basilica of Saint Edward
9:00 AM †Judy Moran
By J. Kevin Moran
10:30 AM †Jim Gabler
By Gwen Smith & Jack Blandi
12:00 PM †Margarita Iglesias Muina
By The McNulty & Muina Families

Monday, February 24

7:30 AM †Thomas Christopher Cleary, Jr.
By Dan Cleary
8:30 AM †Nancy McKenna
By Anthony & Cecile Hartigan

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 AM †Romana Cortese
By Vahan & Danielle Gureghian
8:30 AM †Sharon Raich
By Jim & Deedee Vance

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 AM †Cathy C. Strom
By Peggy Matthews
8:30 AM †Margaret Robertson Lee
By Esmeralda Pedroni Spinola

Thursday, February 27

7:30 AM †Carole Shaw
By The Vassallo Family
8:30 AM †Constance Murrin Richardson
By Mom

Friday, February 28

7:30 AM †Jared Vassallo
By Mom & Dad
8:30 AM †Dale McNulty
By Marietta Muina McNulty

Saturday, March 1

8:30 AM †Augstin Anthony Long
By Tim Cohan
5:30 PM †Carole Manning
By Priscilla Schmeelk

Sunday, March 2

7:00 AM †Parishioners and Benefactors of The
Basilica of Saint Edward
9:00 AM †Janos Nemeth
By Dr. Ildiko Sipos
10:30 AM †Jim Gabler
By Carol & Harold Baxter
12:00 PM †Frank Quinn Stepan
By Carol & William Browne

MASS INTENTIONS

UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

† For the souls in purgatory the longest
By Pat Egan

† Servicemen killed in action
By Patrick Egan

Special Int. Sterling Nolff
By Nina Nolff

Special Int. Gary Wagner
By Joanne Wagner

† Brother Donald
By Kathy Imperiale

† William Wagner
By Joanne Wagner

† Elizabeth Magee Cloutier
By Jennifer & Olivia Loving

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By Barry O'Brien

Special Int. Katrina, Ezekiel & Penelope Pasco
By Katrina Pasco

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By Katrina Pasco

Special Int. Ava, Claudia & Tara Waldron
By Katrina Pasco

† Arthur Richards
By Denise Richards

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!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175;
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

ROSARY GROUP

Everyone in the parish is invited to join in the Rosary Group that meets every day after the 8:30 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday, to say the Rosary in the church.

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.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Upcoming Classes and Events

- ◆ Class time 10:00—11:30 AM
- ◆ Topic: Amazing Saints of February and Gestures
- ◆ Special Activity: CRS Rice Bowls will be sent home in preparation for Lent



Catholic March Madness

Prepare for Lent with our Catholic March Madness event! This is a fun and educational way to learn about the Saints. Each class will choose a bracket to support. May your favorite Saint be crowned victorious!

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ **Starting March 2:** We need volunteers for the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM coffee and donuts after Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the community and enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners.

Announcements

- ◆ **CRS Rice Bowls:** As Lent approaches, don't forget to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl initiative. This is a great way to support those in need and reflect on the Lenten Season.
- ◆ **Lenten Preparation:** Begin considering how you might observe Lent this year, whether through prayer, fasting, or giving. Let's make this season meaningful and spiritually enriching.
- ◆ **Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph Party:** March 19, 2025 from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM.





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.



SOCIAL MEDIA AT SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

Please join Saint Edward Church on our newly launched instagram page @st.edwardpb and our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St.EdwardCatholicChurch> We will be updating both sites with upcoming parish activities like Faith Formation and other Saint Edward Guild Events.

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.

DSA ANNOUNCEMENT

I would once again like to invite you to join me in supporting the 2025 Diocesan Services Appeal. The Diocese of Palm Beach’s appeal provides support within our faith family and for the greater community beyond our parish, including education, parish resources and social ministries. Our valued seasonal parishioners and those who are regular visitors are also welcome to consider a gift and go to the diocesan website at www.diocesepb.org to make a pledge. Just like our registered parishioners, our guests are a vital part of our parish. For those who attend Mass regularly but have not registered with the parish yet, I invite you to support the DSA to the best of your ability. As always, we would like to encourage any regular visitors to join our parish family and register to be an official part of our faith community. The Diocese of Palm Beach’s 2025 appeal provides support within our faith family and for the greater community beyond our parish, including education, parish resources and social ministries. Please consider a gift and donate at the diocesan website, www.diocesepb.org.

TREASURES OF THE ISLAND SALE

As we begin the new “season” here in Palm Beach, we would like to remind everyone that we are currently collecting items for the Saint Edward Guild “Treasures of the Island Sale”.

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office on Monday and Tuesday only from 9 AM—3 PM. The Treasures Sale will be held on Friday, February 28th from 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM and March 1st from 8:00 am—12:00 Noon.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION 561-832-0400 .





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Registering in the Basilica 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 the Basilica of Saint Edward 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. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to come in and register.

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 the Basilica of Saint Edward

The Basilica of Saint Edward 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.

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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