

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Do to others as you
would have them
do to you."

Luke 6:31

"Traten a los demás
como quieren que ellos
les traten a ustedes."

Lucas 6, 31



ST. EDWARD
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 24th -
8:00am † Elizabeth Brown

Tuesday, February 25th -
8:00am † Grace Strezo

Wednesday, February 26th—
5:00pm Intentions of Virginia Holy

Thursday, February 27th—
8:00am No mass

Friday, February 28th—
8:00am No mass

Saturday, March 1st- First Saturday
9:00am † John & Rosalyn Metro
5:00pm † Irene Salat

Sunday, March 2nd -
8:00am † Rachel Nicole Koble
11:00am Our Parishioners
12:30pm Spanish Mass

The Rosary is prayed before the weekday Masses

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

Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 1st - 5:00pm

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| Lectors | L. Dutour & J. Anderson |
| Greeters | M. Pritchard & B. Woroszylo |
| Eucharistic Ministers | W. Harper, I. Itczak, J. Anderson, M. Fiene, L. Medina, K. Cueller |
| Sacristan | J. Hathaway |
| Servers | open |

Sunday, March 2nd - 8:00am

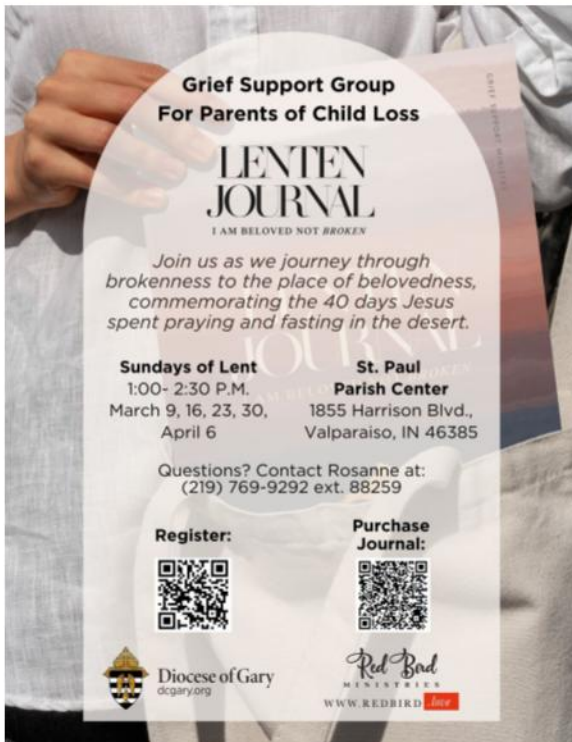
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| Lectors | Teen |
| Greeters | Teen |
| Eucharistic Ministers | M. Grasha, T. Brown, C. Overmeyer, P. Jung, T. Jeffries, V. Hathaway |
| Sacristan | R. Saberniak |
| Servers | A. Russo, L. Luevano, J. Vicari |

Sunday, March 2nd - 11:00am

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| Lectors | L. Kozlowski & J. Erpelding |
| Greeters | T. Carey & E. Carey |
| Eucharistic Ministers | K. Saliga, J. Lampa, J. Kissane, L. Le-Kissane, P. Eaton, S. Van Deursen |
| Sacristan | G. Faltak |
| Servers | S. Gonzalez, D. Dollinar, M. Grskovich |

2 de marzo de 2025 Domingo - 1230 En la lengua espanola

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| Min. de la Communion | B. Rodriguez, R. Rodriguez, M. Hernandez, R. Hernandez |
| Lectores | A. Duenez, P. Vargas |



*Thank
you
so
much*

One of the things many things we appreciate is that the snow is plowed and the walks and parking lots salted when we arrive for Mass. Special thanks to John Leader and Joe Erpelding for their hard work, especially in winter's cold.

*Thank you for
your kindness
and generosity*

Sincere gratitude and appreciation to Saint Edward parishioner Linda Ruley Hogan for the most generous donation which will enable the parish to replace the missing (stolen?) automated external defibrillator/AED device for the church. If the missing AED should somehow show up, it will be placed in the school. The new unit will be secured in the sacristy of the church.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saint Edward Parish Family:

For years, King Saul had plotted to kill David, who continually escaped Saul's attacks. Now, in today's first reading and for the second time, David finds Saul in a very vulnerable position. How easy it would be for David to do unto Saul what Saul has been trying to do unto him. He could even use Saul's own weapon against him. Yet David spares Saul's life once again.

This episode from the First Book of Samuel illustrates Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel. He speaks of enemies – and contextually this would have meant "evil persons," or anyone who opposes us in a harmful way. Though our enemies may hate, curse, or mistreat us, Jesus says, we are not to respond in kind. Rather than treating them as they treat us, Jesus says to bless and pray for them, to love and do good to them. Rather than judging and condemning, Jesus teaches us to be forgiving.

It is our hope that the hearts of our enemies are transformed by the love and kindness we share, and will come to treat us with the same love and kindness with which we treat them. Then also when we sin, they will show mercy and forgiveness in return, and not judge or condemn us. As Jesus teaches: the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.

What Jesus teaches is easier said than done. We all have "enemies," – in this same contextual understanding. Perhaps it is someone at work, in the neighborhood, or in our family. They have mistreated us, and our hurt, anger, or fear are real. Like David's comrade, Abishai, we may be tempted to lash out at them when given the opportunity. How can we resist?

This is our challenge: to see others as God sees them. When Abishai and David come across Saul, Abishai sees an enemy, whereas David sees God's anointed. David knows it is not for him, but for God, to judge Saul. Saul's life is ultimately in God's hands. David trusts that the Lord will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness.

Those the disciples see as enemies and sinners, Jesus sees as worthy of goodness and love. Jesus knows that God is merciful and kind, even to the ungrateful and the wicked. As Jesus teaches and David sings in his psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful ... not according to our sins does he deal with us.

Jesus' standard applies not only to our treatment of others, but also to our treatment of ourselves. We can be our own worst enemies, denying ourselves the kindness we willingly share with others, and judging ourselves most harshly of all. We must see ourselves as God sees us – worthy of mercy and goodness like any one of his children, and allow him to love us.

Ultimately, we are all in God's hands, and there is no better place to be. He pours upon us a good measure – packed together, shaken down, and overflowing – of redeeming grace, through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, as celebrated in the Eucharist. United with Christ we bear his heavenly image, and that is how God will always see and judge us.

May God Bless and Keep You Always!

Fr. Rick

Stewardship

Offerings for Weekend

Feb. 15th & 16th-2025

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| Number of Envelopes Used..... | 157 |
| Adult envelopes | \$4419.82 |
| Children's envelopes..... | \$26.00 |
| Loose collection | \$806.00 |
| Maint. & Grounds Fund | \$188.00 |
| Building Fund | \$25.00 |
| Online | \$1095.75 |
| Total Collection | \$6560.57 |
| 50/50 Drawing | #150 |
| Rollover | \$1957.50 |
| Payable to Church | \$267.50 |
| Total Players | 107 |

Parish Events

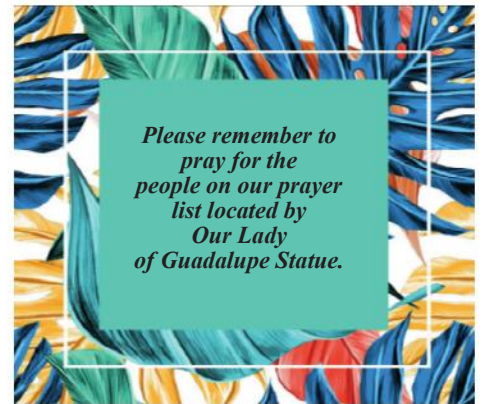


February Breakfast
Sunday, March 2nd
9:00 to 10:00am

Please join us for a hot breakfast,
coffee and conversation!!



All are Welcome
Donations Accepted



*Please remember to
pray for the
people on our prayer
list located by
Our Lady
of Guadalupe Statue.*

New Addition (Main Entrance and Gathering Space) Update

Due to an unfortunate delay from the manufacturer of the custom frame work that will go around the doors and the large windows in the new addition, the completion date is now being pushed back to April 25, 2025. The tunnel is now longer, but the light at the end of it still remains.



Sunday Scripture Reflection



Stagnant or Overflowing?

We find ourselves in the midst of a short, seven and a half week stint of Ordinary Time. It can seem like we are somewhat lost in time - no longer in the Christmas season and not yet in the throes of Lent. How can we not grow stagnant in our walk of faith during this time?

A friend once told me that Ordinary Time was his favorite season of all. He shared that, just as the liturgical color green indicates, Ordinary Time is a season of growth. As we muddle through the mundane, tackle the trivial and battle the boredom, we are invited to continue blossoming and blooming. In today's first reading Saul finds himself in a jealous rage and wishes to extinguish David, while David's men encourage him to obliterate Saul. But when afforded the opportunity to retaliate, he refused to lay a finger on the Lord's anointed one. He acquiesced to God rather than anger.

Jesus puts the actions of David into words saying: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you... Do to others as you would have them do to you...and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Sounds selfless and saintly and... super hard. To act in a way that gains no reward, not even a tiny bit of dopamine, sounds just horrible.

Yet we live for the promise of a different kind of reward all together: "then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High...gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing..." So let us shake off the ordinariness of this time and dive into the growth, so that our heavenly reward may be overflowing.

Tami Urcia

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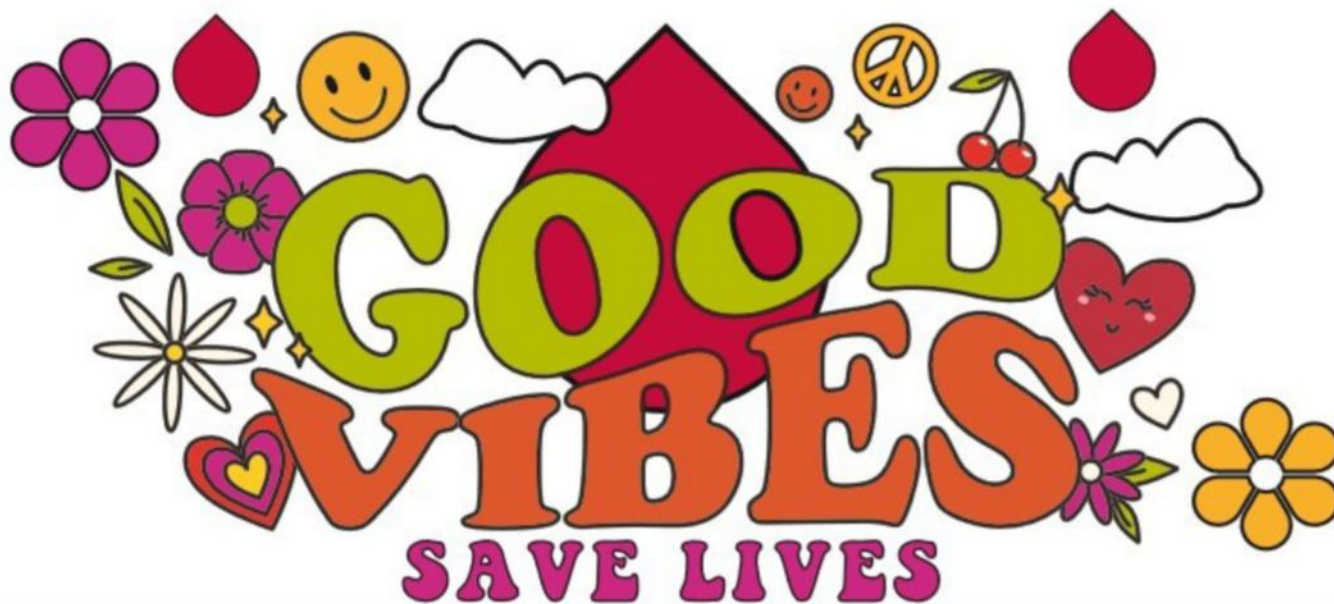
Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

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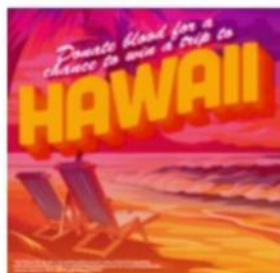
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La Iglesia Católica Romana

El Santo Rey San Eduardo



23 de febrero 2025

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Porque con el juicio con que juzguéis, seréis juzgados; y con la medida con que midáis, se os medirá.

Cada vez que abre la boca detiene el rodar alocado de los hombres. ¡Porque dice unas cosas Jesús de Nazaret! Hoy dice a voz en grito: ama a tus enemigos, ayuda al que te odia, bendice al que te humilla. Si solamente amas a los que aman ¿qué mérito tienes? No juzgues y no serás juzgado, no condenes y no te condenarán, perdona si quieres se perdonado. Nuestro Padre es misericordioso y compasivo: ¿a cuenta de qué puedes ser tú odioso y vengativo?

La misma medida que ustedes usen para los demás, será usada para ustedes.

Duras son las palabras; mas, ¿cómo no intentarlo si en ello está el destino final de la aventura humana?

Introducción a la Liturgia de la Palabra

Lecturas: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 **Salmo** 103
1 Corintios 15:45-49 **Lucas** 6:27-38

Antes de que Jesús les enseñara a sus discípulos la importancia de ofrecer misericordia, David puso en práctica esa lección cuando Saúl lo amenazó. Saúl y su compañero hubieran podido matar o llevárselo prisionero, pero David ordenó que le perdonaran la vida. Al escuchar las lecturas de hoy pensemos de qué maneras podemos mostrar misericordia a los que la necesitan.

*“Bendice, alma mía, al Señor...
Él perdona todas tus culpas.”*

La palabra de Dios que se proclama en las escrituras de hoy proporcionan una maravillosa introducción para el Tiempo de Cuaresma que empieza en diez días.

Las lecturas nos exhortan a contemplar lo grande que es la misericordia de Dios, y, conscientes de lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros, demostrar esta misma misericordia a los demás. *“Sean misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso,”* Jesús nos instruye en el Evangelio.

La lectura nos señala dos gestos que pueden resultar casi absurdos: poner la otra mejilla, y entregar la túnica a quien te la exige. De este modo, quiere recalcar actitudes básicas: no sólo hay que rechazar el odio y la venganza, sino que hay que devolver bien por mal. La conducta del discípulo de Jesús se basa en el amor, en el perdón, en la defensa de la vida.

Este mensaje de Jesús es muy difícil. Cuando hacemos esto, nos damos cuenta de que el perdón es mucho más fuerte que el odio, porque libera, da paz, y ayuda a vivir una vida más humana, más digna, más verdadera. A veces a la gente le puede parecer una locura. Cuando Jesús habló de esto, sabía muy bien a lo que exponía a sus amigos. Les pide que sean heroicos. Los héroes no son fuertes porque ganan a los adversarios, sino porque son capaces de perdonar.



*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
te damos gracias porque nos has
amado cuando no éramos dignos
de tu amor. Envíanos tu Espíritu
para que tratemos a los demás co-
mo Tú nos tratas. Por tu Hijo
Jesucristo que nos ha revelado el abismo de tu com-
pasión.*

Other Items of Interest

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| Monday, February 24th- | |
| Tuesday, February 25th- | |
| Wednesday, February 26th- | |
| 7:00pm | Choir Practice - C |
| Thursday, February 27th - | |
| 10:00-11:30am | Food Pantry |
| 1:00pm | Cedar Creek Nursing Home Comm. Service |
| 2:30pm | Lowell Nursing Home Comm. Service |
| Friday, February 28th- | |
| 7:00pm-9:00pm | Spanish Prayer - C |
| Saturday, March 1st - | First Saturday |
| Sunday, March 2nd- | |
| 9:00am-10:00am | Hospitality Breakfast—G |
| 9:15am | CFF |
| 9:15am | Rec Parents 3/3 SM |
| 11:00am | CFF— Spanish |

Vicky's Voice



Dear Friends,

The other day, while driving my nieces to a sleepover, one of them mentioned a boy in her class who was transferring schools. "I think he was being bullied," she said. We talked about what they would do if they saw someone being bullied. Both said they'd tell a teacher, but one added, "I'd stand up to the bully and say, 'That's not a nice thing to do! Stop it!'" When I asked why, she answered, "Because it's the right thing to do. And for justice!" I was surprised to hear her use that word, so I asked what she meant. She explained they had been learning in CFF that justice means standing up for what's right and helping others. Then, with great determination, she added, "And I'd tell him I hope his hair falls out when he's older!"

That, of course, led to another discussion—one about how justice in God's eyes also includes mercy, even for those who hurt others. But I couldn't help but feel proud of her for grasping the heart of what we hear in today's Gospel. Jesus is speaking to a crowd of people looking for guidance, and at the core of His message is one simple but radical command:

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Lately, I've been discouraged by how far our world seems from this teaching. Refugees and immigrants live in fear. The poor are ignored. Funding for lifesaving aid is being cut. We are living in a culture of indifference rather than encounter. A culture of "my needs are greater than anyone else's" rather than one of solidarity, where we recognize our call to lift up the poor and marginalized.

But Jesus calls us to something different. Something *holy*.
"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Lord, help us be merciful.

Help us love the stranger.

Help us give preference to the poor.

Help us build Your Kingdom.

Help us love as You love.

Amen.

Peace and all goodness, *Vicky Hathaway*



Due to Ash Wednesday—Million of Monicas reminder—we will meet on Wednesday, March 12th from 9am-10am in the church. Remember to bring your folder. All women are welcome.



Maureen Dixon

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Saturday Evening Mass

5:00 p.m. Saturday

Morning Mass 9:00 a.m., 1st of the month only.

Reconciliation before & after that Mass.

Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
 (For Daily Mass Schedule see Page 2 of this bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday at 8:30 a.m., Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

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Announcements must be in writing and in the office by
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