

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

*“On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain,
he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit”.*

- John 1:33



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15th, 2023



THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Donald McE. Beckmann, Sunday Priest
Deacon James F. Murphy
Deacon Barry P. Croce



Administration

Deacon Thomas Wm. Connolly, Director

St. Edward the Confessor School

Mr. Vincent Albrecht, Principal
Ms. Taylor Moran

Office Staff

Mrs. Maryann Waite
Mrs. Luisa Ondocin

Pastoral Center Offices

Mr. Miguel DeLeon, Finance Director
Mr. John O'Connor, Facilities Manager

Parish Social Ministry

Mrs. Donna Zaino, Coordinator

Youth Ministry

Mrs. Michelle Schaake - Vision

Music Ministry

Mr. Jeffrey Fox
Ms. Francesca Lunghi
Mrs. Marilyn Fox
Mrs. Cecilia Hayden

Religious Education

Mrs. Rosemary Pettei, Director
Mr. Vincent Albrecht, Director of Confirmation
Mrs. Ann Braun, Administrative Assistant

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Not registered? Please stop by our Rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family!

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	921-8543
Pastoral Center Offices.....	921-8030 ext. 132
Administration	921-8030 ext. 136
Facilities Scheduler	921-8030 ext. 136
Bereavement Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 137
Bulletin Editor.....	921-8030 ext. 137
PSM/Pantry.....	921-8030 ext. 140
Music Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 150
RCIA.....	921-8030 ext. 150
St. Vincent De Paul Society.....	516-218-7837

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Jan 21	5:00 PM	Fr. Mike
Sunday, Jan. 22	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	11:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	6:00 PM	Fr. Mike

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Church

You may also make an appointment by calling the rectory at: 516-921-8030.

Protect Our Children Hotline

If you or someone you know has experienced an incident of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please **contact law enforcement and the diocesan's Office for the Protection of Children and Young People.**

The Diocese maintains a special phone number to report these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open during the following times:

Mondays - Thursdays:	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Fridays:	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed for Lunch M-F:	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Saturdays - Sundays:	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

Our Weekly Offering

January 8, 2023	\$ 12,463.00
# of Envelopes	217
Automatic Transactions	\$ 1,915.00
# of Transactions	38
Total	\$ 14,378.00
Christmas (as of now)	\$ 87,691.00

We thank all who contributed to the support of our Parish!

Fr. Mike

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org

School: www.stedwardconfessor.org

Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com

Facebook: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)

Instagram: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.instagram.com/stedwardsyosset)

Formed: formed.org

St. Edward's Mass is Online -

The St. Edward's 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and are available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

To watch the Sunday Masses on your smartphone, just scan this QR code.



“Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.”

Mass Intentions

01/16 - Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Richard Bedard

01/17 - Memorial of St. Anthony

9:00 am Richard Navaretta

01/18 - Wednesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Henry Carillo

01/19 - Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Jimmy Comes

01/20 - Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am People of the Parish

01/21 - Memorial of Saint Agnes

9:00 am David Morse

5:00 pm David Krieg

01/22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am For those in the nursing homes we serve

9:30 am Allegra Buffalino

11:30 am Belinda C. DeFilippis

Carol Byrnes

Adeline Marie Noto Weissman

Marjorie Torres

Ralph Torres

6:00 pm For all those who serve in the Military

The church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

Military List

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

Lt. Cmdr. Jameson Adler, U.S. Navy
Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force
SPC. Ryan D. Donadio, U.S. Army Nat. Guard
Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy
Lt. Lauren Ehrhard, U.S. Air Force
Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps
LCpl Spencer Gliner, U.S. Marine Corps
SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army
Petty Officer 2nd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy
Lt. John Hagerman, U.S. Navy
Lt. Amanda Hine, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Christopher Hofer, U.S. Air Force
Maj. Christian Kapey, U.S. Marine Corps
Sr. Airman Michael LiBretto, U.S. Air Force
Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army
2nd Lt. Richard Martin Prestegaard, U.S. Army
Petty Officer Sean T. Sattler, U.S. Coast Guard
Lt. Brian Shields, U.S. Coast Guard
SSgt. Paul Smith, U.S. Army
Maj. James Tom, U.S. Army
1st Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army
Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

“If you know of any military personnel listed above who are no longer in the service, please call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030 to have their name removed. In this way we can accommodate new names”.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of January 15 - January 21, 2023

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Theresa O'Connor

By: John O'Connor

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of January 15 - January 21, 2023

Is Lit in Loving Memory of

David Krieg

By: Richard Mastino

Pray For The Sick

Kathy Rooney Katie Harris Renata Sorace
Catherine Frake James Connors Kitty McGarry

Rectory Closed

Please note that the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Let us all work towards his dream.

The Rectory Office will reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 17th.

From Fr. Mike's Desk

It is extremely hard to believe that we are already at the end of the Christmas Season. This is always the case when Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. We marked the close of the Season this past Monday when we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Now we come to the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time; keep in mind that the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves two purposes. One is to signal the end of Christmas and the other is to usher in Ordinary Time, and so the Sunday following the Feast of the Baptism is assigned the 2nd Sunday, not the first. This week we see the call of the first disciples (according to John's Gospel), and next week we see the call according to the Gospel which is right for the current cycle. This year we are in Cycle A, which is mostly Mathew's Gospel, and so next week we will read Matthew's account of the calling of the first disciples. However, all the readings for today speak about the call to discipleship.

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah comes from the second author of the prophecy, commonly called 2nd Isaiah. He is a prophet of the school of the original Isaiah who lived at least 150 years earlier. The first Isaiah warned about the danger happening to Judah with the Assyrian and Babylonian Empires that were attempting to take over the Holy Land. The northern kingdom of Israel had already fallen to Assyria, and they were trying to take over the south. The first Isaiah called the people to repentance and told them to amend their lives. If they did this, God would not allow the nation and Jerusalem to fall. However, the people refused to listen and sought help from other nations, instead of listening to God. Jeremiah told the people the same thing. As a result of this refusal to listen, Jerusalem and Judah fell and many of the people were carried off to Babylon as captives for a period of 70 years. This leads us to the time of the 2nd Isaiah who is living when the Persians allowed the captives to return home. However, they went back to a land that was not pleasing to the eye, and they had no homes to go back to. Their joy turned to sorrow so, God sent the prophet to give the people new hope! God had a new mission for the people (it was always Israel's mission), they were not simply to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple; they were to go out and change the entire world.

God has called the people to Himself and has made them glorious in His sight and He will be their strength so they can be a light to the nations, and that God's salvation will go out to all the ends of the earth. They were to make everyone ready to receive the Good News, when John the Baptist pointed out to the first disciples and said, "Behold the Lamb of God." We also see this call in the beginning of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul tells the Church there why they were formed, and how Christ blessed them, and what they needed to do, whether Paul was there or not. Just as God spoke through 2nd Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the

Baptist, so God calls us to speak and lead the people to the light which we just celebrated December 25th.

Isaiah was sent to comfort a people in sorrow and told them that the way out was to serve God. Paul will continue in his letter to help the Church to be better in their service to God. And John points out to Andrew and John that Jesus was their new rabbi, for He was and is the Word of God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity. God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) certainly does the same for us, helping us, comforting us, and calling us to live out the Gospel. How can we find the strength to do our part? One way is to receive Jesus in the Eucharist as often as you can. We should also look at our lives to see what stands in the way, and certainly we must look at all the wonderful gifts God has given us to be His disciples. God has given us so much and God asks us to use what He gives us for others.

Do not forget that this is Catholic Schools' Month and how God has given us the great gift of St. Edward's School. Please see the bulletin for details of how you can find out more about our wonderful school and what a quality education it provides. It will teach your children about this world and how to build the Kingdom of God.

God Bless You Always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

First Reading - Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23

Next Week's Gospel Question

In reading Matthew next week we learn that, following the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus began to preach in Galilee saying "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*".

What was Jesus asking when he preached repentance, and what did he mean when he said that the kingdom of heaven is here?

RCIA - Right of Christian Initiation for Adults



- * Do you know someone who is looking to become a Catholic?
- * Do you know a baptized adult Catholic who has never been catechized — that is, never participated in the Church or received First Holy Communion?
- * Do you know someone who was never confirmed — baptized and made First Holy Communion, but never continued learning about their faith?

Perhaps they belong in the St. Edward's RCIA process!

Contact the St. Edward's parish office and ask for an RCIA team member: 516-921-8030.

Be of Service to the Parish - Become an Usher



St. Edwards is in need of Ushers for this Christmas Season and during the course of the 2023 for all masses! Anyone that is interested in supporting our Church, please call Jim Asmus at (516) 661-7860.

Masses are held on Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 6 pm.

We thank you for your continue support!

Care for Our Church and Parish

When coming to Mass, please park your vehicles in the designated spaces. **Do not park in the designated fire lane in the entryway to the parking lot**, or in front of the dumpsters, as access is needed 24 hours a day and may create a safety hazard.

As mentioned last week, please be reminded that when attending Mass, you are asked to leave all drinks, including coffee, juices and water outside the church, and food as well. Those with medical conditions or caring for infants are excluded from this requirement.



DIocese of Beckville Center
SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP

January 16, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ:

Each year, our nation celebrates National Religious Freedom Day on January 16th. In 1992, Congress authorized the President to request to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to join together to celebrate their religious freedom and to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Since 1993, each President of the United States has proclaimed January 16th to be National Religious Freedom Day.

January 16th has been designated National Religious Freedom Day because it marks the anniversary of the passage of Thomas Jefferson's *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom* by the Virginia General Assembly on January 16, 1786. This statute was a precursor to the First Amendment of the United States Constitution which, as we know, enshrines the freedom of religion as a right which is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. In his statute, Jefferson states that "all men shall be free to profess ... their opinion in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities."¹ He concludes that any attempt to repeal or limit this statute "would be an infringement of natural right."²

Dignitatis humanae, the Second Vatican Council's 1965 Declaration on Religious Liberty, echoes Jefferson's sentiments and states that "the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective attitude of the individual but in his very nature."³ Elsewhere, the Declaration notes that "it is wrong for a public authority to compel its citizens by force or fear or any other means to profess or repudiate any religion."⁴ The similarity between the sentiments of Jefferson and *Dignitatis humanae* should not surprise us when we realize that American bishops and churchmen, including Father John Courtney Murray, were instrumental in incorporating the American experience of church-state relations into the declaration on religious liberty.⁵

Despite the time-honored assertion of religious freedom as a right guaranteed to all Americans, we have seen in recent years numerous attempts to curb or narrow the scope of religious liberty and freedom of conscience. The current Federal Administration's advocacy of a so-called "Super Rule," which is now awaiting final promulgation, threatens to egregiously and unjustly force Catholic medical institutions to be involved in procedures which are contrary to Church teaching and natural law. These would include abortion, sterilizations, in vitro fertilization, and transgender

¹ W.W. Hening, ed., *Statutes at Large of Virginia*, vol. 12 (1823): 84-86.

² *Ibid.*

³ Second Vatican Council, *Dignitatis humanae*, December 7, 1965: AAS 58 (1966) 929-946, 2.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 6.

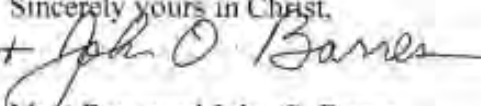
⁵ See Robert F. Kennedy, "The Declaration on Religious Liberty Thirty Years Later: Challenges to the Church-State Relationship in the United States," *The Jurist* 55 (1995) 487.

surgeries, even on minors. As diocesan bishop, it is my obligation to uphold and protect Catholic moral teaching, and our Catholic institutions will not participate in anything that forces healthcare workers to violate their consciences or the dignity of the human person.

The recent passage of the Respect for Marriage Act marks another threat to religious liberty. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has rightly called the Act “misnamed.”⁶ A statement released by the USCCB, notes that the Act’s “rejection of timeless truths about marriage is evident on its face and in its purpose.”⁷ As the largest non-governmental provider of social services in the United States, the Church has a vested interest in ensuring the protection of religious liberty. The supposed protections for religious liberty in the Act are insufficient, and the USCCB statement concludes that if it is passed, “the amended Act will put the ministries of the Catholic Church, people of faith, and other Americans who uphold a traditional meaning of marriage at greater risk of government discrimination.”⁸

This year, January 16 also marks the date when our country honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King once stated that “the church must be reminded once again that it is not to be the master or the servant of the state, but the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state – never its tool.”⁹ As we celebrate National Religious Freedom Day this January 16th, let us pray for the preservation and protection of this God-given right:

Bless us, O heavenly Father,
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
Amen.¹⁰

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

⁶ Timothy Cardinal Dolan and Bishop Robert Barron to Senators and Representatives, November 23, 2022. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington D.C.

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “A Knock at Midnight” (sermon, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH, June 11, 1967).

¹⁰ See “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty,” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2012). Washington D.C.

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For the Bereaved



Begins on 1/19/23
Ends on 3/9/23

The death of a loved one can be the most profound emotional experience we will ever endure. The grief which follows can be painful and challenging. The St. Edward’s Bereavement Support Group provides an opportunity to be listened to, understood, nurtured and loved, and will give you methods and tools to help get you through the grieving process. A new Group for those bereaved 6 months or more is now being formed. The Group will meet once per week, for eight weeks beginning on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 PM. **Registration is required. Please register early as the Group will be limited in size. The registration deadline is: 1/16/23.**

To register, please send an email with your name and telephone number to:

Bereavement@st-edwards.org

If you prefer, you may call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030

Once your information has been received you will be contacted by John O’Connor, Bereavement Facilitator for St. Edward’s Parish, who will confirm your registration and will provide you with additional information about the Group.

Thank You for Your Kindness and Generosity



As we finish up the final week of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign, we are pleased to report that **the parish has achieved its’ goal**. As in years past St. Edward’s has always achieved the quota given to us by the Diocese. The funds raised this year will continue to support the wonderful work of the many ministries of our diocese. Thousands of people, every year, count on the help given through your kind donations and that of many others. Not only is this important for the work of the diocese but now that we have achieve our goal, we will receive a rebate of some of that money, which is so dearly needed for our own parish.

Thanks and God bless!

Parish Social Ministry



Tel: 516-921-8030

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday and
2nd Saturday of the month

Next Monthly Food Drive is February 4th and 5th, - Items Needed:

Food: Pancake Mix & Syrup, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Chili, Soup, Lentils, Tomato Sauce, Stew, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Granola Bars, Cookies, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Shelf Milk (Parmalat), Refried Beans

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Thank you for your support.

Harvest House - Stillness, Reflection, Prayer



"SING A NEW SONG"

The Lights of Christmas are packed away, the joyous activity of Christmas has given way to the long, dreary days of January. Or, as the prophet Isaiah, challenges, can it be a time to "Raise our eyes and look about" or maybe he could have said: "Look within, where you will find your stillness and joy!"

You are invited to come to a morning of *stillness, reflection, prayer:*

When: Thursday, January 19, 2023

Time: 9:45-11:00 a.m.

Where: Harvest House
235 Cold Spring Rd.
Syosset, NY

RSVP by: Wednesday, January 18, 2023
S. Jeanne and S. Mary

Mass Intentions for 2024

FILL OUT THIS FORM FOR YOUR MASS INTENTIONS FOR **2024**

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR NAME & PHONE # ARE FILLED IN.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

THE DATE OF THE OPENING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

REQUESTED BY: _____ PHONE # _____

1. Name of Deceased: _____

Date/s Requested _____ Mass Time _____

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Date/s Requested: _____ Mass Time _____

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7. Name of Deceased: _____

Date/s Requested _____ Mass Time _____

Circle: Day of Mass M T W Th Fr Sat Sun

This form is being used in lieu of having many people come into the Office at this time of Covid. Mass intention donations remain at \$20.00 per mass – please drop off payment and form in the collection basket or in the slot in the Rectory Office door. **MAKE SURE YOU PUT THE DATE OF DROP OFF AND THE TIME ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.** This will help in fairly serving all parishioners based on the date/time received in the Rectory. If there is a conflict with dates, I will contact you. The Staff will not start putting intentions in the Mass Book until Monday, January 23, 2023. Thank you, Rectory Staff

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

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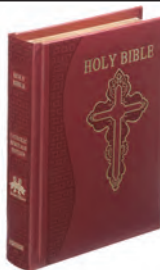
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