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Second Sunday of Advent December 4th, 2022



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Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 10 5:00 PM Fr. Celestine

Sunday, Dec. 11 7:30 AM Fr. Mike

9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann 11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann 6:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth

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.

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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

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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

| November 27, 2022 | \$ 11,774.75 |
|------------------------|--------------|
| # of Envelopes | 210 |
| Automatic Transactions | \$ 2,755.00 |
| # of Transactions | 33 |
| Total | \$ 14,529.75 |
| Thanksgiving | \$ 3,768.00 |

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

Fr. Mike

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Websites

Parish: www.st-edwards.org School: www.stedwardconfessor.org Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com

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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

12/5 - Monday of the Second Week of Advent 9:00 am Frances and Dave Plimley

12/6 - Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

9:00 am Alex J. Mata 12/7 - Memorial of Saint Ambrose

9:00 am Intention of Natalie Bruno

5:00 pm Brittany LaGrega

12/8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am 12:10 pm Norman & Helen Dick & Family Socorro Benedicto

12:10 pm Socorro Benedicto 7:00 pm In Honor of our Blessed Mother

12/9 - Friday of the Second Week of Advent 9:00 am Richard Marschean

12/10 - Saturday of the Second Week of Advent

9:00 am 5:00 pm Janet Cox Frank Ferrante Jay O'Neill

Mary & Carl Ferraro Madeline Dempsey Brittany Rose LaGrega Louis Carratu

12/11 -- Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am
9:30 am
Peter Gibson
John Quinn, Julia Collins & Brita Collins

11:30 am Sharon D'Andrea

Raymond Damadian Anthony Trombino Efrain De Jesus Annette Guiliano Mary Navarro

6:00 pm Mary T.

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.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of December 4 - December 10, 2022

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Sr. Maureen Gregory

By: Eleanor and Barry Wilson

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of December 4 - December 10, 2022

Is Lit in Loving Memory of

Amelia M. Schiavone

By: Lorraine Persico

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"

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Pray For The Sick

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

Death to New Life



Campbell Pritchett

James Matteucci

Theresa O'Brien

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 - Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm – 72:1-2, 7-8,12-13,17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reading 2 - Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the

circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Next Week's Gospel Question

In next week's Gospel we read that John the Baptist, while imprisoned, sent two of his disciples to Jesus to ask "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" As John had already baptized Jesus in the river Jordan, and had called Jesus the 'lamb of God', why do you think John needed to hear from Jesus as to whether He was the "one who is to come"? Do you think that John had doubts about Jesus as his own end drew near, or was it something else?

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022

First Reading - Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Second Reading - James 5:7-10 Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11

From Fr. Mike's Desk

As I write this letter we are at the end of September, and we have seen the Funeral Rites for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II ended and now attention has shifted to this side of the Atlantic with United Nations Week. Many member nations have sent representatives or their Heads of State/Government to New York to discuss the major problems facing our world. The major troubles are the war in Ukraine, tensions caused by China, Iran saying they will try to reach a deal over nuclear weapons, but they seem to backout. Of course, there is trouble in the Holy Land and the rest of the Middle East, as well as problems in parts of Africa. COVID is still a great concern, as well as other illnesses that we have never seen before, or we thought were gone.

In our nation we faced mid-term elections, new employment opportunities yet a shortage of workers, and of course inflation and the fear we may go into a recession. With all these issues facing us, we wonder what is going to happen to our world. What about future generations how will they manage their problems, will they survive? Everything seems hopeless and without solutions what are we to do?

This is what it was like two thousand years ago when Jesus came into the world. As we enter this Second Week of Advent, we are introduced to John the Baptist. Matthew's account begins with, "John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert...saying 'Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" It was John, who the Prophet Isaiah was speaking about, when he said, "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John appears on the scene and calls the people to repentance, to change their lives and stop committing sins which separate them from God. We know that his appearance is not pleasant as are his manners, but the people in vast numbers go out to see him. Why? Its John's message. He is the voice crying out and he is preparing them for the Messiah's coming. It had been over four hundred years since God sent a prophet to Israel and the people thought all was lost, and that

God was no longer communicating with His people. Of course, nothing was further from the truth!

Yes, God sent John, but God sent other people, and signs were given to get the people ready for the coming of the Messiah. As we look at the world we live in, we, too, can lose hope and we might ask where are the prophets now? Who has God sent us? The answer 2023 years later is, God has sent us the saints, great and small alike, those known or unknown by the Universal Church! If you want to see another prophet, look in the mirror. Yes, you have been called to be a prophet, but your call is different from Jeremiah, Isaiah, or Ezekiel. We are called to speak about Jesus and what He does in our lives. We are called to live out the Gospel, when we do this our doubts begin to disappear. When we approach this changing world, we should look it at as a time to rediscover our faith, and time to be reenergized in our love for God and our neighbors. How can I change the problems of the world? That is easy, live your life with Christ, and know that we are not supposed to do it by ourselves. We are to do it with our fellow saints and Christ Himself through His Church. We are to combine our gifts and talents and go out and make a difference! When did you become a prophet? The day you were baptized, as the priest or deacon anointed your head with the Oil of Sacred Chrism saying words that made us one with Christ who is priest, prophet, and king.

Happy Advent!

Fr. Mike

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them".



All are welcome to come and pray the **Rosary** and **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** with **The Saint Joseph Prayer Group** every Thursday night at 7:30 PM in the church. There are no commitments, and all are welcome to attend. Come and pray for healing in the world, and for your own special intentions. Praying for His assistance and guidance is a calming and reassuring way to end your day. As is stated in Matthew 18:20, Jesus promises His presence among us, and with us, when we gather to pray. **Prepare for His coming this Christmas, and pray.**

Welcome to the Parish

Let us all welcome

The Delauney Family



Krystel, Nick and Naël

You are now part of our St. Edward's Family

Newly Baptized

Hadley Mariah Kleve

Christopher Edward Czarniak



Robert Raymond Collins

Finn Patrick Anderson

John William Spina

Mary Paula Francis

Zephyr William Gallo

Catholic Ministries Appeal - Please Help

We are coming to the end of another calendar year and with that, we will be completing our 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign. For many years now St. Edward's has always achieved the quota given to us. It is so important to fund 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. This year we are so very close to our parish goal. As of this week we are at 90.5%. Another \$10,000.00 will put us over the top. Not only is this important for the work of the diocese but if we achieve our goal, we will receive a rebate of some of that money, which is so dearly needed for our own parish. Your benevolence has always been so overwhelming and greatly appreciated. To date, 213 parishioners have generously donated to this year's Appeal. We are a parish family of nearly 2,400 families. We know things are very difficult for everyone right now because of inflation. As hard as it is for us, imagine the plight of those who depend on our support!

If you are financially able, please consider making a contribution to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you are unable, we ask for your prayers for the people the diocese serves and for the success of the campaign.

Thanks and God bless!

Baby Bottle Campaign Collection

St. Edward's Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND



REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!

Recently, St. Edward's Parish kicked-off their Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center.

THE WEEKEND TO BRING THOSE FILLED BABY BOTTLES IN IS:

December 3rd & 4th

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer to make a <u>BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE</u> for all those we serve.

(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Parish Social Ministry



Tel: 516-921-8030 Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday and 2nd Saturday of the month

Thank you for your support in providing Thanksgiving food for our families in need. We distributed 35 frozen Turkeys and 35 frozen Chickens with all the trimmings and gave \$50.00 in gift cards to each of our single clients to purchase prepared meals from the grocery store. Thank you to the students from St. Edward School for decorating the grocery bags for the trimmings. Thank you for the coat donations. The pantry families are grateful for your generosity.

Next Monthly Food Drive is December 3rd and 4th, - Items Needed:

Food: Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Chili, Soup, Lentils, Tomato Sauce, Stew, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Granola Bars, Cookies, Juice, Coffee, tea **Personal Grooming:** Bar Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Baby Wipes & Diapers size 6

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Thank you for your support.

For Christmas, Parish Social Ministry is looking to provide our families in need with gift cards. Please consider purchasing the gift card from the volunteers in the vestibule at each of the Masses starting December 5th until December 18th. We are also accepting new toys. Thank you

Remembering and Celebrating the Lives of Our Children



On Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm we will again gather at Mass to pray for and to our children while they celebrate Christmas with our Lord. There is no distinction between a young or adult child in a parent's heart. Family, friends, and those who share this loss are invited and encouraged to attend this special celebration.



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

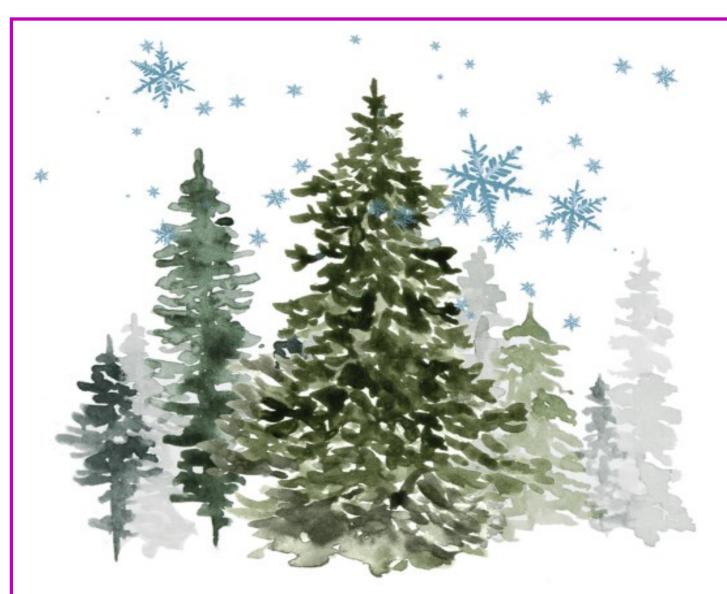
A Service of readings and music for the Advent season

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 8:00 p.m.

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Care for Our Church

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Advent Reflections

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for Advent Scripture Reflections

...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart in anticipation of Christmas.





To register for Coffee with Jesus

please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or

email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

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ZOOM information prior to each session.

Advent Reflection at Harvest House



ADVENT.....JESUS IS COMING

BUT...I am so busy, busy, busy!

We need to **STOP**...Let's reflect

Sister Jeanne and Sister Mary invite you to <u>ONE</u> morning reflecting on three important women of Advent:

Mary, the mother of Jesus Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist Anna, the elderly prophetess

Come, listen and hear the hopes and dreams of these three Gospel women

What are <u>our</u> hopes and dreams this Advent as we ready our homes, our hearts for the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

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

WHERE: HARVEST HOUSE

235 Cold Spring Rd, Syosset, NY

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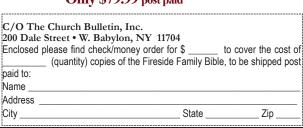
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