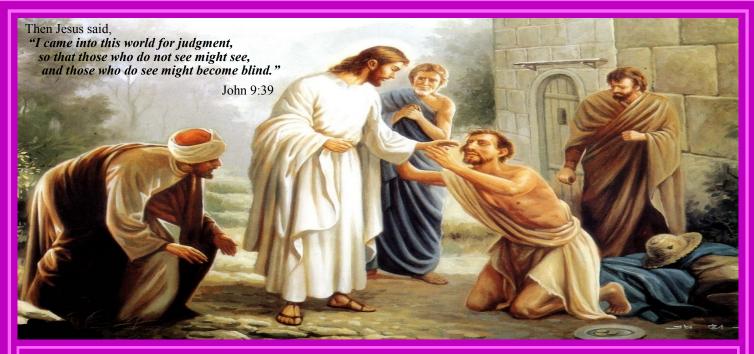
St. Edward the Confessor

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22nd, 2020



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Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

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

Rectory Office Hours	
Monday - Thursday	9 AM - 8 PM
Friday	9 AM - 3 PM
Saturday & Sunday	
Telephone Numbers	
Rectory	
Rectory Fax	
St. Edward Confessor School	
Religious Education Office	
RCIĂ	921-8030 ext. 135
Administration	921-8030 ext. 136
Bulletin Editor	
Facilities Scheduler	
St. Vincent De Paul Society	
PSM/Pantry	
Music Ministry	
Youth Ministry	
Pastoral Center Offices	

Our Weekly Offering

March 15, 2020	\$ 10,769.00
Envelopes:	159
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 3,372.00
Transactions:	27
Total:	\$ 14,141.00

Parish Social Ministry

Tel: 516-921-8030

Due to recent events our pantry will be closed until April 1st. We still need your donations of food and gift cards. We will be serving those in need on an emergency basis. Any nonperishable item that you can donate is appreciated. Please leave items in the drop-off box in the vestibule of the church.

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 for these situations:

516-594-9063

This Coming Week: 3/23/20 - 3/29/20			
Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	3/23		No Meetings or Activities
Tues	3/24		No Meetings or Activities
Wed	3/25		No Meetings or Activities
Thur	3/26		No Meetings or Activities
Fri	3/27		No Meetings or Activities
Sat	3/28		No Meetings or Activities
Sun	3/29		No Meetings or Activities

From Death to New Life

Norma D. Fierro Colin Joseph Giustino Eileen Brandofino

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org School: www.stedwardconfessor.org Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com Facebook: stedwardsyosset Twitter: stedwardchurch1 Televised Mass Information -

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will provide televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471.) CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through **24/7 live stream** at CFNtv.org. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

FORMED

This web based service for Catholics provides individuals and families with a multitude of resources, including: movies, children's programming, audio dramas and books, documentaries, and Bible studies.

Visit: www.FORMED.ORG

From Fr. Mike's Desk

Today is *Laetare Sunday*, and traditionally this has been a day of celebration within the Lenten The name comes from the opening Season. antiphon for today's Mass, which in Latin is, Laetare Jerusalem. This translate to Rejoice Today we wear the rose colored Jerusalem. vestments (as we do on the Third Sunday of Advent), and it serves a reminder that our goal is about to be realized, Easter is almost here. Easter the great day of the Resurrection, when the true light of Christ shines forth. It will shine through every believer, and every baptized person. For through baptism we become one with Christ and each other, and we become vessels of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

This I what we see literally in the Gospel account of the Man Born Blind. There is much discussion about what happened on that faithful day at the Temple. The man comes to Jesus' attention and He insists on curing him. In some accounts, the man does not want Jesus to touch him. In the film Jesus of Nazareth, Peter asks Jesus if He should cure the man. After all, he lived his whole life blind, how will he be able to exist in the world when he can see. How will he earn a living since he does not know how to do anything, but beg? However, Jesus does not accept Peter's argument, and He tells Peter (and all of us) that He is the Light of the World, and as long as He is in the world, He will not allow anyone to stay in darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus refers to the work He must do. As He says, "We have come to do the work of the One who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world." After this, Jesus puts mud on the man's eyes and tells him to go to the Pool of Siloam, which means sent. As I just recently learned, the Pool of Siloam is not within the Temple itself, and it is quite a way down the hill on which the Temple was built. For a blind person this was a long walk. As the name of the pool tells us, the blind man was sent, and when he washed in the pool, he could see. He no longer protested and was completely delighted. He is so happy that he tells everyone he sees, even the religious leaders. They, of course, criticize the cure and one who accomplished it, because he did it on the Sabbath.

After a big discussion, the Pharisees, the Scribes, and the Temple Officials throw the man out of the Temple. It is after this happens, that

Jesus sees the man and ask him if he believes in the Son of Man? This Messianic Title goes back to Ezekiel and Daniel. The man ask Jesus, who is he that I might believe in him? In addition, Jesus tells him that He was the Son of Man and the One sent by God. Last week He told the Samaritan Woman that He was the Messiah, and now He shares with this man, who can now see clearly, who He is. For in his cure, he not only received his physical sight, he received spiritual sight, and he was able to see the Light of Christ where the leaders could not. Jesus states, toward the end of the Gospel, "I came into this world for judgement, so that those who do not see might see and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees replied, "Surely we are not blind ... " Jesus said to them "If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you are saying 'We see' so your sin remains." What is their sin? They sinned because they refused to see the Light of Christ, and by not understanding that His work was the work of God the Father. They were so caught up in their ideas of what was right and proper; they could not see God at work. The man, who was cured, saw Jesus as the one God sent, unfortunately, they could not! I am sure that there were many things standing in their way, and some of them were things that were not easy to change in their understanding, Jesus would have cured them of their blindness if they only let Him. Jesus could heal us of our blindness if we only would allow Him. He does this for us, if we realize that the work He is speaking about is not only His work but our work too, the work of the Church. It is up to us to lead people to the Light, which is Christ and we must always have our eyes open to see where the Light is leading us.

Happy Fourth Sunday of Lent!

Fr. Mike

This Week's Readings

March 22, 2020 -Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel - John 9:1-41

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March 17, 2020

My dear brothers and sisters of St. Edward's,

Every day we seem to be experiencing change after change as new information is released about the coronavirus. It has put all of us on high alert and concern. As a precaution, we have been told to suspend all parish and organization meetings and events, including CYO. In addition, our bishop has temporarily closed all the diocesan schools. During this period, we are continuously deep cleaning and sanitizing all areas of student activity. Likewise, we have our cleaning service sanitizing and spray disinfecting the church. We are committed to assuring that all who come to St. Edwards will be safe in our parish environment.

Bishop Barres also cancelled all Masses through Tuesday, April 14. Sadly, this includes Holy Week & Easter Sunday liturgies. We have been asked to postpone baptisms, except in the case of an emergency. Weddings and funerals are still available but must be limited to immediately family (under 50 people).

First and foremost, we want you to be safe. If you fit into the parameters of concern as stated by the Centers of Disease Control and our local authorities, please follow their guidelines. We are in the process of making emergency plans to assist our parishioners and members of our community during this difficult time. This is a time we all need to come together. You can be assured that the priests, deacons and staff of St. Edward's will continue to help you in any way we can, but we also need your help.

Even though you are not able to attend Mass for the time being, we still need your support. Our bills remain and we need your financial support to keep our ministries and facilities working. For convenience, you may want to set up an automatic giving account. We have enclosed a sign-up form that you can mail, deliver or e-mail. It would be of great help if you can assure that we can meet our obligations. That can only happen through your continued generosity. Please know that we are embarrassed to bring this up at a time like this and we are only if you can afford to do so.

Also, effective Monday, March 23rd our rectory office hours will be: Mon-Thurs, 9am-5pm, Friday 9 am-1 pm, Saturdays and Sunday 9 am-1 pm. There will be no evening office hours. We pray for all of you and your families that you remain safe and healthy. We intercede through our Most Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States to keep us safe and to rid our great nation of this terrible affliction. God bless you all and thank you. Stay safe!

Fr. Mike

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"Be Merciful, O Lord, For We Have Sinned"

Mass Intentions

All Intentions will be honored and remembered at private masses celebrated on the respective day by Fr. Mike or Fr. Hyacinth

Mon Mar. 23 9:00 am	- Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent Michael Houlihan
Tues Mar. 24 9:00 am	- Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent Intention of Antinino Nicolosi
Wed Mar. 25 9:00 am	- Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Erich Pieper
Thurs. Mar. 26 9:00 am	– Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent William Gund
Fri Mar. 27 - 9:00 am	- Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent Margaret Corkett
Sat Mar. 28 - 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent Susan Cleary Caryn J. Colombo Katy & Angelo Fede James M. Laverty, Sr. Patricia Murphy Ann C. Beyer For Our Parishioners
Sun Mar. 29 - 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Frenc Cutajar Joseph Ruggiero Ron Thuma Marie Rose Amato Wayne Watanabe Armand Sposato Martin Sperduto Joseph Schier
7:00 pm	Karl Gustafson

Please remember that the church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Liturgy of the Hours, 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 March 22 - March 28, 2020 Is Given in Loving Memory of Robert Sheehan

By: St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Edwards

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of March 22 - March 28, 2020 Is Lit in Loving Memory of

> Joseph A. Genovese By: Your Loving Family

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 SEAL Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force Pvt. John J. D'Amico, U.S. Army Airborne 1st. Lt. Connor J. Dunleavy, U.S. Army Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Joseph Evola, Jr., U.S. Army SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army Special Forces Petty Officer 3rd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy Lt. John Hagerman, U.S. Navy Pvt. Gary Harris, U.S. Army 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 Cpl. Erik Liebergall, U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army Seaman Liam Pieper, U.S. Navy 2nd Lt. Richard Martin Prestegaard, U.S. Army 1st. Lt. Arriane Mari Reyes, U.S. Air Force 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 2nd Lt. John P. Trainor, U.S. Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy Maj. Michael F. Wendelken, U.S. Air Force

During this time of uncertainty, let us pray for each other, and for all medical professionals who are working diligently to care of the sick and infected.

Pray For The Sick

Cathleen English	John Lamb, Sr.	Christiana Cheng
Kathy Rooney	Rosalie Schiovone	Julianna Key
Michele Wesch	Frank Meyers	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Bob Backofen	Alexandra Reuter
Alvaro Banchon		Renata Sorace

Diocesan Directives Re: Mass

In accordance with the directives issued by the Office of the Vicar General of the Diocese of Rockville Centre all weekday and weekend Masses are suspended beginning at 3:00 PM on March 16, 2020 through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, although these will be televised and available online. See this bulletin for further details on how to watch.



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