St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791 *Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

With each new sunrise, prove your love for the Lord, by showing mercy and loving your neighbor.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25th, 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 - 5 PM
Friday	
Closed for Lunch	
Telephone Numbers	
Rectory	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax	
St. Edward Confessor School	
Religious Education Office	
RCIĂ	
Administration	921-8030 ext. 136
Bulletin Editor	921-8030 ext. 137
Facilities Scheduler	921-8030 ext. 137
St. Vincent De Paul Society	
PSM/Pantry	
Music Ministry	
Youth Ministry	
Pastoral Center Offices	

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: Saturday: Sunday:	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	In the Church In the Church In the Church In the Church In the Church
	11.30 AM	

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 31 Sunday, Nov. 1 5:00 PM Fr. Celestine * 7:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth * 9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann 11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann

* - Deacons to Preach

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 for 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:	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	
Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030		

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When Attending Mass

While attending Mass during the coming weeks please remember to wear your face mask at all times and to maintain social distancing. After Mass has ended you are requested to depart from church immediately afterwards, and not congregate in the gathering area. Thank You.

Our Weekly Offering

 October 18, 2020
 \$ 10,794.00

 Envelopes:
 179

 Automatic Transactions:
 \$ 4,656.00

 Transactions:
 50

 Total:
 \$ 15,450.00

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 Twitter: stedwardsyosset Instagram: stedwardsyosset Formed: formed.org

St. Edward's Mass is Online -

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

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

From Fr. Mike's Desk

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus silenced the Sadducees, they gathered, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking, "'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.'"

The Pharisees are up to their old tricks again, trying to trap Jesus in His speech and trying to use anything He says against Him. Yet, they cannot because He correctly quotes what every Jew and now Christians keeps in their hearts; the total love of God. Yes, Jesus answered correctly, and they could not use His answer against Him. But Jesus did not stop with just the First Commandment. He adds the additional thought, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Now Our Lord is not the first person to say this, but the joining of these two commandments is fundamental to Christian thought. Jesus is telling us beyond the shadow of any doubt, to truly love God with our whole soul, heart, and mind means that we must love others too. As St. John tells us in his first letter, "If anyone says, 'I love God, but hates his brother he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

However, as we all know, this is hard to do. That is because we are living in a world that is suffering from the effects of Original Sin. Thanks to the Sin of Adam we cannot always see people as they truly are, we tend to misjudge them, or not take a liking to them, and maybe that causes us to hate them. Hate is not an option, Jesus tells us to love everyone, even the people we do not like. Remember Jesus is not telling us to like them, at least not yet, but we must love them. Ok, how do I do this? By ourselves we can do nothing, but with God we can see past what we do not like and love them as God loves them. With God's help we can learn to see them as God sees them, and we will learn to wish them no harm, pray for them, and even extend them a hand when they are really in need. After all this is what God does for each of us every day and hour. This is what the Father has done for us when He sent His only Beloved Son to save us and restore to us that which was taken

away by the Sin of Adam and Eve. Yes, this is indeed hard to do, but the rewards of carrying this out can be truly life changing. Remember the words from *Les Misérables*, "*To love another person is to see the face of God.*"

This year November 1st, The Feast of All Saints, falls on next Sunday, so we will have our regular schedule of Sunday Masses for this wonderful day. On Monday November 2nd we will celebrate the Feast of All Souls. We will have our regular weekday Mass at 9AM, but we will also have our Annual Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 PM. At this Mass we will read off (during the Prayer of the Faithful) the names of those who had a Funeral Mass or Service here at St. Edward's during the past year. All are invited to come for the Mass 1 to have their loved ones remembered, whether they passed away this year or had their Funeral somewhere else. To have a loved one remembered in our Novena of Masses and for the whole month of November, please fill out the envelope you received in your packet or one of the envelopes found in the Church. Place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Rectory Office. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace Amen.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2020 First Reading - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalms - 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12A

"Lord God, be my refuge and my strength."

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 10/26 - Monday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Allegra Buffalino Tues. - 10/27 - Tuesday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Marija Krsulic Wed. - 10/28 - Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Antonietta and Carmelo Sessa 9:00 am Thurs. 10/29 - Thursday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Frederick Peters Fri. - 10/30 – Friday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Peter Conetta Sat. - 10/31 - Saturday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Vincent Preziosi 5:00 pm Erik del Rosario J. Thomas Fierro Lawrence Reid Alice Vosilla For Our Parishioners Sun. - 11/1 - Solemnity of All Saints 7:30 am Donald Piontek Elena & Sebastiano Crecco 9:30 am 11:30 am Carmella Serravillo Salvatore Serravillo Allen and Patricia Murray Michele Bertone

Rose Cucci Felicia Durante John Dellora

7:00 pm No Mass

Please remember that the church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Divine Office, 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 October 25 - October 31, 2020 Is Given in Loving Memory of Frances Farrell De Carlo

By: Terry and Dennis O'Brien

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of October 25 - October 31, 2020 Is Lit in Memory of

Edward R. Higgins

By: Mrs. Joan Higgins

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 Cpt. Connor J. Dunleavy, U.Š. Army Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Army Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Joseph Evola, Jr., U.S. Army Michael Corps 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, Ú.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 1st Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

Pray For The Sick

Joseph Kempton Kathy Rooney Michele Wesch Katy Monte

John Lamb, Sr. Alvaro Banchon Frank Meyers **Robert Philipps**

Christiana Cheng Julianna Key Susan Giambalvo Alexandra Reuter

From Death to New Life



Alice Vosilla



Catherine M. Curcio

Charles F. Mattina

James W. Tymann

Frank McDarby



The Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD:

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Reading 2 – 1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Responsorial Psalm – 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. (2) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.** My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.** The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed. R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Gospel – Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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.

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 31 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

This Friday we remember St. Margret Mary Alacoque. She was born in 1647 in the Burgundy Section of France. From her early childhood she was described as demonstrating an intense love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. She used to spend her time in silence and prayer instead of playing with other children. After she contracted Rheumatic Fever which caused her to spend 4 years in bed, she made a vow to the Blessed Mother that she would enter Religious Life. Reports have it that after she made the vow her health returned. At this young age, she had visions of Jesus which she thought everybody had. As she got older, her mother insisted that she go out and socialize, and hopefully meet someone and get married. She did so out of obedience, as she thought that the Blessed Mother and Jesus would not hold her to her childhood vow. One night while returning from a Carnival Ball, she experienced a vision of Christ scourged and bloody. In that vision, she was reproached for her forgetfulness to the vow. She decided not to marry and at the age of 24 she entered the Visitation Sisters.

While in the Convent she received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the first was on December 27, 1673, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. She received the final one 18 months later. In her visions she was told to form a devotion which contained reception of Holy Communion on the 1st Friday of the month, a Holy Hour on Thursday, to remember the suffering Jesus went through in the garden on Holy Thursday Night, and she was to see that their be a Feast in the Church to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margret also revealed that at the first vision, Jesus had permitted her to rest her head upon His heart. While she was doing this, Our Lord described for her the wonder of His love, telling her to make this known to all humanity. Initially she was discouraged, but after a while she was able to convince her Mother Superior to believe in the revelations. Many theologians and clerics dismissed her account, but she received support from her new confessor who declared the visions to be genuine. St. Margret died on October 17, 1690. She was name Venerable by Pope Leo XII, she was declared Blessed by Pope Pius IX in 1864 and she was made a Saint by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. After a period, the Church fully recognized the visions and added to the calendar the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which today we celebrate on the Friday following the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Jesus made special promises for those who keep a loving devotion to His Sacred Heart. If one makes Mass and receives Communion on the First Friday of the month for nine months in a row he or she will receive: 1) I will give them all the grace necessary for their state of life 2) I will establish peace in their homes 3) I will comfort them in their afflictions 4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death 5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings 6) Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy 7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent 8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection 9) I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored 10) I will give priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts 11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my heart and 12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

In times like this we can use all the help we can get, especially when God wants to give it to us freely. I think it helps us to know that the 12 promises will help us in this life, help the Church as a whole, and give us what we need to enter eternal life. God's promises and His love for us that is revealed to us in the Sacred Heart are certainly stronger than COVID19, and the unrest that is hitting this country. Christ shows us His heart so we can get lost in His love.

Help us Lord Jesus and St. Margret Mary pray for us!

Fr. Mike

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have **good news** and **bab news**... The **good news** is that we are starting to see a slow but steady increase in the number of people who are coming back to Mass on Sundays. We are so happy to see you again and we look forward to having everyone back together as a faith community. Now the **bab news**... the Federal Communication Commission is phasing out the 600 MHz frequencies currently in use by many Church congregations including St. Edward's. What this means is that our current sound system will not be able to comply or function with the new required frequency. Our sound system, which has served us well until recently, is the same system originally installed when our church was built, and includes the Holy Family Room and Auditorium. It has become antiquated and has failed several times. Replacement parts are virtually nonexistent. As a result of this and the FCC regulation, we must replace our sound system for the church, Holy Family room and Auditorium. Unfortunately, this does not come without a considerable cost. The best estimate we have received is approximately \$40,000. This could not have come at a worse time. Although we are blessed by your kind generosity, our weekly collections are lower than anticipated and as you know our fundraisers have been cancelled because of the pandemic.

So, we need your help! I am asking you to consider being a donor to help defray the cost of this system. I know times are tough for many and we are experiencing the need to tighten our belts as well, but the sound system is imperative for our liturgical services and school functions.

Please consider helping the parish out. Thanks and God bless!

HAVING AN INFORMED CONSCIENCE

As we prepare to exercise our right to vote, some have asked how some of the issues being debated align with Catholic teaching. May we suggest that you go to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, www.faithfulcitizenship.org and find, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship Part II – Applying Catholic Teaching to Major Issues* to use as a guide in helping you in your decision making for the upcoming election.



CMA - WE'RE SO CLOSE

As of October 20th, 2020 our parish is now at -

88.8% of our goal!

This means we need another \$12,000 to reach our goal and be **entitled to a full rebate.** We are in great need of the funds this rebate would provide. We are extremely grateful to all of our parishioners who have continued their generosity towards St. Edward's but we are still falling short of meeting our obligations. Your participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal will not only help the tens of thousands of people who are helped through the diocese but you will be helping St. Edward's as well. We welcome and appreciate every donation... large or small.

Go to: www.drvc.org/donate/cma



Reaching Out To Our Neighbors

The Joseph J. Gorman **Columbiettes**, in spite of this pandemic, continue to work together for the benefit of our Church, our neighbors (near & far), and for each other. Presently it has come to our attention that there is a need within our parish. Considering the effect that this pandemic has had on many of us, particularly people who are not able to leave their home, it is important to try to accommodate even the smallest needs. People have reached out asking if we knew of anyone who would be willing to come to people's homes to cut and style hair. This may sound frivolous but feeling good and looking good goes a long way in fighting depression. So, with that in mind we are asking for any beauticians that are willing to go to people's homes. Of course, every effort is made to abide by our current guidelines to keep everyone safe. Masks are worn and hand washing is a given. If there are any beauticians that are interested in doing this please call 516-364-2601. If you get an answering machine leave your name, telephone number and the fee you would charge. If you are a person that is requesting this service leave your name and number. Someone will call back and help you make the connection with one another. We continue to pray for the well being of everyone and for an end to this pandemic. Stay well and be happy.



One of our neighbors is in need of an updated desktop or laptop. Please call our St. Vincent de Paul number if you can help us help this neighbor.

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call at: (516) 218-7837.

SUPPORT ST. EDWARDS' YOUTH CHIOR VIRTUAL BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 8:00 PM VIA ZOOM

Proceeds go to sponsoring a meal at The INN for those in need

Bingo Cards: \$10/card

Cards and zoom link will be sent to the email address you have provided.



Name:__

of Cards:

Email: _____ Check #____ Please return the following to the rectory office by Tuesday 11/10 Any questions? Email Msena@st-edwards.org



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