St. Edward the Confessor

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



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18th, 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	921-7767
Religious Education Office	
RCIĂ	921-8030 ext. 135
Administration	921-8030 ext. 136
Bulletin Editor	921-8030 ext. 137
Facilities Scheduler	921-8030 ext. 137
St. Vincent De Paul Society	516-218-7837
PSM/Pantry	
Music Ministry	921-8030 ext. 150
Youth Ministry	
Pastoral Center Offices	

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 24 Sunday, Oct. 25

5:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth 7:30 AM Fr. Mike 9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann 11:30 AM Fr. Celestine

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		

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 4, 2020
 \$ 11,250.00

 Envelopes:
 199

 Automatic Transactions:
 \$ 1,836.00

 Transactions:
 40

 Total:
 \$ 13,086.00

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

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

These words of Jesus are very familiar to most of us, and we may even have used them to make a point. However, what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God? Well, if we made a list and put Caesar on one side of the list and God on the other side it may look like this. On the Caesar side we might write: taxes, obeying the laws of the town, state, and country, serving in the military and/or the police and fire departments or first responders, and I am sure you can add many other items. Now what do we put on the God side of the paper? The answer is simple, and it is answered with one word, YOU. Yes, you belong to God, your family, your friends, your very heart and soul. While the answer is guite simple and complete, is seems hard to follow in everyday life, as we are often pre-occupied by the world's problems and the things that trouble us in our own lives. While certainly paying taxes and obeying the laws are important (or necessary), they should not be the sum of our lives, in fact we should not let them dominate even one-half of our lives. Jesus is reminding the Pharisees and the Herodians that our true lives lie with God in the Kingdom of Heaven, and that we should be using most of our time and talent building the Kingdom instead of worrying about the taxes we pay or to whom we pay them.

After all there are no taxes in Heaven, no towns, no states or countries, but there is God, our Dear Blessed Mother, all the Angels and Saints and all of our brothers and sisters who have gone on before us and are enjoying eternal life. In Heaven, what we will find is the Church Triumphant! Why spend all your time focusing on the things that are not found in Heaven, they eventually disappear and have no meaning in our lives.

As we see in today's first reading, God comes through for His people by using a person that did not even know that he was God's instrument. He would certainly not think that he was giving to God that which is God's. No, he would have thought that he was giving to the state that which belonged to the state, what he saw was good for the Persian Empire. However, Cyrus the Pagan King was indeed God's instrument who returned God's people back to the Holy Land after 70 years of the Babylonian Captivity. This return would allow them to rebuild and get the world ready for the coming of the Messiah. God has called us, each of us to be His instrument, but we cannot truly know it if we do not give to God that which belongs to Him.

Please keep in your prayers those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which we will celebrate today at 3PM, next Sunday, October 25th at 3PM and like wise on November 1st and 8th also at 3PM. We are spreading out the celebration to these four weekends so we can accommodate as many people as we are allowed in the Church during COVID 19 regulations. The number of Confirmandi that will receive at each celebration is between 25-27 people and their parents, sponsors, and two other guests. The minister of the Sacrament will be yours truly, as the Bishop has given Pastors throughout the Diocese a special faculty. Please pray for them and their families.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2020 First Reading - Exodus 22:20-26

Psalms - 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10 Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 10/19 - Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Robert Haynes Tues. - 10/20 - Tuesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Joan M. McIntosh Wed. - 10/21 - Wed. of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time Sam Cardillo 9:00 am Thurs. 10/22 - Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus 9:00 am Sr. Patricia Gibbons, RSM Fri. - 10/23 – Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Frances Smith Sat. - 10/24 - Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch 9:00 am Intention of Robert Gladstone 5:00 pm Chris English

Henry Caldera Nivio Mesa Jean Campbell Steven Brownworth For Our Parishioners

Sun. - 10/25 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am All Those Affected by Covid 19
9:30 am Charles Weber
11:30 am Edward R. Higgins Donna Popik Dorothy Chiarelli Frances DeCarlo Michelina Stanziale Alfredo S. Pingol, Jr.
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 18 - October 24, 2020 Is Given in Loving Memory of Dorothy Chiarelli

By: Claire Arlotta, Claire Barbuti & Ronnie Borelli

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of October 18 - October 24, 2020 Is Lit in Memory of

Lexi Bonasera

By: Deacon Ray and Nancy

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.S. Army Ens. Ryan 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 Ist 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



John P. Romeo

Michael Larkin

Most glorious St. Edward, you showed your devotion to God with patience, gentleness and generosity. Like you, may I serve to strengthen the Kingdom of God through patient prayer and charity.

The Readings for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm – 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

R. (7b) Give the Lord glory and honor. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R.** Give the Lord glory and honor. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens. **R.** Give the Lord glory and honor. Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. **R.** Give the Lord glory and honor. Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king. he governs the peoples with equity. **R.** Give the Lord glory and honor.

Reading 2 – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel – Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.

They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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 30 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

The other night and one-night last week, Fr. Hyacinth, Fr. Celestine, and I heard confessions for our young people who will be receiving *Confirmation* starting Sunday October 18 to November 8, 2020. These four celebrations will all be on a Sunday and they will begin at 3PM. We plan to have between 25-27 people receiving the Sacrament. This of course is happening this way because of the Corona Virus, and we are doing it this way to lessen stress, as well as distancing concerns in the Church.

I thought that this may be a good time to review the Church's Teaching on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Using the *Baltimore Catechism*, because its responses are quick and to the point, Confirmation is the Sacrament through which God the Holy Spirit comes to us. It enables us to profess our faith and it helps us to be stronger Christians. Using the Oil of Sacred Chrism, the candidate is anointed on the forehead with the words, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." The candidate responds Amen and then the words, "Peace be with you." are said. The candidate responds, "And with Your Spirit." The Chrism which is Consecrated by the Bishop on Holy Thursday Morning, is the outward sign that the candidate has indeed received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As mentioned above, the grace of this Sacrament helps us to live out our faith boldly and to profess/proclaim it courageously. We can do this because we receive in this Sacrament the Seven Gifts of the Holv Spirit. The Seven Gifts are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord which is also known as Awe. Each of these gifts are freely given by God and we are to use them to help ourselves grow in faith, to help us decide what we are to do in this life (and for young people this means discerning a vocation and the path that they are to follow in this life), and we are to use them to build up the Kingdom of God.

This great Sacrament empowers us to freely exercise our faith and helps us to change the world, and help others become more and more like Christ. This Sacrament like Baptism is one that we should live out every day, especially in the world we are living in today. Please keep all these young people and their families in your prayers and ask Our Lord to help them become the best adult members of the Church, always ready to practice their faith.

Let us close with the following prayer from our Confirmation Liturgy: *Grant we pray, almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Spirit, coming near and dwelling graciously within us, may make us a perfect temple of His glory, and that the same Spirit may make us witnesses before the world to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

God bless you always!

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.

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

In his catechesis at this past Wednesday's General Audience, Pope Francis reflected on the witness of prayer as laid out in the Book of Psalms, saying the door to God's heart is always open in our moments of pain.

As part of the books of wisdom, the Psalms communicate to the believer "knowing how to pray". "In the Psalms we find all human sentiments: the joys, the sorrows, the doubts, the hopes, the bitterness that color our lives," said the Pope. God, he added, inspired the language of prayer in the books so that those who read them might learn how to praise, thank, implore, and invoke Him. "In short, the Psalms are the word of God that we human beings use to speak with Him." The prayers in the Psalms arise out of lived experience, not abstract ideas, said the Pope. "To pray them it is enough for us to be what we are," with all our problems and uncertainties. The Psalms show us that crying out to God in prayer "is the way and beginning of salvation." Pope Francis said prayer turns pain into "a relationship: a cry for help waiting to intercept a listening ear." "All human pains for God are sacred," he added. "Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name."

CMA - WE'RE SO CLOSE

As of October 13th, 2020 our parish is now at

88.8% of our goal!

This means we need about 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



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Last collection date is October 28, 2020

St. Edwards Public Rosary Service

Last Saturday, October 10th the Parishioners of St. Edward the Confessor participated in a Public Rosary service in the parking lot of the church. The service was organized by June DeMarco, and with the assistance of Don MacAvoy from the Knights of Columbus who arranged for electrical service and parking guidance, the service started promptly and was well attended by young and old alike. Let us pray the rosary, every day.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*" When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

Thank you to all those who donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Virtual Walk for the Poor! We appreciate your support!

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



Parish Blood Drive

The KofC will be hosting the parish's next **Blood Drive** in the Holy Family Room on October 25th, from 8:15 AM to 12:45 PM. Schedule your appointment today by using this link:

https://tinyurl.com/y56hsgxw

Parish Social Ministry

Tel.: 516-921-8030

Our Parish Pantry is open from 9:30 AM until noon, Monday through Thursday. Just drive up to the Pantry to receive your needed items. If you can donate, please leave non-perishable items in the drop-off box in the vestibule of the church.



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SUPPORT BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday party supply drive! Items we are collecting: birthday wrapping paper, party hats, birthday banners, and blowers.

October 18-25 Boxes will be set up in the vestibule of the church, and an Amazon wishlist can be accessed through this QR code, and will be sent out via email.



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