

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19th, 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
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 Saturday & Sunday.....9 AM - 1 PM

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....921-8030 ext. 150
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This Coming Week: 7/20/20 - 7/26/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	7/20	—	No Meetings or Activities
Tues	7/21	—	No Meetings or Activities
Wed	7/22	—	No Meetings or Activities
Thur	7/23	—	No Meetings or Activities
Fri	7/24	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sat	7/25	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sun	7/26	—	No Meetings or Activities

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

Our Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection for 7/12: \$ 14,536.00

Automatic Collection for 7/12: \$ 1,591.00

Thank you all for your continued support!

When Attending Mass

While attending Mass during the coming weeks please remember to wear your face mask at all times and maintain social distancing. Holy Communion will be offered at the end of each Mass, and you are requested to depart from church immediately afterwards.

Parish Social Ministry

Tel: 516-921-8030

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Protect Our Children Hotline

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516-594-9063

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org

School: www.stedwardconfessor.org

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Formed: [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

St. Edward's Masses Online -

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St. Edward the Confessor Church

From Fr. Mike's Desk

Last week, this week, and next week, Matthew's Gospel goes through a whole series of parables. In these parables, Jesus is speaking about serving God and the Kingdom of Heaven. In the parables for these next two weekends we focus on what the Kingdom is like. Remember Jesus speaks in parables so that His teaching comparisons would be revealed. He also uses them so that only those who understand can glean the teaching. Of course, those who do not understand may never get it. Jesus says, *"I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has been from the foundation of the world."* What is required to fully understand the parables, is wisdom. This is not referring to earthly wisdom, but the wisdom that is God's.

If you look at the Old Testament readings for these two weeks they speak directly about Divine Wisdom. Our reading for the 16th Sunday is from the Book of Wisdom. It speaks about no other god besides our God cares for His people, and no other god teaches His children by His deeds that we must be just, kind, and people of hope. This allows for a better life and the repentance of sins. This wisdom draws us closer to God, as we see His love for us. The Old Testament reading for the 17th Sunday comes from the ***First Book of Kings***. In this reading, the Lord appears to a young Solomon in a dream. As we are told, God offers the young king a wish. As God tells him, ***"Ask something of me and I will give it to you."*** God is willing to give Solomon anything he wants. Imagine God saying that to you. What would you ask of God? Would it be long life, riches, power or anything else you can think of? Solomon answers God, with the statement few would have said. *"O Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David, but I am a mere youth...Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people..."* We are told that God was very pleased with his answer and God tells Solomon, ***"I will do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you will come one to equal you."*** Solomon is asking God for the gift of wisdom, the gift to act rightly, and to judge people fairly. He knows that this will be the only way he can serve God, by serving the people of Israel as their king. Without this wisdom, Solomon would not have the good reputation, and the Kingdom of Israel would not have grown as it did.

This gift of wisdom, in fact the gifts of wisdom are necessary if anyone is to move forward in their relationship with God. Wisdom is an attribute of the Holy Spirit and it is the Spirit who spoke through the Prophets, inspired the Scriptures, and most importantly came upon the Apostles and our dear Blessed Mother at Pentecost. It is the Holy Spirit and His gifts which empowers the Church and her Sacraments.

Again, it is with the heavenly wisdom that we can begin to understand Jesus' parables. Our Lord goes to great lengths to tell us what the Kingdom of God is like. By making comparisons with earthly realities and situations it is hoped that the Divine Wisdom will help us understand. In most of the comparisons Jesus gives us, we can see that the Kingdom comes upon us by surprise. As we see for the 16th Sunday, The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when fully grown it the largest of plants. It becomes so large that birds of the sky can build their nests in it. Something so small, yet when it grows it is much larger. Jesus uses the same illustration when He compares the Kingdom like flour mixed with yeast. How, when mixed, in the proper proportions the yeast, the flour and water make a larger pile of dough that can make so many loaves. The Kingdom is something that grows, and the more we invoke wisdom the more we can see it grow and participate in it.

Continued in next week's letter!

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

First Reading - 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Second Reading - Romans 8:28-30

Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

“Lord God, be my refuge and my strength.”

Mass Intentions

- Mon. - 7/20 - Monday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Fr. Martin Klein
- Tues. - 7/21 - Tuesday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Gaetano Tommasello
- Wed. - 7/22 - Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**
9:00 am Leonore Caferri
- Thurs. 7/23 - Thursday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Alan Hahn
- Fri. - 7/24 - Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Kathleen Maiforth
- Sat. - 7/25 - Feast of Saint James**
9:00 am Marion & Henry Schwerdtfeger
5:00 pm John V. Cirello, Jr.
Allen and Patricia Murray
Susan Bergin
Mary & John Floresta
Anthony Primiano
- Sun. - 7/26 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am Brett Passeroff
9:30 am Dominick & Vincenzo Pisani
11:30 am Deceased Members of the Longo Family
Timothy Lafferty
Ann Beyer
Nick Corsello
Dominick Papa
Rosemary Wiegel
For Our Parishioners
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 July 19 - July 25, 2020

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Brian John Mulvey

By: Fr. Mike & Staff

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of July 19 - July 25, 2020

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“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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Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy
Maj. Michael F. Wendelken, U.S. Air Force

Pray For The Sick

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Michele Wesch	Frank Meyers	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Alvaro Banchon	Alexandra Reuter

From Death to New Life



Brian John Mulvey
Jeannette A. Constantinou
Leonard J. Kaiser
Eileen Brandofino

Next Week’s Presider Schedule

Saturday, July 25 5:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth
Sunday, July 26 7:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth
9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann
11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 17 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote. The letter is reprinted here for those of you who do not have internet access.

During the lockdown our students, teachers and parents experienced virtual learning via zoom or some other medium. When I asked several parents how the experience was, I got mixed reviews. Some parents thought it was ok, while others did not like it at all. Many parents who likewise were under lockdown rules, had to help their children do their schoolwork while at the same time were working from home. They found this at times very hard to balance. I am told that the students in the upper grades had less problems, while those in the lower grades found it more of a challenge. Several teachers found it incredibly difficult to teach their classes while at the same time helping their own children with their work.

I certainly think that having the internet available for such a good purpose was a blessing, and I am grateful for the gift it provided our students and teachers, but I do not believe that this is the best method for teaching or learning. Today I read in the paper, that the Governor will decide in early August as to how and when the schools will open in September. We will see!

This Sunday's Gospel introduces us to a whole series of Parables delivered by Jesus. As we will see, Jesus used these stories and analogies as a very effective teaching method to spread and explain the Gospel. Our Lord is one of the best story tellers the world has ever seen. His stories can stay with you forever, as they become deeply rooted in our hearts. And while we can find Jesus' stories on the internet, they still mean more when we hear them read or we read them in the Scriptures. Who does not like a good story? It is human nature for us to sit and listen to them, whether we are around the campfire or at the feet of the storyteller. As we read or listen to the whole series of parables, put your self at Jesus' feet, relax, open your heart and let Him in. Jesus' words are so peaceful, so healing, and comforting. They tell us that He is here to help us get through anything, even and especially what we are going through now!

*Welcome to Phase 4
God bless you always!*

Fr. Mike

To find out more about how the Diocese of Rockville Centre is providing for their congregation during the COVID-19 crisis, including information about Recent Updates, News and Directives, Parish Livestreams and other resources, please visit the website for the Long Island Catholic Plus at;

WWW.LICPLUS.ORG/CORONAVIRUS

Knights of Columbus

Blood Donations

Due to COVID-19 the New York Blood Center has also placed a hold on our next Parish Blood Drive which was scheduled for July 26th. There is a severe shortage of blood supply due to the pandemic throughout our area and the country. **We urge you to donate by visiting the local Blood Center in Melville located at:**

905 Walt Whitman Road (Route 110) Melville, NY 11747 (this is just north of the Northern State Parkway)

You must schedule an appointment to donate blood. Call 1-800-933-2566 or visit: www.nybloodcenter.org

When scheduling your appointment, please use our *St. Edward the Confessor* code: 6339

Our Knights are Working Through the Pandemic



Even though constrained by the pandemic, our Knights are using the latest technology to continue development of their *Faith in Action* programs, and planning for an upcoming **Family Movie Night** to be held in the St. Edward's parking lot next month. Watch for future details.

Faith in Action Programs

Faith - Spiritual Reflection, Vocation Support, Marian Prayer Program, Sacramental Gifts for Families

Family - Food for Families, Family Prayer Night, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family Week

Community - Leave No Neighbor Behind, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Championship, Helping Hands

Life - March for Life, Ultrasound, Pregnancy Center Support, Special Olympics, Novena for Life



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You can now join at any time, day or night, by visiting the website shown below. Plus, when you join we'll donate your first year-online membership fees to the **Leave No Neighbor Behind Fund and **we'll match your donation 100%**.**

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COLUMBIETTES

PARISH OUTREACH EFFORT UPDATE

Over the last couple of months, telephone calls have been made to all parishioners. A small group of volunteers reached out, at the request of Fr. Mike, in an attempt to check in with our parishioners to make sure everyone was well and safe, and if any needs were identified they were addressed and resolved.

Please be aware that everyone that is registered in our parish was called.

We did encounter a few problems of not being able to connect with everyone:

- 1) ***Disconnected phone numbers*** – many people have disconnected land lines, but haven't brought their parish registration information up to date with an alternate contact number or cell number.
- 2) ***A handful of numbers required an 'access code' in order to get through.***
- 3) ***No answer/kept ringing*** – any number of reasons: no one home, people working from home during the pandemic and could not be interrupted, or many do not answer a number that is not recognized.
- 4) ***Answering machine was full*** – MANY messages were left, but a few numbers indicated the machine was full and it was not possible to leave a message.

There were approximately 2,800 calls made, and every effort was made to identify persons living alone to make sure they had someone checking on them to be sure they are safe and well. If you know of anyone that lives alone or has a need, please let us know. These are whom Fr. Mike is most concerned about and looks to all of us to reach out and let him know who they are.

On behalf of Fr. Mike, I would like to thank all the people that helped with this monumental task: ***Diego Laserna, Janet Hofgren, Elizabeth Kempton, Jayne McPartland, Jean Peters, and Mary Wood.*** You all did a phenomenal job...thank you!

~ Mary Fay, President
St. Edward's Joseph J. Gorman Columbiettes



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In April of 2015, the ***Joseph J. Gorman #5091 Columbiettes*** began their work with a small body of just twenty-one Catholic women. With the cooperative efforts of this extraordinary group, we began our journey by reaching out to our parish, our community, the dioceses and to each other...and then broadened our scope by supporting young seminarians overseas. ***Wherever there is need, we offer help.*** Since our inception we have accomplished so much, and continue to do so. The causes and activities we support are based upon the Mission of the Columbiettes, guided by the precepts of faith, hope and charity.

The Columbiettes are an ordinary group of Catholic women doing extraordinary things.

For detailed information on our ministry, go to ***www.st-edwards.org/columbiettes***

If you are interested in joining, please contact ***Mary Fay (President)*** at ***516-364-2601.***



Registration Info for the 2020-2021 School Year



St. Edward's Religious Education is an 8 year faith formation program. Public School Students are required to begin their religious studies in grade 1 and finish their classes in grade 8.

Preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion takes place in grades 1 and 2. Students will receive their First Reconciliation in March of grade 2 and their First Holy Communion in May of grade 2. Grades 3 through 6 are required continuation years in students' religious education studies. Preparation for Confirmation occurs in grades 7 and 8. Students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of grade 9.

Due to the COVID Pandemic, classes in the fall will begin in October with weekly online Google Meet classes. We are planning, however, to resume "in school" weekly classes after the Christmas Break. This will give us the time to "open up" safely.

Families whose children were enrolled in Religious Education Classes last year will receive a Re-Registration Form with registration instructions via email. If you do not receive this email by July 6th, please contact Mrs. Braun at abraun@st-edwards.org



Families who are new to the Program may register online by going to our website: stedwardre.com and by selecting the link: On-Line Registration for NEW Families. We do ask, however, that all new families kindly email the Director, Mrs. Pettei at rpettei@st-edwards.org to arrange an online chat with her. Mrs. Pettei will speak to you about the program.

****Please note that the Religious Education Office will be closed till late August. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to abraun@st-edwards.org and she will forward the emails to the appropriate staff person. ****

CAMP QUO VADIS

This summer, Camp Quo Vadis will offer a free online digital experience. As you know for the past three years the Office of Vocations has hosted Camp Quo Vadis, our Diocesan high school summer camp. This year was once again shaping up to be a sold-out camp before COVID-19 changed everything. Because of health concerns, the online digital camp experience will take the place of the in-person camp.

Each day we will premier a few short videos concerning topics meant to engage teens and young adults. Since the camp is not in person, the content is available to anyone you think will benefit from it. Videos and all pertinent information can be found at:

www.campquovadis.com

RESEARCH STUDY ON GRIEF AND LOSS

Richard Sheridan is a researcher at Adelphi University studying death and grief amidst the current COVID-19 pandemic, specifically among people of faith. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one during the pandemic and would be interested in furthering Mr. Sheridan's research, please contact him at:

E-mail: richardsheridan@mail.adelphi.edu or Telephone: 516-282-4222

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES



Over the years local businesses have supported St. Edward's Parish during fund raisers, and have been a big help in keeping our community going. Please consider patronizing the local businesses by ordering a meal, or purchasing goods or services, rather than ordering on line. These local businesses have been there for us over the years, so let's help them now so we'll have a future together. You can find many local businesses in the directory of the website for the Syosset Woodbury Chamber of Commerce. Take a look, and help support ONE business of your choice.

Go to: www.syossetchamber.com

DIVINE MERCY

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the canonization of St Faustina Kowalska, the apostle of Divine Mercy; and the fortieth anniversary of the encyclical *Dives in misericordia*. Pope John Paul II prophetically walked the path of mercy, "following," as he writes in that document, "the doctrine of the Second Vatican Council," and impelled, "in these critical and difficult times," by the need to discover "once again in Christ to the countenance of the 'Father of mercies and God of all comfort'." For this reason, he continues, "it is now fitting to reflect on this mystery. It is called for by the varied experiences of the Church and of contemporary man. It is also demanded by the pleas of many human hearts, their sufferings and hopes, their anxieties and expectations."

St. Vincent de Paul



Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

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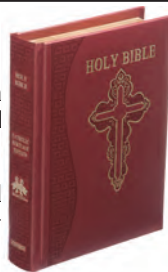
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