

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time *August 23rd, 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.....9 AM - 3 PM
 Closed for Lunch.....1 PM - 2 PM

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....921-8030 ext. 150
 Rectory Fax.....921-4549
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 Pastoral Center Offices.....921-8030 ext.132

This Coming Week: 8/24/20 - 8/30/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	8/24	—	No Meetings or Activities
Tues	8/25	—	No Meetings or Activities
Wed	8/26	—	No Meetings or Activities
Thur	8/27	—	No Meetings or Activities
Fri	8/28	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sat	8/29	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sun	8/30	—	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
 Closed for Lunch: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

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

Our Weekly Offering

August 16, 2020 \$ 9,656.00
Envelopes: 179
Automatic Transactions: \$ 4,681.00
Transactions: 54
Total: \$ 14,337.00

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

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.

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org
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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.

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

From Fr. Mike's Desk

On August 15th, the Church celebrated *the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. On this day we celebrated that at the end of her earthly existence, Mary the Mother of God was assumed body and soul into Heaven. She, like her Divine Son, took on the Glorified Body which is a privilege given to her since she was the New Ark of the Covenant, which contained the true Holy of Holies. Yesterday on August 22nd, we celebrated the next step on Mary's Faith Journey, which is the Crowning of Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Our dear Blessed Mother took on the role of the Queen Mother to her Son, Christ the King. The Queen Mother was a very important role in Israel's Royal Court and in God's Holy Court. Even in other countries the role of the Queen Mother is important as she serves as a chief advisor to the monarch. In Israel, the King did not make a move without first consulting his mother. Likewise, the Queen Mother controlled access to the King, she would also be the one who would intercede for those cases brought before the King. If she favored your request, it was almost always granted by the King. As we know, heaven's Queen Mother is also our Mother, as her Son gave her to us as He died on the Cross. Therefore, we can trust that every prayer we ask her to intercede for us she will pray for us to her Son.

Another key official in Israel's Royal court, was the Master of the Palace, or the Keeper of the Keys. We see this today in our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. In the passage, we are told that God intended to replace the current master Shebna with Eliakim. Shebna was filled with self-importance and abused his power. He used the people's money for his own uses. Scholars tell us, that when Isaiah goes to speak to Shebna he was admiring a fancy inscribed tomb that he commissioned for himself. For this and many other reasons, God is giving the position to Eliakim, who knows how to treat people fairly and will use the fortune of the king for the good of the people, just like a loving father. As we read, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts no one shall open. By this statement, he has full authority, and is second only to the king. Jesus today asked His disciples, "*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*" After they gave Him

several answers, He asked them, "*But who do you say that I am?*" Peter said in reply, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" Jesus said to Peter, "*Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church... I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*"

So now the heavenly court is complete, we have the King, His Queen Mother, and now the chief Minister, St. Peter. Our Lord gave him the Keys to the Kingdom and the authority, in Jesus' name to forgive sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The authority that Christ gave St. Peter gave him authority over the other Apostles and the whole Church, as Jesus tells him that he is the rock on which He will build the Church. And as we believe, rightly so, this same authority has been passed down from our first Pope to our current Pope Francis. This assures that the true faith will be preached and practiced throughout the world and will be right up until the Second Coming of Christ, and the Kingdom of Heaven is fully established.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

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

Mass Intentions

- Mon. - 8/24 - Feast of Saint Bartholomew**
9:00 am Jesus Kapunan
- Tues. - 8/25 - Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Maria Barrion
- Wed. - 8/26 - Wednesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Michael Leo
- Thurs. 8/27 - Memorial of Saint Monica**
9:00 am Gregory Von Burg
- Fri. - 8/28 - Memorial of Saint Augustine**
9:00 am Alphonse Pomilla
- Sat. - 8/29 - Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist**
9:00 am Vincent Preziosi
5:00 pm Jim Lohr
Morgan Kelly Walsh
All Students Returning to School
For Our Parishioners
- Sun. - 8/30 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am Rosa Hinostroza & Alex Mata
9:30 am Susan Cleary
11:30 am Julia Longinotti
Intentions of Nicole & Frank Marchese
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 August 23 - August 29, 2020

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For the week of August 23 - August 29, 2020

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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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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	John Lamb, Sr.	Christiana Cheng
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Michele Wesch	Frank Meyers	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Alvaro Banchon	Alexandra Reuter

From Death to New Life



Louis V. LaRocco, Sr.

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Aug 29 5:00 PM Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, Aug 30 7:30 AM Fr. Mike
9:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth
11:30 AM Fr. Celestine

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 21 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 22nd 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.

On Saturday August 15th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Body and Soul into Heaven. What this means is that at the end of her earthly life, the Mother of God was taken (assumed) body and soul into heaven. Unlike us, her body was taken to heaven just like Jesus' Body ascended into heaven. No corruption of the grave could touch the sacred vessel which brought the Son of God into this world as one of us! Like us her soul was taken into heaven, but like Jesus her body and soul are together now. This will come about for us when the end of the world occurs, and Christ will come again in His full Glory.

This is an important day on the Church's Calendar because it, like Easter, points out what is in store for all humanity. Yes, this is a great privilege given to our dear Blessed Mother which she so richly deserves as she said yes to God, and as she was given to us to be our mother by Jesus as He was dying on the Cross. It is because she was taken Body and Soul into heaven that she can appear in so many different places throughout time (such as Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, Knock, and so many other apparitions). It is because of this great gift that Our Lord can send His dear mother to us, so she can aide us, pray for us and deliver to us messages from God.

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother will not be found in the New Testament, because it is not part of its scope, which tells us about the life of Jesus, the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles and the Book of Revelation. The Assumption or the Dormition of the Theotokos (as the Orthodox Churches refer to it) is a part of the Official Tradition of the Church. The Official Tradition has been handed down from the Apostles, the Evangelists and the Church Fathers, who were ordained by or had a direct connection to the Apostles. However, on November 1, 1950 in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption to be a Dogma (Official Teaching of the Church). This is one of the two Infallible Statements of the Church, the first also involves the Blessed Mother with the Proclamation and teaching of Mary as the Immaculate Conception. Pope Pius declared the Assumption of the Blessed Mother as a matter of Dogma to counteract the events which occurred in World War II (if not both World Wars) and the actions which have taken place in the post-war world. The war had the bombing of civilians and cities, the massacre of innocent civilians on the streets, the terrible treatment of soldiers, and of course the genocide of the Jews and other ethnic, religious and human groups that the Nazis did not approve of. Human life was treated with such great contempt, that the Pope wanted to make certain that the world understood the true sacredness of the body and all human life. This teaching was greatly accepted by Bishops, Theologians, and a Consensus of the Faithful.

With this Official Teaching, the Church made this tradition more important and calls us to proclaim the sacredness of all human life, especially in today's world. This is true as we go through the Virus, and the violence and discord we have been witnessing in our country. This teaching calls us to do our part, to totally pray for our nation and our world, and to respect and protect all human life wherever we can.

This Solemnity reminds us of God's faithfulness to His promises given to us through Our Lord Jesus Christ. It reminds us that God is always with us, no matter what we are facing or having to endure. Never forget that and never lose sight of it. While we may not have the same faith as Our Dear Blessed Mother, we must try to be like her, and say yes, to God.

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;

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Although the Church has reopened, we want to continue offering these broadcasts. Mr. Albrecht is getting ready to open our school once again for the 2020-2021 school year, and thus, we are hoping to find a volunteer (or several volunteers) to record Mass for us each Sunday in his place. Mr. Albrecht is happy to offer training and answer questions along the way. (Masses are recorded at 7:30 AM on Sundays.)

If you want more information or are interested in helping, please email Mr. Albrecht using the subject line of "Masses" at:

valbrecht5571@stedwardconfessor.org

or call the school office at 516-921-7767. Please leave a message with your name and phone number, and mention you are calling about recording upcoming Masses.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please forward this to anyone you think might be willing to assist us.

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"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Matthew 18:4-5



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7:00 PM Tuesday, September 15th
4:00 PM Sunday, September 20th OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24th

*at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.*

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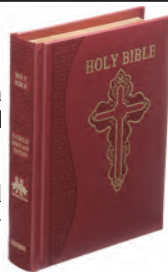
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