

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth..."

- Matthew 11:25

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5th, 2026



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From Fr. Mike's Desk

Today's Gospel Passage presents us with a combination of ideas and thoughts that Jesus wished to share with the people of His time, and our time as well. Jesus gives thanks to the Father for hiding the meaning of things that He preaches from the wise and the clever, and He thanks the Father for having revealed the meaning to the little ones. In this case, Jesus does not mean children, although they are not excluded; He refers to those in society that the learned and the wise would consider not important or able to grasp His meaning. Our Lord does not condemn intellectual abilities or people who possess such gifts. After all, these gifts come from God, and Jesus knows that these gifts and many others are needed to build the Kingdom of God. Jesus is condemning those who are guilty of intellectual pride, which some of the Rabbis and Religious Leaders of the day, unfortunately, practiced. These people resented Jesus and His message. While those who were humble welcomed and accepted Him.

Jesus' words of thanks to the Father stand as a warning for each of us, especially for those who are wise only in the ways of the world. They tell us not to think that we know everything, or that we are so smart that there is nothing more to learn. Jesus' words also tell us not just to use our heads, but also our hearts. To be a true follower of Jesus, one must learn to use both head and heart together, for too much head without heart can lead to trouble, and the reverse is equally true. So how do we gain the perfect balance? Well, for some of us, all of us, it may take a whole lifetime, because when we look at our lives, we may see so many times that we were out of balance. We may see how many times we fall flat on our faces, which can often lead to more questions than answers and even doubt our faith. So then, how do we achieve balance? The only true way is through the Power and Grace of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit constantly connects us to Christ, who shows us the Father, and allows us to use both head and heart in a humble, life-giving way. This is what Jesus means when He says, *"No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."*

Jesus tells us that we can see the Father if we follow Him and learn from Him because His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Jesus is challenging the Rabbis of His time and how they were teaching the observance of the Law of Moses. They placed too many burdens on the people, which resulted in confusion on the part of the average person. So much so, that he or she did not know how to follow the Law, and this made them believe that they could never get close to God. The burdens placed on them were so heavy that they did not even try, and they felt that they were lost forever. This is why Jesus refers to them as the Lost Sheep of Israel. The yoke that Jesus gives us is a perfect fit (just like the Cross we all must bear), and it does not weigh us down. It will challenge us, and it will change us, but not in any way that we cannot manage.

While we may no longer be under the burden of Mosaic Law, we are weighed down with new burdens of our society. Society tells us that the Wisdom of God and our moral beliefs are old-fashioned and out of touch, and that what the world believes is new, true, and good. We must bear the burdens of the mass media, which thinks that what it says and believes is greater than the Word of God spoken by the Savior of the World. And we must bear the burden of all those who say that they are spiritual, yet not religious, and that there is something wrong with us who are. These are today's burdens, but the solution for us is the same as it was 2026 years ago:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek, and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

God bless you always,

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

Second Reading - Romans 8:18-23

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

Next Week's Gospel Question

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus speaks to the crowd in a parable. When questioned by His disciples as to why He teaches in this way, Jesus explains ***"because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand."*** Parables are not for the learned, but for regular people, making it easier for them to understand.

Jesus said ***"Whoever has ears ought to hear."*** **How well do you listen, and if you do, how well do you understand His message?**

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	516-921-8030 ext. 150
St. Edward Confessor School.....	516-921-7767
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul	516-218-7837

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open during the following times:

Mondays - Thursdays: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch Mon.-Thurs: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Fridays - Saturdays - Sundays: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

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 to report these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Sat., July 11	5:00 PM	Fr. Jude
Sun., July 12	7:30 AM	Fr. Jude
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	11:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	6:00 PM	Fr. Hyacinth

Pre-Baptism Class

For anyone planning an upcoming Baptism, there will be a Pre-Baptism Class on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call the Rectory Office at 516-921-8030 to register.

Weekly Offerings

The offerings for the weekend of July 27-28 will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org
School: www.stedwardconfessor.org
Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com
Facebook: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)
Instagram: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.instagram.com/stedwardsyosset)
Formed: formed.org

St. Edward's Mass is Online -

The St. Edward's 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and are available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

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To watch the Sunday Masses on your smartphone, just scan this QR code.



“Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love...”

Mass Intentions

7/6 - Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Michael J. Snyder, Jr.

7/7 - Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For all our Veterans

7/8 - Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Continued Vocations to the Priesthood

7/9 - Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Henry Richards

7/10 - Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Carmelo & Antonietta Sessa and
Gina De Marco

7/11 - Memorial of Saint Benedict

9:00 am Patricia Lynch
5:00 pm Intention of Ben Gladstone (living)
Frances Picicci

7/12 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Anthony & Antoinette Di Properzio
9:30 am Robert Giannino
11:30 am Helen Popik
James Kloppenburg
Luigi Graceffa
Johanna Cook
6:00 pm For the End to Abortion

The church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

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

Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps
SPC. Ryan D. Donadio, U.S. Army National Guard

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2Lt. Patrick Dunleavy, U.S. Army

Lt. Lauren Ehrhard, U.S. Air Force

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“If you know of any military personnel listed above who are no longer in the service, please call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030 to have their name removed.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of July 5 - July 11, 2026

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Dennis O'Brien

By: Terry O'Brien

The Sanctuary Candle

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Please feel free to contact any council member, at any time, regarding your “needs, feelings, hopes and reactions.” All council members can be reached through the Rectory Office at: 516-921-8030

From Death to New Life



Aaron Rukin
Donald T. McIntosh
Eileen Patricia Ennis
Fernando Eseverri

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Pray for the Sick

Kathy Rooney	Mary Pieper	Renata Sorace
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Ron Gagliardi		Kathryn Kane

Bulletin Submissions

All submissions are due to be received by the Bulletin Editor no later than noon on each Monday preceding the bulletin date. See the dates as listed below. Submissions are to be sent by e-mail to:

BulletinEditor@ST-EDWARDS.ORG

Submitted materials are to be in MS Word or Google Doc file format, and must be limited in size. **Please do not submit material which will require a full page.** If you have materials which you cannot edit or reduce in size such as PDF or image files then contact the Bulletin Editor prior to the submittal date to discuss the situation.

Please note that submitted materials do not require pre-approval by the Pastor. Materials received after the cutoff time as shown below **will not** be published in the next bulletin. **There will be no exceptions** to this policy, so please be mindful of the submittal dates.

Bulletin Date	Submittal Date
Sunday, July 12 th	Monday, July 6 th
Sunday, July 19 th	Monday, July 13 th
Sunday, July 26 th	Monday, July 20 th
Sunday, August 2 nd	Monday, July 27 th

You Are Not Alone - Reach Out

If you are having thoughts of **suicide**, survived an attempt, know someone who did or are worried about someone who might, need a support group, or are in crisis, alone with nowhere to go, reach out.

Call or text 988, or text TALK to 741741.

Someone will be there for you, to listen, connect, support and guide you in a better direction.

The Saint Joseph Prayer Group



The St. Joseph's Prayer Group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm in the Church. Prayer pamphlets for how to pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be made available to everyone. These powerful prayers are gifts from Heaven, and we should believe in their great promises.

Adult Bible Study at St. Edward's

The **Adult Bible Study Group** meets each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Cenacle Room. Fr. Hyacinth leads this group.

All are welcome to attend.

Care for Our Common Home

For Christians, believing in one God who is trinitarian communion suggests that the Trinity has left its mark on all creation. Saint Bonaventure went so far as to say that human beings, before sin, were able to see how each creature "testifies that God is three". The reflection of the Trinity was there to be recognized in nature "when that book was open to man and our eyes had not yet become darkened". The Franciscan saint teaches us that *each creature bears in itself a specifically Trinitarian structure*, so real that it could be readily contemplated if only the human gaze were not so partial, dark and fragile. In this way, he points out to us the challenge of trying to read reality in a Trinitarian key.

- **Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter - Laudato Si' - Care For Our Common Home (2015) Sec. 239**

2026 Summer Appeal

Church of St. Edward the Confessor
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St. Edward's 2026 Summer Appeal

Summer 2026

My dear Parish Family,

Over the past few summers, we have been approaching you for help in fundraising. We have noticed how many of you are in favor of supporting us through these appeals. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$47,000 last summer and around two hundred and fifty thousand dollars since 2020.

As you may have guessed, we are asking for your help again. The funds raised will go towards keeping the ministries working and helping support our physical plant. This winter, the snow removal costs and furnace repairs took us by surprise. Remember, we can't do this without your help.

Thank you in advance for your generous effort and continued support of St. Edward's Parish.

May God bless you always,

Fr. Mike

Yes, Fr. Mike, I would like to support St. Edward's 2026 Summer Appeal in the amount of

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Saint Edward's Men's Faith Community

Our **first meeting** will be held on **Thursday, September 10th**

Why are so many of us, having been created by a loving God, so broken. We are moved by courage, kindness, self-sacrifice, and our conscience that tells us that we should be acting for goodness and not for evil. So often we find ourselves enslaved by our passions, greed, unhealthy habits, and convenience. We want to be people of action, leading and protecting our families, but we allow decision and difficulties to pile up on those closest to us. We desire to live in goodness, but our actions fall short - we are at war within ourselves.

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Wretched man that I am!" (Romans 7:15, 19, 21, 24).

All men of the Parish and the local community are invited to attend. More details will be provided in future bulletins.

Community Co-Directors: Deacon James F. Murphy / Deacon Barry P. Croce

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Two powerful earthquakes struck about 100 miles west of Caracas last Wednesday night, causing widespread destruction across parts of Venezuela. Buildings collapsed, homes and essential infrastructure were damaged, and thousands of people have been left without safe shelter. Even as the full extent of the damage is still emerging, Catholic parishes have opened their doors to shelter displaced families and provide emergency assistance. **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church** to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected.

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Parish Social Ministry



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With gratitude,

Donna Zaino

Outreach Coordinator

The Women's Guild of St. Edward's



There will be no meeting in July. Our next meeting will held on **Tuesday, August 18th** in the Holy Family Room at 6:30 PM. Anyone that is interested in joining please just show up. If you want more information, please call:

Mary Fay - 516-364-2601 or Ciel Hayden - 516-457-4697

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Like your home, St. Edward's Church is in need of ongoing maintenance, repairs, and improvements. Most of you don't have the time (or energy) to spare to swing a hammer or climb a ladder, but you could help by making a monetary donation, however small. As always, you can place your donation in the collection basket at Mass, or drop off a check at the Rectory. We now have the ability to receive your donation through our secure payment site. Just scan this QR code. It's simple and quick. Thank you in advance for your support!

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COME FIND OUT ABOUT THE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM— 5th-12th Graders REGISTER by Visiting the [YOUTH GROUP TABLE](#) Before or After SUNDAY 6PM MASS, EMAILING US @ youth@st-edwards.org and FOLLOWING us on INSTAGRAM @stedwardsyouth

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Sunday June 7, 14, 21 & 28 6:00PM MASS: Teen Volunteers appreciated at 6PM Mass-please arrive by 5:45PM in Church Vestibule & earn community service credits.



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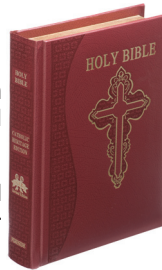


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