

St. Edward Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**4350 W. Sunnyside Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630**



Ramblings of a Parish Priest:

Check out more at www.frdominic.com

We are continuing our conversation on the Eucharist and the importance of being at Holy Mass in person to receive the Eucharist by looking at the witness and writings of St. Alphonsus Liguori. Those who know this famous saint will probably ask, "what can a moral theology nerd teach us about the Eucharist?" Well, yes St. Alphonsus is the patron saint of Moral Theology and moral theologians because he was himself a moralist, and those who are good at teaching the moral life have deep DEEP roots in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Remember, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. To know anything that is true (morality deals with objective truths), then we must know Truth Himself, Jesus Christ.

St. Alphonsus was a scholarly man and wrote many books, one of them titled *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament*. In this book he writes, "Pause for a while each day, at least a half or quarter of an hour, before Jesus Christ in the [Blessed] Sacrament in some church. If you do this, you will see the great benefit you will derive from it. Know that the time you spend in devotion before this most divine Sacrament will be the time in your life most fruitful to you; it will be of comfort when you die and in eternity." Now, it is important to note that St. Alphonsus took his own advice to visit the Blessed Sacrament daily at both Holy Mass and private adoration, but he was the first to admit he did so imperfectly and as a sinner attached to the world. It was in noticing his deep attachments to the world that led him to a life of poverty, obedience, and celibacy eventually starting his own religious community: The Redemptorists, a religious order that focuses on preaching the Word and serving the poor and most abandoned.

St. Alphonsus, being a priest himself, was very critical of how priests celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When we attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we see and participate in Jesus Christ's self-offering of Himself on the Cross to God the Father. The celebration of Holy Mass is the best form of devotion we can offer God and St. Alphonsus reminded priests and the faithful of this truth as often as he could. **Friends, the most perfect prayer of the Church is Holy Mass.** This is why we never need to add anything to the simple celebration because you can't add to what is perfect! We also shouldn't take anything away for the same reason. The Second Vatican Council made this clear in the document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (on the Sacred Liturgy) when they stated boldly that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of our Christian life."

Among my favorite quotes of St. Alphonsus on the Eucharist is the following: "Friends that love one another dearly long to be united so as to be as one. God's immense love for men and women ensured not only that

He gave Himself wholly to them in the eternal kingdom, but that also on this earth He let Himself be possessed by human beings in the most intimate union, giving all of Himself to them under the appearance of bread [and wine] in the Sacrament...My Lord, it could have been enough for you to remain in this Sacrament only by day, when you could have adorers of your presence to keep you company; but what use was it for you to remain also throughout the night, when people close churches and go home, leaving you all alone? Yet, I already understand you: love has made you our prisoner; it is love that has bound you and that, night and day, never lets you leave us."

How many of us are tired of seeing beloved friends and family on our screens or just hearing their voices on the phone? How sad is it that many of us haven't hugged our parents, seen the inside of grandma's house, and haven't returned home to see old friends? Just as our hearts are drawing us into personal (not virtual) union with the people we love, that same love (who is God) should draw us into personal union with Him [God]. When we're able to see people in person and hug each other and go to the bar together and have house parties we will all jump at that chance immediately. Will we also jump at the chance to worship God in person and receiving God in the Eucharist? Are we equally excited to be in the physical presence of almighty God as we are to be in the physical presence of our friends and family?

For St. Alphonsus, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was the "practice of loving Jesus Christ," since friends who love each other visit regularly. If you're making virtual gatherings a priority with friends and family, then I pray our virtual Masses are also a priority. When seeing those same people you love in person becomes the priority, then I hope receiving and adoring our Lord in the Eucharist is also a priority. We need Jesus to get into heaven. We need Jesus to transform us from sinners to saints.

In Christ,

Fr. Dom

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

MASS	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday February 13 4:30 PM	Fr. Dominic Clemente	Alfonso Aguirre	Elsa Aguirre
Sunday February 14 8:00 AM	Fr. Dominic Clemente	Laura Quigley	Ray Switalla
Sunday February 14 9:30 AM	Fr. Jim McIlhone & Deacon Mike	Bob Anderson	Arsenia Africa
Sunday February 14 11:00 AM	Fr. Ron Kalas	Stuart Nyberg	Cheryl Flood

**Virtual Bible Study with Fr. Dom
Wednesday Nights on ZOOM @ 6:30pm**

**Salvation History (Old Testament)
Session 4, February 10- The Babylonian Exile**

Sign up online at stedparish.org

NEW TRADITION STARTED at St. Edward

Recently, we began praying the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after celebrating Holy Mass, just before the closing hymn. Prayer cards are provided if you don't know the prayer. Please bring the card with you to Holy Mass each Sunday or have the prayer saved on your phone. This is a powerful prayer to stop the evil one from infiltrating our lives and to continue living in the light of Christ!

Youth Ministry BACK IN PERSON!



February 7
Mass & Life Night

February 14
Mass & Life Night

February 21
Prayer & Life Night
(no Mass)

February 28
Mass & Social Night

March 7
Mass & Life Night

March 14
Parish Mission from
7:00-8:00pm (no Mass)

March 21
Mass & XLT (Adoration)

March 28
Palm Sunday Mass & Social

April 4
Easter Sunday - No Youth Group

Youth Group will meet in the Church and Unity Hall to keep social distance. Masks are required at all times. Any teen in eighth through twelfth grade are welcome.



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VIRTUAL VIANNEY VISIT



Archdiocese of Chicago college seminarians, October 10, 2020. Photo credit: Max Farrell/Saint John Vianney College Seminary.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021, 5:30 – 8 P.M.

St. Edward Church

4350 West Sunnyside Avenue
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High school men are invited to gather at the parish to have Mass, dinner and prayer, followed by the Virtual Vianney Visit program.

5:30 pm

Mass

6 pm

Dinner and Prayer

7 pm

Virtual Event:

- Seminarian Testimonies
- Q & A

Livestream link

[youtube.com/channel/UCXUleLEIBUEsTo8V_yWBlqQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXUleLEIBUEsTo8V_yWBlqQ)

Space is limited. Please register with Erica Zapien at ezapien@archchicago.org.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of these events may be subject to cancellation or moved to a virtual event. Participants are to act in accordance with the mandated procedure of maintaining six feet of social distance. Masks must be worn at all times; sanitizing gel will be available.

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BRING US YOUR PALMS NEXT WEEKEND!

Starting next weekend, we will collect your Palm Branches. While we didn't give out any palms last year, we know that many good Catholics have old palms hidden away somewhere in their home! Feel free to bring them next weekend and leave them in the receptacles at the front doors of Church. Thank you!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

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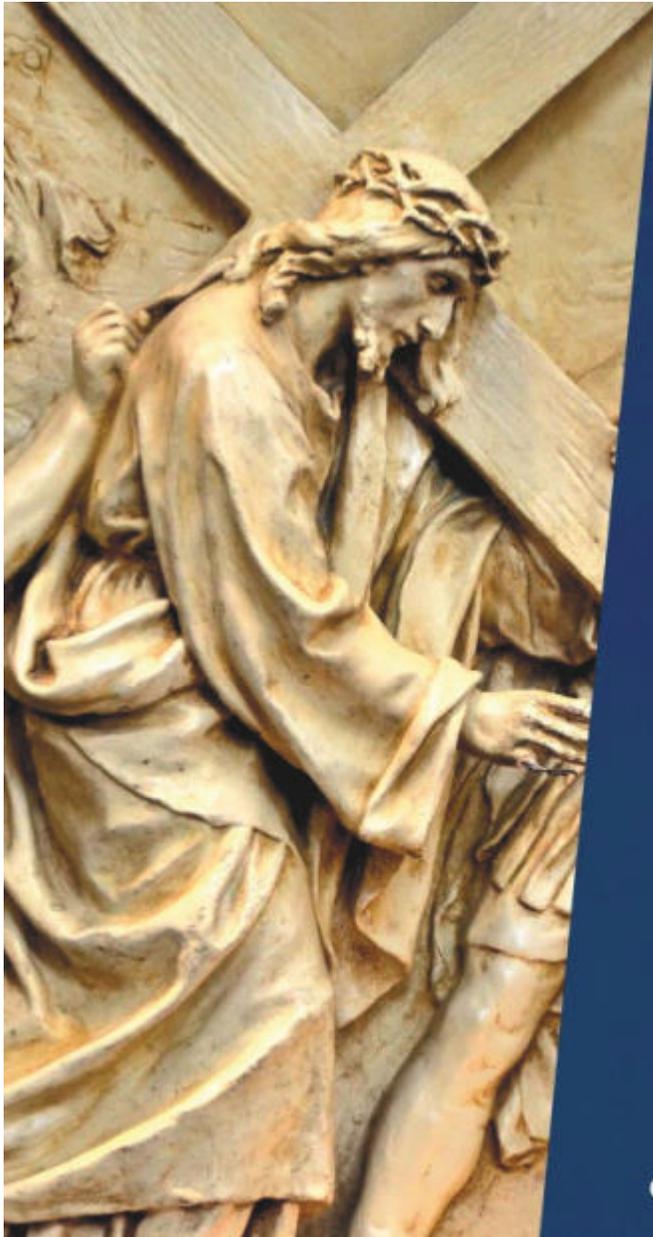
Marilyn Cicero: **\$75.00**

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John Ryan - Rita Pinello

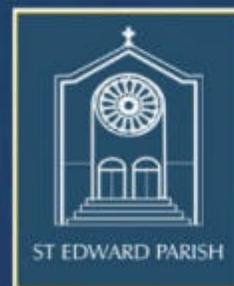


**STATIONS
OF THE CROSS
THROUGH THE
EYES OF MARY**

**Friday, February 26, 2021
7:00 pm**

We invite our women Lectors to participate in a moving Lenten Devotion - Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary. Join Mary as she followed Jesus in the Way of the Cross.

Please contact Deacon Mike McManus at 773-419-2047, if you are interested.



Each participant will receive a complete copy of the Stations Through the Eyes of Mary

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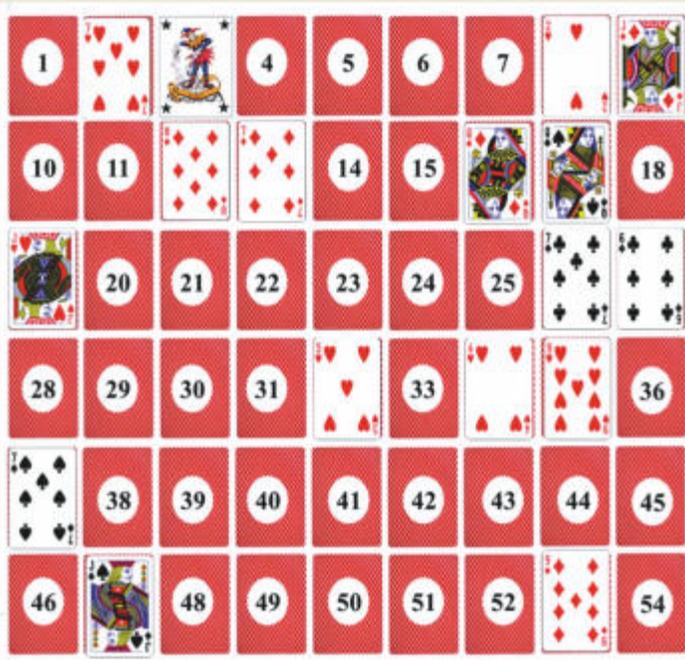
NEXT DRAWING
 will be live-streamed on
 Facebook from the Rectory
TUESDAY
February 9, 2021
 at the rectory.



Tickets currently available from the Rectory Office or
 online at www.stedparish.org

JACKPOT: \$48,500

KING OF HEARTS
AVAILABLE NUMBERS



ANOTHER ROLLOVER.... Congratulations to this week's \$50
 winner, David Fogue, with Card #16, the Queen of Diamonds!
 Visit <http://www.stedparish.org/kingofhearts.html>

New Convent Guests:
NET Missionaries!

Recently, a group of 11 college age missionaries moved into our convent where they will be leading virtual retreats for teenagers across the country. NET Missionaries have been coming to St. Edward for the past three years to lead retreats for our Youth Group and Confirmation Classes. While they're staying with us, they need help with dinner! You can sign up to bring these missionaries lunch and/or dinner through a link on our parish website, www.stedparish.org. These 11 young adults have given up a year of studies to preach the Gospel to young people across the country, please help them out by making dinner and dropping it off at the Convent for them.

Thanks for your help!



PRO-LIFE FOOD DRIVE
Help Needed



This weekend, February 6th and 7th, is our monthly Pro-Life Food Drive for St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products and personal hygiene products to the vestibule before or after Mass. Thank you for your continuing generosity to those in need.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

3 EASY STEPS
TO KEEPING YOURSELF
& OTHERS HEALTHY!



WASH YOUR
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE



Saturday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30AM †Frances Pinello

4:30PM †Adelle & Daniel Dolan

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Sheryl Lynne Finkenstadt

†Richard Corty

9:30AM †Francis & Jule Marie Dolan

11:00AM †Dominick & Theresa Clemente

†Gregory Scott Robinson

†Margaret Mary Weyers

Monday, February 8

St. Jerome Emilliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30AM †Josh Trotter

†Fr. Tom Helley

Tuesday, February 9

Weekday

8:30AM †James Weging

†Fr. Paul Burak

Wednesday, February 10

St. Scholastica

8:30AM †Glorra Hasier

Francisco Avalos, II

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30AM †Dolly Delany

Sue Jurevis

Friday, February 12

Weekday

8:30AM †Fr. Tom Purtell

†Richelda Valerio

Saturday, February 13

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM †Fr. Bernard White

Amanda Avalos

4:30PM †Fr. John Donoghue

Sunday, February 14

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Br. Joel Dolan, FSC

9:30AM †Cheryl Clemente

11:00AM †Brian Mitchell

†Barbara Green

†Harry & Margaret Nash

Prayer REQUESTS

Pray for the sick of our parish family:

Roger Africa

Mary Lou Agronomoff

Nathan Devan Arceo

Mary Anne Asakura

William Finkenstadt

Fr. Erwin Friedl

Henry Hammersten

Maureen Hughes

Agnes Keresztes

Elizabeth Rose Lyukseburg

Gloria Mercado

Burton Newman

Richard Pasierbowicz

Margaret Pitts

Kathy Schreiber

Kathy Sugars

Lourdes Vidal

And those serving our country:

Juan Hernandez

Collin John Jones

1st Lt. Randall Kester

Craig Lensegrav,

Ryan C. Loy

Daniel McCright

Joselito R. Mercado

Shane Murray

Sean Mayerbock

Sean O'Connor

Gretel Ypil, Odon

Matthew Olker

Danny Oresky,

Gavin Sustek SFC

Edward Swartz

Danielle Ulrich

Rachel Vega

Brian West

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm
(Church open at 4:00 pm)

Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11 am
(Church open at 7:30 am)

Monday-Saturday: Mass at 8:30 am
(Church open at 8:00 am)

Confessions Saturday:
12:00-1:00 pm



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Mon.- Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Plenary Indulgence for the Year of St. Joseph

The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying an Our Father for the Popes intentions) to Catholics who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will mediate for at least thirty minutes on the Lord's Prayer or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.

The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy.

The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples.

Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work.

The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution.

E-MAIL PHISHING SCAM

If you ever receive an e-mail from Fr. Dom, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE ACTUAL E-MAIL ADDRESS IT'S COMING FROM. Fr. Dom's official e-mail is frclemente@stedparish.org. If you receive an e-mail from an e-mail address different from that one, do not respond. Scammers are attempting to scam you by pretending to be Fr. Dom.

Also, please know that Fr. Dom will never e-mail you to ask for gift cards, travel help, or anything else. If Fr. Dom ever needs your help, he will ask you in more personal ways. Please be aware of these scams and pay attention to the e-mail address being used.



NOVENA TO END THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

If you find yourself with more time than usual during times of social distancing, you can spiritually join with millions of Catholics by praying the rosary for worldwide healing. Pray the following for nine days:

O Mary, full of grace, patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of worldwide illness we ask your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. We pray for all who have lost jobs or security at this time. May your Son watch over all who are sick and their caretakers, bring to heaven all who have died, and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure to the Coronavirus. *[mention your own intentions]*

St. Damien of Molokai, minister to lepers, pray for us
St. Anthony the Great, who healed infectious diseases, pray for us
St. Edmund, patron of victims of pandemics, pray for us
St. Frances Cabrini, foundress of hospitals, pray for us
St. Agatha, patron of nurses, pray for us
St. Luke, patron of doctors, pray for us
St. Joseph, patron of the dying, pray for us
All you holy angels and saints, pray for us

Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence in the tender compassion of our God. Calm our fears and help us to trust in the Divine Physician. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

You can still watch Holy Mass LIVE on YouTube!

Even though public celebrations of Holy Mass are coming back to St. Ed's, we will continue to live-stream daily on YouTube. You can watch the 8:30am Mass every day, Monday through Saturday, and you can watch the 11:00am Mass on Sunday.

Have you not yet subscribed to our parish YouTube channel? It's easy and FREE! Go to www.youtube.com and search for **St. Edward Catholic Church**. Click the **subscribe** button and you will be notified whenever we go live or post a new video.

Why Register as a Parishioner?

As a registered parishioner, our parish staff will be able to serve you better, especially in preparation for reception of the Sacraments, registering for Family Faith Formation, sponsoring someone for Baptism or Confirmation and even in wedding and funeral planning. You will also receive offering envelopes and all parish mailings. If you have questions about joining our parish, please contact the parish office at 773-545-6496 or go to our website at www.stedparish.org.

Ash Wednesday

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

COVID-19 GUIDELINES ARE STILL IN PLACE!

Everyone must wear a mask at all times in Church, apply hand sanitizer when entering the Church and before receiving Holy Communion, and practice social distancing by staying a minimum of six feet away from others and only sitting in available pews.

SPRINKLED NOT RUBBED

Ashes will be sprinkled on top of your head this year and NOT rubbed onto your forehead. There will not be any cool #AshTags for your Instagram. This method is biblical and more common in Europe. There will be no touching involved at all between the minister and person.

NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Ash Wednesday has never been a Holy Day of Obligation (contrary to popular belief), so by not attending or by not getting ashes, you are not committing mortal sin (you're not even committing a venial sin). Please note that we will only give out ashes our scheduled services, we will not give out ashes at other times or in the rectory office.

FAST & PRAY

Whether we get our ashes or not, we are still called to make Ash Wednesday a day of fasting and prayer. We are called by the Church to only eat one large meal and two smaller meals and to abstain from meat. The two smaller meals should together be the size of your large meal. This intentional fasting is meant to help us focus on the sacrifice of Christ, to be in solidarity with those who go hungry daily, and to practice giving up the things of this world for the eternal things in heaven. We hope you are able to join us either online or in person on Ash Wednesday!

SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday – February 17th

Holy Mass (will be live streamed) – 8:15 am

Liturgy of the Word Service (no Mass) – 7:00 pm



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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ZOOM HAPPY HOUR - AUCTION EDITION: \$ 250.00

Logo on Big Red House Party website, presence on auction bid website, sponsor announcements during event, in credits at end of event, logo placement in St. Edward community newsletter's special thank you page the weekend of auction, logo inclusion on thank you banner that will hang outside school.

ZOOM HAPPY HOUR - BIG RED RUN EDITION: \$ 250.00

Logo on 5K website, name on event shirt, opportunity to include promotional material/coupon in race registration bag. Logo placement in St. Edward community newsletter's special thank you page the weekend of 5K.

FIRE PIT SOCIAL DISTANCE: \$ 500.00

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