

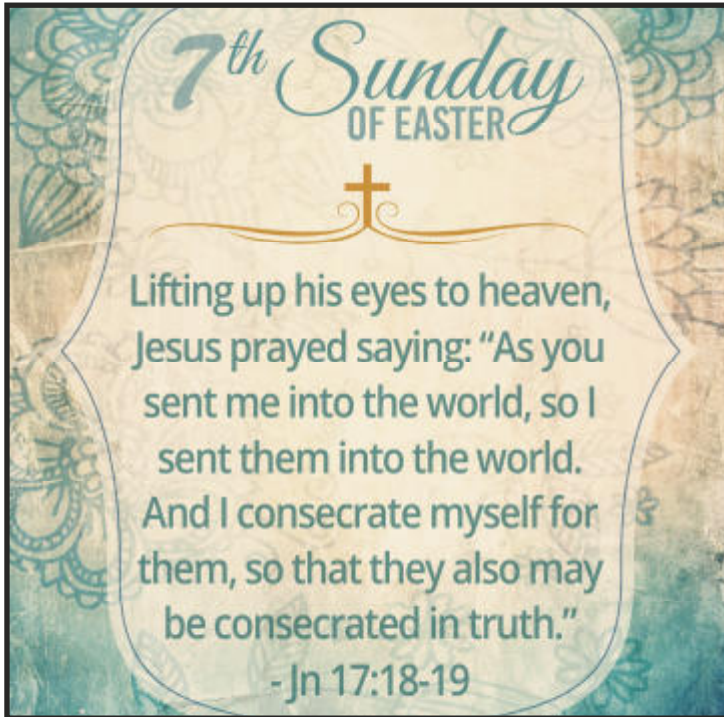
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am

TV AND/OR STREAMING MASSES:

St. Edward's—YouTube-9:30am Sundays—Subscribe to St. Edward's Catholic Church (3rd result)

TheSundayMass.org & www.adw.org

DAILY MASSES:

Tuesdays and Thursdays -7:30pm

Wednesdays and Fridays - 8:45am

Please enter through the main doors

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)-Park in the back-enter through the Religious Education (CCD) door.

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

INFANT SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Class required. Call the parish office 301-249-9199 to start the process for your child's Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

New couples—contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Couples in civil marriages—contact the pastor for assistance for a validation.

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.stedwardbowie.com

ONLINE GIVING:

Found on website's home page—press the "Online Giving" button

PARISH NEWSLETTER:

Emailed Wednesdays

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS:

FLOCKNOTES TEXT/EMAIL:

Text: 84576/Keyword: Confessor OR stedwardbowie.flocknote.com

LITURGY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30pm	Helen Brice+
Sun	7:30am	Jerry & Betty Kemp+
	9:30am	Roger Jamison+
	11:30am	Parishioners of St. Edward's
Tue	7:30pm	Ellen Farrell (liv.)
Wed	8:45am	Marlene Tennier+
Thu	7:30pm	Lourdes Flaim+
Fri	8:45am	Francis Cipolla+
Sat	5:30pm	Angelo Gandino+

Please note that Masses are being booked a month to sometimes three months in advance. If you would like to have a Mass offered up for the living or deceased, please call the office. If you have lists of people throughout the year, please email the office, especially if you want a **specific date**.



PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Pat Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Barbara Fitzurka, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Bob & Theresa Surette, Martha Seppi, Jim Sullivan, Nancy Looney, Sharon Paternoster, Jim Cummins, Rosemarie Jamison, James Brandes, Alfredo Felix, Dennis Edgington, Pam Buzzerd, Marco Venida,, Helen Piccirilli.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, Terry & Cindy Sowada, Teresa Fraser, Rosemarie Quezada, Maria Xiques, Steve Giant, Marjorie Porter, Dick Bradie, Nicholas Barrett, Susan Zinampan, John Keys, Joni Seith, Drew Snapkowski, Luis Miranda, Dolores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferri, Denise Townes, Mike Sullivan, Patty Byrne, Christine Leacock, Christine Branche, Rhonda Jackson, Bobby Ose, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan, Rachel Wills, Vicky Ose, Margie Price, Marcus Allen, Manny Jones, Viviana Brandes, Eric Seith, Kim Lewis, Jillian Fletcher, Toni Boudreau, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson, Neil Collins, Patrick Roucier, Gary Ludka, Susan Weigel, Savannah Skow, Cebe Vicino, Teresa Collins, Greg Hill, Amanda Thomas, Jodie Jago, Cindy Maguire, Maddie Kelly, Kevin Barnes, John Ischer, Mary Lou O'Gorman, Mary Ellen Crichton, Christine Conko, Gladys Boluda, Gabriel (Gabi) Potts, Piper McClelland, Rita Anderson, Katherine Lynn Brandes, Kitty Brennan, Mike Willey, Dean & Virginia Reed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

SOMETHING TO PONDER

10 Things to Remember

1. Love is the answer. Always.
2. Vulnerability is not a weakness. It's a strength.
3. Your body is sacred. Cherish it.
4. Gratitude shifts everything. Be thankful.
5. Forgiveness sets you free. It really does.
6. You cannot change others. Only yourself.
7. Little acts of kindness are never little. Ever.
8. Fun is underrated. Enjoy yourself.
9. Age is just a number. It's never too late.
10. Life is precious. Live it now.

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WEEKLY MEDITATION



WHAT CAN MARY TEACH PRIESTS?

There are many things that Mary can teach priests. During my first year of priesthood, two things that I have reflected on with Mary are her ability to listen and to recognize the needs of the other person.

It is no mystery that Mary is the handmaid of the Lord. She says so beautifully in her immediate response to the Angel Gabriel: fiat, let it be done. She also demonstrates her role as handmaid through her actions. Without hesitation, after the Angel left, she went in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

She was attentive to the needs of the bride and groom at the wedding feast at Cana. As the handmaid, Mary is aware and attentive to the needs of the people around her and she is able to recognize their needs and respond accordingly. Jesus learns this from Mary, and likewise, the priest learns it from Mary as well.

It is very common for parents to teach their children various skills that they have, and also for children to pick up various habits that their parents have. Why would it be any different for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph? Jesus still needed to learn how to walk, talk, be a carpenter,

and to listen. When the priest is close to Mary, he is able to learn how to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to the needs of the people that he is called to serve.

Through Mary's listening, she was able to know what a person needed. Elizabeth needed help at the end of her pregnancy, and the bride and the groom needed wine. Mary does not just teach the priest how to listen, but she also teaches the priest how to identify what a person needs. The bride and the groom needed wine, nothing else. It would not be helpful to a person if the priest is not able to give them what they need.

Without these two lessons from Mary, a priest is not able to help his parishioners who speak with him and seek counsel inside and outside the sacrament of confession. These lessons are not only something necessary for the priest, but for all of us. Pray and reflect with Mary this month on how to listen more carefully to the Holy Spirit, those around you, and recognize the need in the other person. And finally, after doing all of that, we follow Mary's example again by going in haste as a handmaid of the Lord.

Fr. Stefan Yap

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

Mother Teresa Vocation Society prayerfully supports vocations to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington. It is not necessary to be a member of MTVS to attend any of our events. For information on how you can become a member of MTVS, please visit www.DCPriest.org/mtvs, or contact Maris Moriarty at 202-636-9020 or moriartym@adw.org.

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS– A LITTLE BIT OF THAT

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

LCSC invites all parishioners to their next assembly via zoom on Sunday, May 16th at 1:30pm. The topic will be "I Thirst".

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cua.zoom.us/j/85432363068>

Meeting ID: 854 3236 3068

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YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

The next Youth Group will meet on Sunday, May 16th from 6:30-7:30pm in the church parking lot. There is a surprise for this evening. Please contact our Youth Minister at youth@stedwardbowie.com for more details.

FINANCIAL AID FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

BOOST scholarships: After intense debate in Annapolis, the BOOST Scholarship Program was fully funded in the state budget at **\$10 million** for the 2021-22 school year (Operating Budget SB 492/HB 588). This is a **40 percent increase over last year** and the highest funding since the program's introduction in 2016. Families with low incomes in 2020 are encouraged to apply using this link as soon as possible! (<http://marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx>). The deadline is **May 17, 2021** (2020 tax returns must be completed) so **time is short!**



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