

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR WESTMINSTER, MA

MAY 23, 2021 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday..... 4:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday..... 8:00 AM (Church)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(978) 874-2362

PARISH STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Juan Herrera
Deacon..... Malcolm S. Colgate
Parish Secretary
& Bookkeeper..... Linda Barrows
Director of Music..... Anna Richard
Building Manager..... David Provencal
Religious Ed. Coordinator..... Diane Pitney

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Programs for education in our Faith are held weekly. Call/Email Religious Education
(978) 874- 1559 Reled@stedwardconf.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3-3:30 PM in Chapel, or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Must be made at least one year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule a Baptismal instruction.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let us know of anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to become a member, please fill out a parish registration form.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA): Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Faith are invited to join the RCIA. Please call the Rectory for information.

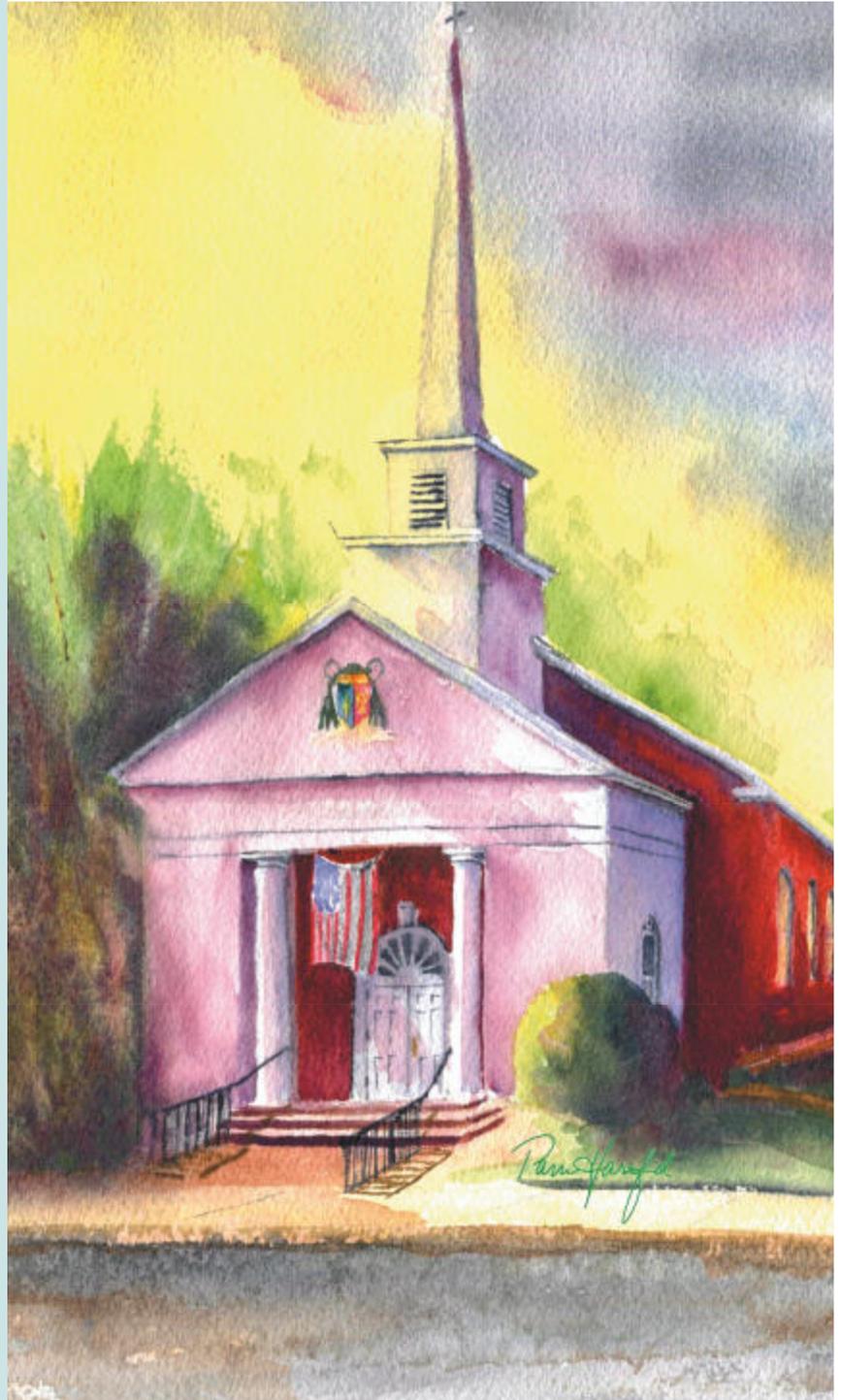
VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our Eucharistic Ministers are pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory.

If you know of someone from the Parish who is in the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor, please let us know.

ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Contact Anna Richard at 978-874-0012



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Mass Intentions For The Week

Mass Intentions will be celebrated
Live Stream on Facebook page and YouTube.
 The Daily Masses will be celebrated in the
 Main Church.

Saturday... May 22

4:00 PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday... May 23 Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

11:00 AM Don Doncaster; Req by Tennessee Friends
Welcome our Newly Confirmed Members

1:00 PM Baptism of Zoey Jane Rigopoulos

Monday ... May 24

8:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Tuesday ... May 25

8:00 AM For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday ... May 26

8:00 AM Janet Merta; Req by Leeann & Randy Merta

Saturday... May 29

4:00 PM Andy Langlois; Req by Family
 Edward LaFortune; Req by Rene & Family

Sunday... May 30 The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

11:00 AM Beverly St. Cyr; Req by Harry & Linda Stone

*Let us give what we cannot keep
 to gain what we cannot lose.*



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| Last Sunday's Offering | \$2,480.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 940.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 174.00 |

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 Your weekly financial support enables
 Saint Edward's to provide for the needs of our Parish.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Many thanks to those who have responded to the Lord's call for stewardship and have been sending in donations. The financial contribution is only secondary about keeping all the bills paid. It is an act of faith and a positive spiritual practice that helps us remain grateful for all the things God has given us. Stewardship is about remembering that God gives us not only the things we need for ourselves, but entrusts us with extra resources to be given out to maintain His Church and help others in need. **GOD IS GOOD! Fr. Juan**

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

In the Holy Spirit, God dwells not just among us but within us. Known as the Wonderful Counselor, Advocate, and Paraclete, which literally means, "he who is called to one's side" (CCC 692). The Holy Spirit fulfills the Lord's promise to "never forsake you or abandon you" (Hebrews 13:5). The Spirit of Truth, with us, forever. The one of whom Jesus said, "it is better for you that I go," (John 16:7) because he will come, the one from whom we receive consolation, guidance, and who teaches us everything.

An advocate supports those who feel they are not being heard. In Romans 8:26, St. Paul teaches one of the incredible truths of how the Spirit works as a support in assuring God hears our prayers. "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

Even when we are at a loss on how to pray, the Holy Spirit perfects those fears, doubts, and desires nestled so deep in our soul we have no words and brings them to the Father for us. How many groanings has your heart murmured that the Spirit perfected and brought before the Lord?

An advocate ensures a person has the tools to make an informed decision. In our Confirmations, we receive an outpouring of gifts to guide our Christian life. The gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord each provide the guidance we need to be responsive to the will of God in our lives. The grace from living in the Spirit opens our hearts to choose good, desire what the Father desires for us, even if not done perfectly, the devoted Advocate adequately equips us.

Jesus lays clear the Advocates work in our world, "And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned." How often has the Holy Spirit convicted our behavior, thoughts, or even our lack of action? How we respond indicates how willing we are to allow this Wonderful Counselor into our hearts.

Do you wonder how to measure the magnitude to which you've allowed the Holy Spirit into your life? St. Paul shares the fruit of living in the Spirit is seen in the extent our lives are filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5: 22-23). This incredible life Jesus promises with the Advocate, is just a simple prayer away, "Come, Holy Spirit."

On Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, that glorious moment the Holy Spirit "appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them (Acts 2:3). They heard and understood, more importantly, empowered by the Spirit, they proclaimed! With the Advocate at our side, let us go forth this Pentecost Sunday as ambassadors for Christ.

Allison Gingras

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter is

sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are

Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24 and see website

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6) All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God’s plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

HELP PROTECT THE HYDE AMENDMENT

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It’s credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million children** to date. It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a **strong** message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the **incredibly high stakes** Congress needs to hear from a **massive** number of people.

The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.

Word of Life

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid” NABRE c2010 CCD., Used with permission.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession can be received on Saturdays from 3 PM to 3:30 PM or by appointment.

Location: In the Chapel.



Once again, **The RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE** is doing its annual **“Baby Bottle Drive”** for Care-Net in Fitchburg. The pregnancy resource center offers compassionate and confidential support to women and men facing pregnancy, parenting education, and abortion recovery groups.

Due to the Pandemic, we cannot use the baby bottles for collection. We ask that you please, donate in the form of a check only to: “Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center”. Please put the check in the collection basket or mail to:

St. Edward the Confessor, 10 Church St, Westminster, Ma 01473. We are accepting donations from Mother’s Day May 9th to Father’s Day June 20th. Let us make a difference and save our most precious gifts, our children.

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you” – St. Jeremiah 1:5

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Congratulations

To our newly Confirmed young adults!



Michael Bedard
Michael Carpenter, Jr.
Dylan Guile
Nathan Hammond
Ryan Heffernan
Joseph Kiedaisch
Jake Rasmuson
Delaney Taylor
Henry Telicki

Leo Briggs
Allison Green
Lauren Haddad
Hannah Hebert
Madeleine Johnson
Stephen Mack
Allison Smith
Catherine Telicki

This is an important step in their spiritual lives, please pray for them as they acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and that they will be committed to the Catholic faith.

Volunteers needed for Children in Homeless Shelters

Children living in more than 90 homeless shelters across Mass. count on Horizons for Homeless Children volunteers. Can they count on you? Volunteer to play with homeless children at our Playspace in one of more than 90 family shelters. We have a high need for volunteers in Worcester. A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months and an orientation are required. Upcoming online volunteer orientation: Tuesday, May 18 or Thursday, June 17 from 6-8 pm. To find out more, view other orientation dates, or to apply, call 774.260.2612 or visit www.horizonschildren.org/playspace.

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.

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