

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR WESTMINSTER, MA

MAY 30, 2021 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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.

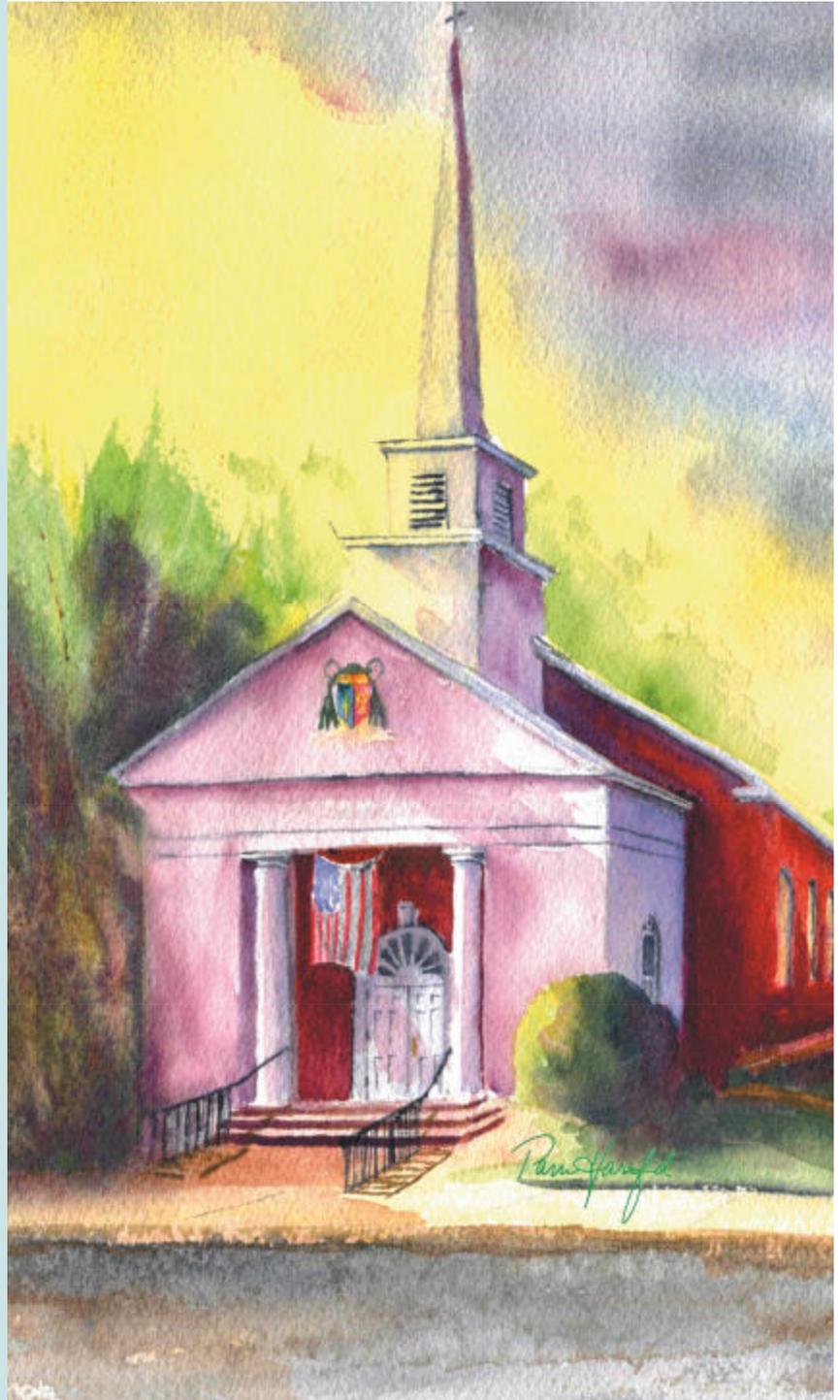
VISITATION OF THE SICK

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 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
 Nancy McDonald; Req by Gary & Cathy McDonald

Monday ... May 31

8:00 AM Fr. John McKenna, 10th Ann; Req by Morning Mass Friends

Tuesday ... June 1

8:00 AM For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday ... June 2

8:00 AM For the Deceased members of the Parish

Friday ... June 4 First Friday Mass

8:00 AM Robert Ciccolini; Req by Family

Saturday... June 5

4:00 PM David Buteau, Sr.; Req by Family
 Pauline Dowd; Req by Patricia Dube

Sunday... June 6 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
11:00 AM Marta Klemetti; Req by Barrows Family
 Ron McGuire; Req by Joyce and Megan
1:00 PM Baptism of Casey David Champa

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



Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,366.00
Online Giving	\$ 884.00

Thank you for your generous support of the Parish.
 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**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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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://wwmema.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
 Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29 see website.

From the Pastor's Desk

We just celebrated last weekend, Pentecost Sunday. We commemorated the descending of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. With this feast, we also end the season of Easter which is 50 days after Jesus' resurrection.

In John 14:16, Jesus promises that He is going to ask the Father to send another "parakletos": paraclete, which means the one who is beside you to coach you, and to plead for you. The Holy Spirit is the companion in our daily battles. He uses his gifts to guide us and to counsel us when we need his strength. In other words, The Holy Spirit is the advocate and advisor in our lives.

There are many ways that the Holy Spirit works, one of them is when we are gathered to pray or to celebrate the Eucharist. In my own experience I felt and saw the action of the Holy Spirit in many moments. One of them was during the celebration of Easter, after a year of pandemic, we were able to celebrate the Easter Mass outside as a community and see the face of the church gather to celebrate life over death. Another moment was during the First Communion celebration, when we as a Community, welcomed the children and their families to celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

A good example of the action of the Holy Spirit was to welcome all the confirmands who received the seal of the Holy Spirit on May 21. They are now genuinely disciples of Jesus, members of His body ready to bear fruits. We rejoiced in this special moment in their lives asking for many more blessings upon them and their families.

The Holy Spirit, more than a mysterious concept, is an experience of the presence of God. An active presence which makes us partakers of the Church participating in the same Faith, Love and Baptism.

God is Good! *Fr. Juan*

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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



Anointing of the Sick

Question: If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer: One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey). ©LPi

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

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
 Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
 Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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.

Scout Sunday

Sunday, June 13 - 9:00 am Mass

All Scouts, boys, girls, and adults are welcome to join us
IN UNIFORM.

Scout Units are encouraged to bring Troop Flag and stand.

Please meet outside Parish Center at 8:30 am.

Any questions, please call Pat Feeley 978-874-2460

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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