

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR WESTMINSTER, MA

JUNE 13, 2021 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

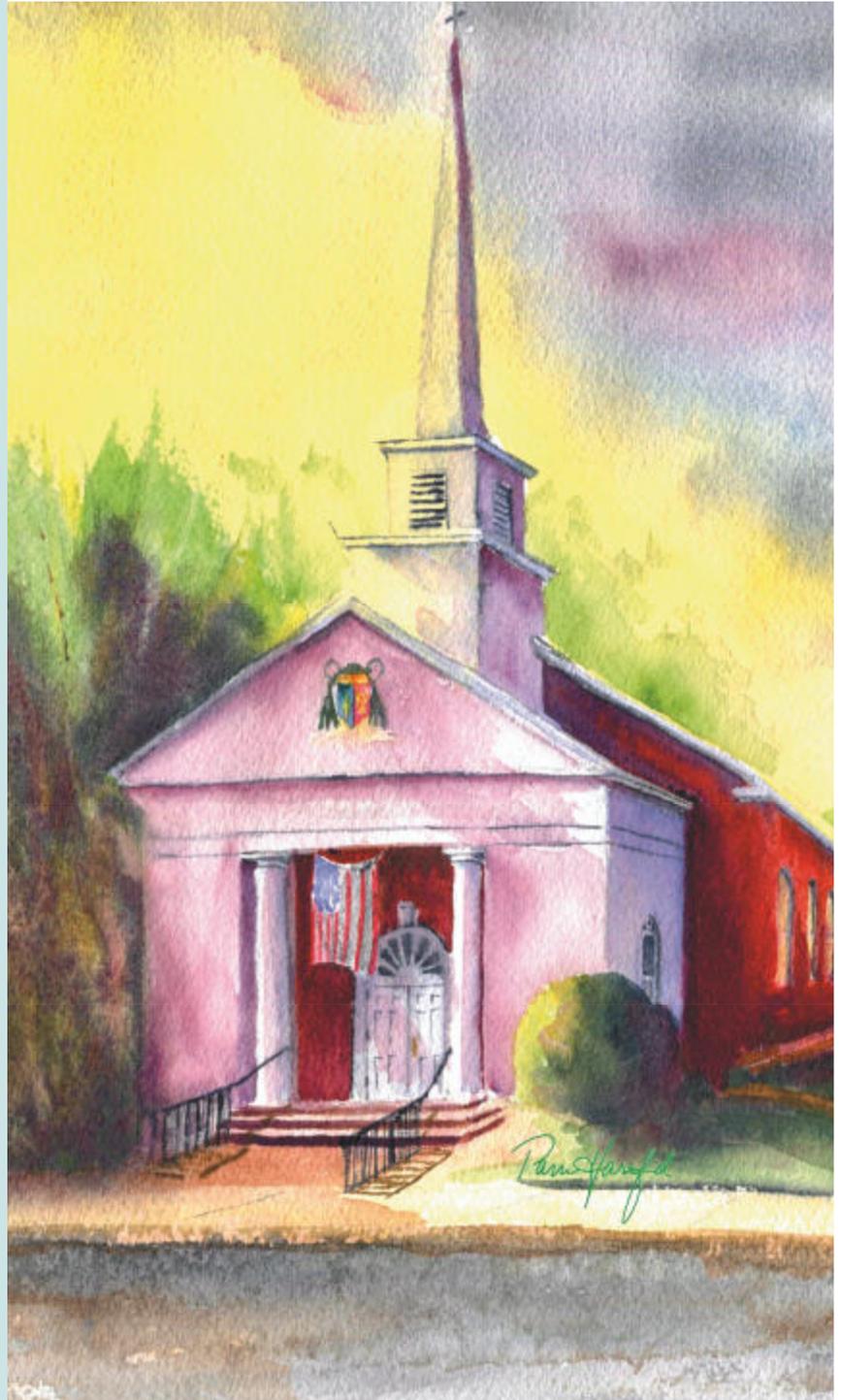
VISITATION OF THE SICK

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... June 12

4:00 PM Edith M. Griggs; Req by Daughter

Sunday... June 13 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For All Scouts Living and Deceased
Scout Sunday

11:00 AM Deceased Members of Pepin and Marini Families;
 Req by Emile & Mary Pepin

1:00 PM Baptism of Joseph Angelo Cote

Monday ... June 14

8:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Tuesday ... June 15

8:00 AM In Gratitude for the many Blessings

Wednesday ... June 16

8:00 AM For All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday... June 19

4:00 PM Jack LaCoss; Req by Lynn, Tom & Maribeth

Sunday... June 20 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

11:00 AM Hubert Borg; Req by Carpenter Family
 John A. Colautti; Req by Family

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



Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,273.00
Online Giving	\$1,179.00
May 30 Offering	\$2,604.00

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

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

Location: Confessional Room back of Church



Church Collections

Question: Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

Answer: This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Community,

It is very nice that I am able to see some of your faces and smiles again without a mask. After a year of pandemic, we are finally walking into the "new normal". Let us keep in mind that we still need to take care of each other as a sign of love and respect. As you may know, little by little we are reincorporating practices and elements to our celebrations such as; the use of hymnals, printed copies of the music for our celebrations outside, processions at the entrance and the offertory, two lectors during mass, and the passing of baskets during the offertory.

As we are recovering from the nightmare of COVID, I notice that we could fall into a kind of spiritual relaxation and get too comfortable in our spiritual life. We could forget to grow in our relationship with God and our responsibilities of supporting our parish community. Our weekly collection has decreased significantly every week. For that reason, I'd like to remind you that your financial help is vital to our parish. There are recurring expenses that must be met every week. I ask you to please remain faithful your weekly offertory contribution.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

God is Good!

Fr. Juan

Young Adult Aerial Adventure Outing

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join for a morning at Boundless Adventures, an aerial adventure park in Berlin MA on Saturday, July 10. Discounted tickets are available for those who register in our group at a cost of \$35/person (*general park admission is \$50*). To sign up for a spot or to get more information, go to neworchester.org/young-adult-aerial-adventure or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org.
Deadline to sign up is Monday, June 28.

The Sympathies of the parish community are extended to the family and friends of
George Ares (Gail Laraba's father)
Evelyn Giammalvo
Shirley Barrett

In Our Thoughts

Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church... Please believe in the possibility for hope, help, and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every arch/diocese/eparchy in the US now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help you make a formal complaint of abuse to the arch/diocese/eparchy, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative if you desire. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette, Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363.

Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

From the Knights of Columbus - DIAPER DRIVE

Your local Knights of Columbus are conducting a Baby Diaper Drive to help needy Moms and Dads in the area. Please drop off a box of diapers on Father's Day Weekend at the Church.

The Cursillo Movement of Worcester Diocese

October 14-17 Women's Cursillo

November 11-14 Men's Cursillo

If you are interested please call the Parish Office.

Volunteer Needed

Our Father's Table feeding ministry, located at Faith Christian Church, 40 Boutelle St. in Fitchburg, is looking for a volunteer cook for our Thursday suppers. Hours on Thursdays are from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Cooking experience is helpful but not required, training will be provided. All food items to be prepared are on site and menus are pre-arranged by our food coordinator. Food safety regulations are required to be followed. If you are interested or know someone who may want to help to feed the hungry, please call David Sciabarrasi and leave a message at 978-345-6950 or 978-874-5270 or send email to: david.sciabarrasi@comcast.net.

Homemakers Wanted! Walk-in Interviews Every Tuesday from 10 am-12 pm

Catholic Charities, located at 10 Hammond St. in Worcester, is hiring homemakers and hosting walk-in interviews every Tuesday from 10 am-12 pm. Homemakers and Home Health Aides are trained by our Homecare team to provide a variety of support services, which are essential in maintaining a disabled or dependent person's safety and wellbeing. To keep this program alive, we need to grow our Homecare team to meet the increasing demands of the areas that we serve, which consists of Amherst, Athol, Leominster, Milford, Southbridge, Greenfield, Shelburne Falls, and Worcester. Walk-ins welcome, or contact Paula, Homecare Supervisor: 508-414-9084. Those interested may also apply online at ccworc.org.

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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