

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR WESTMINSTER, MA

JULY 11, 2021 | FIFTEENTH 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.

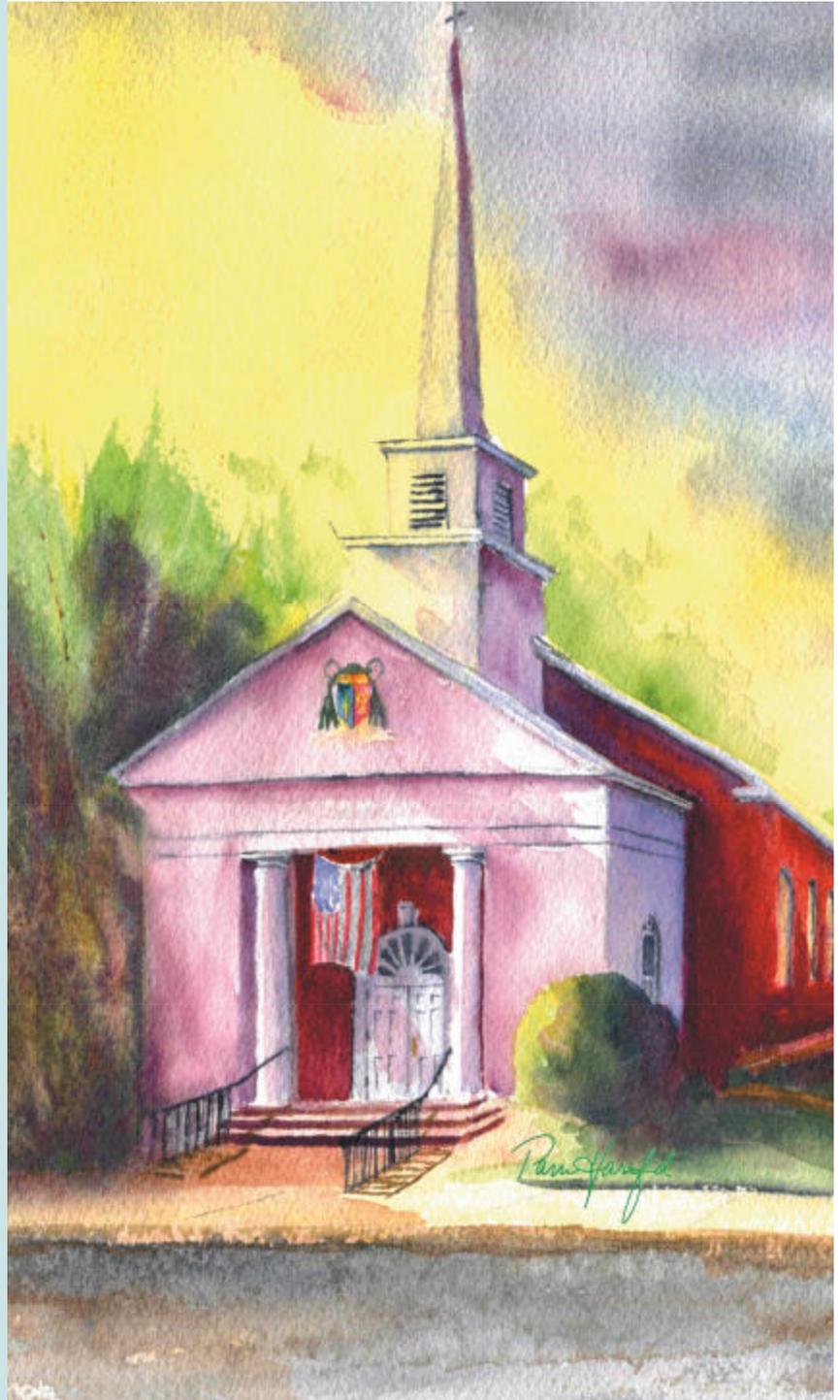
VISITATION OF THE SICK

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

Sunday Masses are outside, weather permitting, bring your lawn chair. Saturday 4 pm Mass inside. The Daily Masses will be celebrated in the Main Church.

Saturday... July 10

4:00 PM Paul Scapparone, 35th Anniv; Req by Family
Lester Lockhart, 3rd Anniv; Req by Family

Sunday... July 11 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

11:00 AM Deacon Malcolm 10th Anniversary of Ordination

Monday ... July 12

8:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Tuesday ... July 13

8:00 AM Edward LaFortune; Req by Rene & Family

Wednesday ... July 14

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Pepin & Marini Families
Req by Emile & Mary Pepin

Saturday... July 17

4:00 PM Marta Klemetti; Req by Janet Doncaster

Sunday... July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

11:00 AM Connie Johnson; Req by Family



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

Last Sunday's Offering TBA
Online Giving due to early deadline

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.

Word of Life

"We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."
USCCB, "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

Mass Intentions

To book a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or any special intention, call the Parish Office, 978-874-2362, booking through 2021. The requested offering for a Mass is \$10.00 in our Diocese.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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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



Do you have a friend or loved one who has been asking questions about the Catholic faith? Were you Baptized as a Catholic but never completed initiation into the Church by receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation? Then please accept our invitation! Come and join us at St. Edward Parish this Fall as we explore the Catholic faith through the **R.C.I.A – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. For information, please call: St. Edward Parish at 978-874-2362

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Community,

Once again, we show that together we can make things possible. It is a great honor that our parish has made and surpassed the goal of our Legacy of Hope campaign. It is just amazing how, by making a sacrifice, we reached our objective to get the 60% back to our parish. Thank you so much for your commitment to our parish.

Soon we are going to start with our projects including the new carpeting in the sanctuary and ministry center also a new technology system for religious education. With the help of professional advisers, we will soon make these upgrades.

It is important that we use the resources of the Legacy of Hope campaign in the mission of our parish, to establish the kingdom of God among us. We are open to any suggestions you have for achieving this goal. In other words, how to generously use our material treasure to make possible the presence of God in our midst.

Words cannot explain how much our Legacy of Hope team appreciates your generosity. We can proclaim with confidence, GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!

Fr. Juan

The Cursillo Movement of Worcester Diocese

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...” It’s time to learn more about your Faith. It’s time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are being offered in 2021. A women’s weekend running from October 14-17; and a men’s weekend running from November 11-14. Go to www.fourthday.org and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton @ 774-239-8909 for more information or call Parish Office. You will be glad you did!

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Legacy of Hope Campaign

We are over our target goal of \$296,577 and we will be receiving 60% of the donations over the target. We have now raised \$403,892. Help us get 100% participation in this amazing effort. Please make all checks and payments out to Legacy of Hope and not to the parish, and just mail them directly to Legacy of Hope Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

FALL FESTIVAL, Sept. 18, 2021 - UPDATE:

St. Edward’s Fall Festival will be Saturday, 10AM - 6PM.

The following activities are being planned:

- Attic Treasures
- Holiday Room
- Jewelry Room
- Theme Baskets & Eddie’s Auction (combined)
- Grocery Wheel (donate in August)
- Raffles
- Music/Entertainment
- 10-15 Vendors outside
- A few Kids Games
- Chicken BBQ Dinner at Noon

DROPOFF OF ALL DONATED ITEMS WILL BE ON SUNDAY & MONDAY AFTERNOONS ONLY (1 - 5pm), starting July 18, 2021.

If you have questions, would like to volunteer or need a pickup of items or special times, Call Eileen McIntyre, Festival Chair, Tel. 978-874-0472.

Check out the website under Home - Fall Festival, for additional details, <http://stedwardconf.org>

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

If your child is interested, is in grade 3 or higher, and would like to participate in Mass as an altar server please contact the parish office at 978-874-2362.

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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