

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR WESTMINSTER, MA

JULY 25, 2021 | SEVENTEENTH 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.

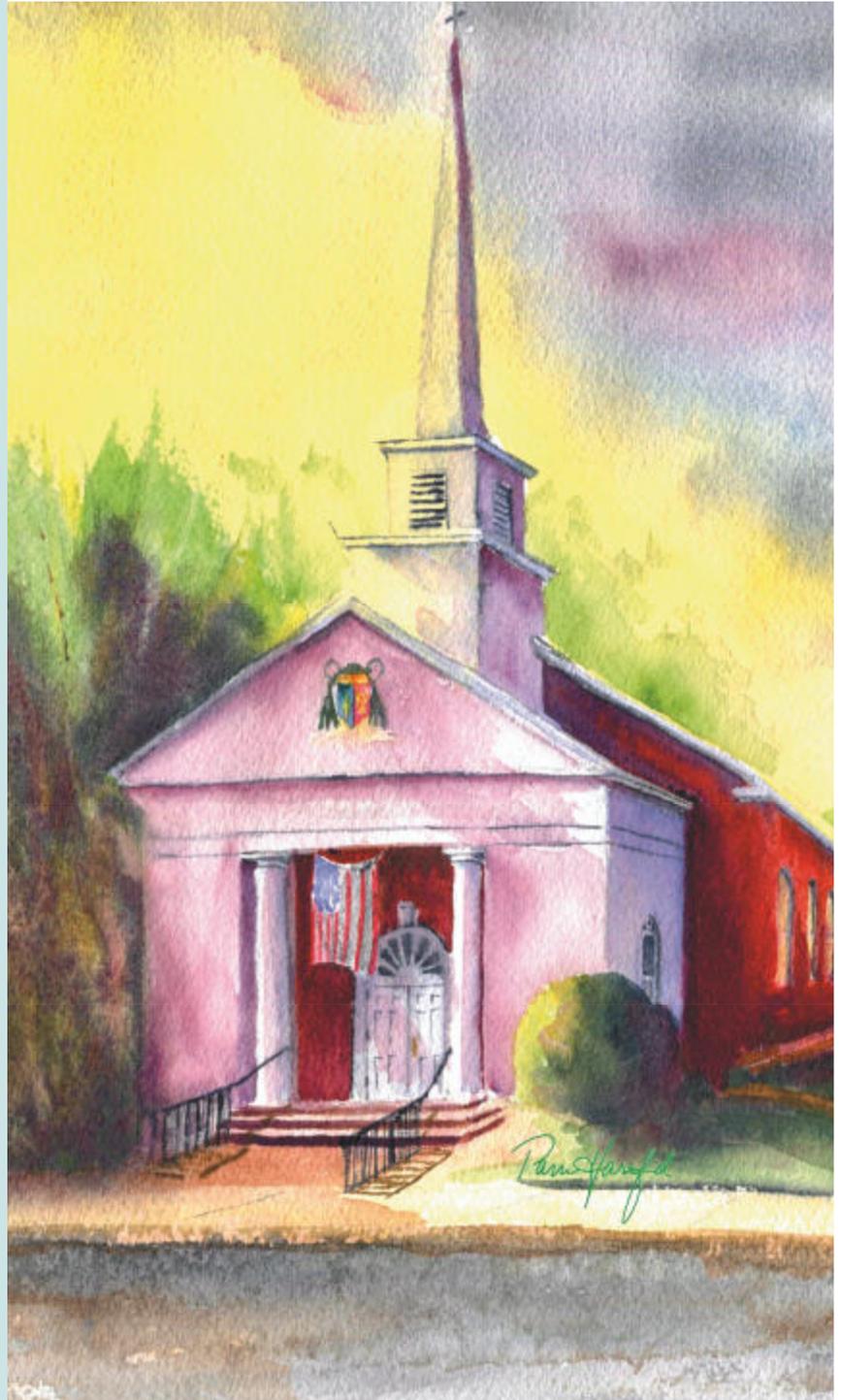
VISITATION OF THE SICK

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 24

4:00 PM Raymond LaFleur; Req by Engelmann Family
Carole Babineau; Req by Nason Family

Sunday... July 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Ruth Adams; Req by Family
11:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Monday ... July 26

8:00 AM Joe Moore; Req by Conte Family

Tuesday ... July 27

8:00 AM Helen Collins; Req by Family

Wednesday ... July 28

8:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Saturday... July 31

4:00 PM Peter & Theresa Williams; Req by goddaughter,
Amy Plante

Sunday... August 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
11:00 AM Paul & Grace Migliozi; Req by Family
Connie Loescher; Req by Family



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

Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,869.00
Online Giving	\$1,750.00
July 11th Offering	\$2,277.00

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Word of Life

“O God our creator . . . through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.”

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Prayer for 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

St. Oscar Romero said, “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord’s grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life’s adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God’s creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ’s Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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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

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” (JOHN 6:9) The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!



Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchon: newengland@ivcusa.org, or check out the IVC New England: www.ivcusa.org/new-england.

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.

The Talking Book Library at the Worcester Public Library provides free large-type and audio reading materials by mail or download. This service is available to anyone who struggles to read standard print due to a visual, physical, or reading disability. Learn more: 508-799-1751 or talkingbook.mywpl.org.

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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 \$413,652. 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. Thank You!

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

FALL FESTIVAL, Sept. 18, 2021 - UPDATE:
St. Edward's Fall Festival will be Saturday, 10AM - 6PM.

Attic Treasures - drop off items on Sunday & Monday afternoons, 1-5PM only.

Do not leave items if no one is in the parish center. Please wash/clean all items (kitchenware, dishes, glasses, pots, kids toys, knick knacks and holiday items) to help us out.

Not allowed items: clothes, tires, computer, electronics, stuffed/plush toys, records/CD's/DVD's, BOOKS, religious items, large furniture or exercise equipment.

Eddie's Auction - we are looking for new items or unused valid gift cards.

Theme Baskets - if you are planning to donate a basket. Please Call Shirley Nolette, 978-874-5475.

Jewelry - donate real or costume.

Valuable items can be dropped off weekdays at the office, Mon - Thurs 9-Noon.

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>

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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