

# SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

WESTMINSTER, MA

## 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 Provencial  
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

AUGUST 1, 2021 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 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 Migliozzi; Req by Family Connie Loescher; Req by Family

**Monday ... August 2**

**8:00 AM** Frank DeSorbo; Req by Jeanne Conte

**Tuesday ... August 3**

**8:00 AM** Fr. Dennis O'Brien; Req by St. Edward's Parish

**Wednesday ... August 4**

**8:00 AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners

**Friday ... August 6 First Friday Mass**

**8:00 AM** For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday... August 7**

**4:00 PM** Don Doncaster, 1st Ann; Req by Family

**Sunday... August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 AM** Deceased Members of Pepin & Marini Families;  
Req by Emile & Mary Pepin

**11:00 AM** Colleen & Mo Picard; Req by Matt & Karen Johnson

**1:00 PM** Baptism of Trevor James Leisten

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



Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,565.00
Online Giving	\$844.00

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.

**Knights of Columbus  
Will hold a  
Food Drive outside Vincent's Market on August 14th  
10 am—2 pm**

**Project Rachel** is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by a past abortion. No matter how long it's been, God invites you to come home to His mercy! Call in strictest confidence 508-791-HOPE (4673) to begin your healing journey. Learn more by visiting [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disoriented, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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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

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (EXODUS 16:4) When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

**LOOKING FOR VENDORS** - Fall Festival - If you have an at home business consider setting up a booth at the Fall Festival, Sept. 18.  
Contact Mary Varteresian for more info, 978-928-5655.

### 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](http://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com).**

Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.

**30-week directed prayer experience** in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting on September 28, 2021, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester, near Clark University. Information nights will be held at St. Peter Church on **Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm** and St. Richards Parish, 4 Bridge Street, Sterling on **Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 pm**. Information and an application form are available at [www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com](http://www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com) or email [worcspe19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspe19@gmail.com) or call Dick Kirk 508-885-4462.

### Adoration in Gardner

Annunciation Parish is adding a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings at Holy Spirit Church, 50 Lovewell St. at the request of a number of parishioners. Everyone is welcome - including anyone who is regularly attending Adoration in another parish or looking for an additional weekly opportunity to spend with the Lord. Begins on Monday, August 2 from 6 - 8 pm and will continue weekly.

### 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 August 1, 2021

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  
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21  
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10  
 Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20  
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

### 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>

**Next Festival Meeting, Tuesday, August 3rd, 6:30pm**

God knows you deserve a summer vacation this year, but don't take a vacation FROM him. Help bring the Mass, Holy Rosary and Catholic programs from 1230AM & 101.1 FM by donating at 508-767-1230, online at [www.1230radio.com](http://www.1230radio.com) or mail Emmanuel Radio, PO Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. Donors of \$40 or more will receive a free copy of "Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa."

### 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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