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**Registering in the Parish of Saint Edward**

The law of the Church defines a parish as a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a [Diocese]. The pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop. The law of the Church also states that a parish is to be territorial and embraces all the Christian faithful within a certain territory [ cc 515, 518]

The certain territory for Saint Edward Parish established at its founding is the area of Palm Beach Island from the north end of the Island south to Sloan’s Curve.

To register as a parishioner of Saint Edward requires residence within its territory.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM**

**Saturday: 8:00 AM**

**Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM**

**Sunday: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon**

**Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office for information.

**First Penance and First Eucharist Programs**

Beginning in the First Grade, children of registered parishioners are to be enrolled in a two- year Parish Religious Education sacramental program. Registered parishioners whose children attend Catholic Grade Schools are to participate in the immediate sacramental preparation programs of the Parish. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Confirmation Program**

Children of registered parishioners who are to be enrolled as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must have been baptized, capable of renewing their Baptismal promises, and properly instructed by participation in the two-year parish program beginning in the seventh grade. The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually scheduled for September, when the candidate is a ninth grader.

**Marriages at Saint Edward Parish**

Saint Edward Parish reserves the celebration of the sacrament of marriage to registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics and their immediate family members. Registration requires residence within the territory of the parish [ the North End of the Island south to Sloan’s Curve.] New parishioners must be registered for one year before being considered for the scheduling of a marriage.

**Saint Edward Marriage Regulations**

All couples intending to marry at Saint Edward must meet with the pastor. No date is promised or scheduled before this initial meeting with the pastor, who is to assess the freedom to marry of the couple and explain other marriage regulations. Saint Edward Parish is not a destination site for marriage and Saint Edward does not rent the Church to non-parishioners for marriage ceremonies.

**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be administered to the sick after the age of reason when the person begins to be in danger due to sickness or age. It is preferred that the sacrament be administered when the person is in control of their faculties.

Please contact the parish in emergencies. After hours leave a message as directed by the parish voicemail.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SATURDAY, December 12**

**8:00 AM +Dr. John T. Murray**

**By J. Sanchez & Family**

**5:30 PM +Anthony Racioppi**

**By Jo Anne & Craig Burkholder**

**SUNDAY, December 13**

**9:00 AM +Rosaria Vicari By E. & L. Ferrarese**

**10:30 +Parishioners and Benefactors**

**12:00 PM +Leon Leshay By The Javarone Family**

**MONDAY, December 14**

**8:00 AM +Kathleen McDonnell Valetine**

**By Mary Lynn Rogers**

**+Anna Rich By John Rich and Family**

**TUESDAY, December 15**

**8:00 AM +Ronald R. Lambert**

**By Sheri Lambert & family**

**+Dr. John T. Murray By Diane & Brandon Reid**

**WEDNESDAY, December 16**

**8:00 AM +Frank Leonetti**

**By John Biondo & Etonella Christlieb**

**THURSDAY, December 17**

**8:00 AM +Mary F. Couryt Adams By Sheryl Coury**

**FRIDAY, December 18**

**8:00 AM +Philip Ives By J. Sanchez & Family**

**SATURDAY, December 19**

**8:00 AM +Dr. John T. Murray**

**By J. Sanchez & Family**

**5:30 PM +William Finneran**

**By Priscilla & Dick Schmeelk**

**SUNDAY, December 20**

**9:00 AM +Sheila Donnelly**

**By Shawn Donnelly & Robert Kalaghan**

**10:30 +Parishioners and Benefactors**

**12:00 PM Special Int. Mal Burroughs**

**By Irena & Ralph Schenck**

## *A Message from the Pastor*

**Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent**

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudate Sunday. Gaudate is the Latin word for rejoice and is the message of the readings and the prayers for the Mass of today. In Isaiah we hear the prophet say; "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." Saint Paul wrote to the Thessalonians; "Rejoice always." Let us rejoice as we continue our preparation for the birthday of Jesus, and his Second Coming.

When Saint Paul wrote this letter to the Thessalonians and tells them to rejoice, he is not being entertained in the house of some wealthy member of the community and being waited on hand and foot. It's easy to rejoice when everything is going right. Everything is not going well for Paul, and he wrote this letter as he was being persecuted and fleeing from town to town. Throughout his ministry Paul suffered multiple times including stoning and imprisonment, too many to list here. Yet Paul never stopped calling upon the various Christian Communities to rejoice, and in his letter to the Philippians he wrote; "Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again, rejoice!"

This joy can be with us at all times, even the most trying times. It doesn't take away the problems pain we might experience, but it lifts us up to accept them, bear them, and trust the Immanuel – God is with us. Today the church calls us to rejoice and to walk in faith, for God is with us. We walk believing in the truth and beauty revealed to us by Jesus and share with Christians throughout the world the importance of his birth, and faith in his second coming. This is what opens us up to being filled with that deep joy that can be inexpressible but always present in our lives. John, in the gospel narrative proceeds to tell us how various people came to recognize the divine reality of Jesus through the gift of faith. Tragically, however, we learn that others, with hardened hearts, failed to recognize him, thus remaining blind in darkness. The gospel tells us about the miracles or signs which occasioned both the recognition and the rejection of Jesus.

At the conclusion of his gospel, John tells us that Jesus did many other signs which he did not write about. But, he adds, these signs are written "that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name (John 20: 30–31).

Advent is a special time for open-hearted prayer of hope for the gift of recognizing God's coming among us. If today you should hear his voice, harden not your heart.

**Mass Intentions**  
**UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR**  
**LIVING AND DECEASED**

Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Edward Church

+John R. Flynn By Mr. & Mrs. Brian P. Burns

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By Julie & Rob Reveley

Special Int. Kathy Combs

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Special Int. Jan Carlson

By Julie & Rob Reveley

+Keith Jones (2 Masses)

By Julie & Rob Reveley & Family

+Cora Theron (2 Masses)

By Julie & Rob Reveley & Family

+Brien Boston By Anita Gabler

**Diocesan Prayer for God's Protection in the face of the**

**Coronavirus Pandemic**

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us, Amen.

**Christmas Tree Blessing**

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we illumine this tree.  
May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree  
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

In our Church of Saint Edward, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on:

December 24<sup>th</sup>

[Christmas Eve] at

2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM.

A musical concert is scheduled to begin at 9:30 PM before the 10:00 PM "Christmas Mass During the Night."

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on:

December 25<sup>th</sup>

[Christmas Day]

at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon.

**Please note: Social distancing must be maintained, and everyone is required to wear a Facial Mask. The Bishop's dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect for Christmas.**

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