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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 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

MONDAY, December 21

8:00 AM +Marion G. Downes By The Browne Family

TUESDAY, December 22

8:00 AM +William Curran By Sheri Lambert
+Robert Trump By Mary Kerman

WEDNESDAY, December 23

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

THURSDAY, December 24

8:00 AM +Mary Clark Conheaney By Peggy Matthews
+James Corbett By The Kazazes Family

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00 PM Parishioners and Benefactors
4:00 PM Special Int. Michael Walsh Family
6:00 PM +Mr. Edward McLaughlin
By Mrs. Patricia McLaughlin
10:00 PM Kevin & Robert Prendergast By The Family

CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, December 25

9:00 AM +Betty Gerlach & Florence Giancola
By The Altus & Oliver Families
10:30 AM Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00 PM Special Int. Sean Miller Family By Mother

SATURDAY, December 26

8:00 AM +Martha H. Lively by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Schenck
5:30 PM +Gloria Perez By Lourdes & Arlene

SUNDAY, December 27

9:00 AM +Sheila & Donald Schultz By Nesbitt Lawlor Family
10:30 +Parishioners and Benefactors
12:00 PM +Robert Leidy By The Rojas Family

A Message from the Pastor

Today the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Advent!

The first reading is taken from 2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8-11;16 and refers to when David was anointed king in Hebron by all the tribes of Israel and Judah and his first step was to capture Jerusalem from the Jebusites and make it the political capital of his kingdom.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 26:25-27 where he introduces himself to the Christians in Rome and he gives an incomplete synthesis of his theology. His words remind us to give glory to God this Christmas and always, for the marvelous things he has done for us.

The Gospel is from Luke 1:26-38. At the moment our Lady said: "be it done to me according to thy word" the most stupendous event that ever happened, or ever could happen on earth, took place on this planet of ours. The Son of God took on human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. We are familiar with this story from childhood. We often say the Angel in which this tremendous act of God's love is described. Although familiarity, in this case, does not breed contempt, it does help to blunt the real impact on our minds of such an extraordinary occurrence. If God had created a very special child, and made him into an outstanding saint, so that he could intercede with God for us, this would be a great act of love for us on God's part. Or, if he had sent an angel from heaven in human form, to teach us all about God and to help us to lead holy lives, this would deserve our deepest gratitude. But neither a saintly man nor a holy angel could do for us all that God wanted. No man or angel could make us adopted sons of God and heirs of heaven. It was necessary, in God's plan for us, that his divine Son should become man, should share our humanity so that we could share his divinity.

Christmas Mass Schedule

In our Church of Saint Edward, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on December 24th [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 25th [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.

Mass Intentions

UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Edward Church

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

+Lois Smith By Meg & Jim Edwards

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+Guillermo Novoa By Evan, Catherine & Cole Garcia

+Joan & Norm Winterhoff By Julie

& Rob Reveley & Family

Special Int. Margaret Heavy By Kathy & Bob Moynihan

+Dorothy Schnell By Tim & Tierney O'Hara

+Dermot O'Shea By Msgr. Thomas J. Klinzing

+Salvatore Sanzone By Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sanzone

+Rosemary Fritz By Joseph Flanagan

+Joyce Hardiman By Rhonda & Bobby Munden

+Norberto Azqueta By The Gelates Family

Special Int. Joe Balik By Msgr. Thomas Klinzing

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.

Mary

On the carefully programmed Advent journey to Christmas, the Fourth Sunday belongs to Mary. This is so because Christmas, which celebrates the birth of Jesus, necessarily involves the motherhood of Mary. However, the story of that birth is reserved for Midnight Mass, while today's gospel tells us how Mary prepared for that wonderful event by accepting the message of an angel, which meant allowing God to determine how she could be a mother and remain a virgin.

If through the centuries Mary has captured the imagination of the Catholic world, it is in large measure because she faced the mystery of God and said, "May it be done to me according to your word." (1:38) Even her greatest privilege as mother of the Savior presupposes this radical trust and generosity on her part.

It is easy to ignore the mystery of God until the very end of life. It is also easy to live in fear of that mystery. However, human life will never be really successful until we learn to embrace God's mystery with trust and confidence. Mary shows us how to do that and what wonderful results will follow.

Although we know very little about the "historical" Mary, her symbolic presence is real and powerful. In her case, symbolic truth presupposes an historical person but it reveals the universal and perennial significance of that person. It is a truth that transcends such limitations as age, race and gender as it reveals the meaning of Mary, Virgin and Mother, for all human beings everywhere.

As a virgin, Mary represents hope. Indeed, there are few images that capture the meaning of hope and promise more effectively than that of a youthful young lady. All of us, then, who strive to be positive and joyful and hopeful in a weary and despairing society, can look to virginal Mary as a model who is ready and willing to inspire and encourage us. As a mother, and specifically as the mother of our Savior, Mary is also the most perfect model of fruitfulness. She represents, therefore, both the promising springtime and the bountiful summer. She conquers cold, barren winter in our hearts and leads us to a rich and meaningful harvest.

This Christmas let us receive the surpassing gift of the Word made flesh with the eagerness of those who know their littleness in the eyes of the world, and who can recognize God's greatness in the humblest among us.



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