

ST. EDWARD

Catholic Church



The Vision of St. Edward Parish

- To bring everyone into a personal relationship with Jesus our Savior through the power of the Spirit.
- To lead everyone into committed membership in our Parish Family.
- To offer opportunities to grow into spiritual maturity.
- To help us discover and use our spiritual gifts.
- To live and share our Faith by word and lifestyle.

"Not by might and not by power but by my Spirit, says the Lord"

-Zechariah 4:6

May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Mass in Spanish: 1:30 p.m.

Monday through Saturday Masses: 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays

St. Edward Gifts and Books

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Paques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name: the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain, the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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**ATTENTION
ST. EDWARD VOLUNTEERS**

All volunteers in our parish are required to attend the
Virtus—Protecting God’s Children Seminar.

When: Monday, May 11, 2009

Where: St. Edward’s (in the main body of the church)

Time: 7 pm to 10 pm

Please note that no children can be in the building while this session is taking place. Volunteers of St. Edward’s, please make every effort to attend this very worthwhile program. It is necessary for all of us to understand the importance of protecting our children.

THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

—St. Irenaeus

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- ◆ **Do you want to learn more about your faith?** Tune in to **EWTN: *The Journey Home*** on Mondays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 p.m. (repeat of Monday’s show). Interviews with Protestant ministers, atheists, scientists, etc...who found the true Church of Christ in the Catholic Church. Learn the answers to objections to the Catholic Church from those who sought and found answers in their struggles to come Home.
- ◆ **Join the Respect Life Cell in a prayer vigil** at the Abortion clinic, 6161 Miramar Parkway, every 1st Saturday of the month. The vigil begins at 8 a.m. You may call Pam for directions at (954) 704-4831.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?
*Always have a direct, simple answer for those who present
objections to your Catholic faith*



Question: Now that I am prepared to begin to read my Bible regularly, what practical steps should I take?

Answer: There are several study aids that you can use to get the most out of your reading. Here are some that are very helpful: 1/ **Introductions** at the beginning of each book will set out the main points and structure of the book. Be careful, however, since some may promote theories that contradict traditional teachings of the Church. A very well-written book that gives short introductions to all the books of the bible is written by Kenneth Baker, a Jesuit priest, entitled *Inside the Bible*.

2/ Read **footnotes** at the bottom of each page. These will help explain difficult passages and show how certain verses are connected to others.

3/ Use the **cross-references** within Bible passages. Cross-references indicate where else the Bible addresses a particular subject. Oftentimes they are tiny letters (a,b,c) at the end of certain words or verses that correspond to tiny letters in a box or section above the footnotes. These, along with footnotes, help us to see the unity that exists between the various books of the Bible.

4/ **Bible tabs** will help you find particular books quickly. Remember that time can be critical sometimes when we are searching for a particular passage in defense of our faith.

5/ A **Concordance** lists verses where a particular word appears in the Bible. A comprehensive concordance will usually give some of the passage before, and after each word so that you can see how it is used. A *topical* concordance will list verses that treat a particular subject.

6/ There is no substitute for a good **commentary**. A commentary is a running explanation of what each verse or passage says, giving background information and devotional meditations. A good commentary will help the Bible come alive. One of the best Catholic commentaries is the *Navarre Bible*.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

LEGACY

Every character has an inward spring;
let Christ be that spring.
Every action has a keynote;
let Christ be that note.

—Henry Drummond



GENUINE FREEDOM

People thirst for genuine inner freedom. They yearn for the life which Christ came to give in abundance.

—Pope John Paul II

MAY 2009 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 FINAL LITURGY OF THE WORD
3 FINAL LITURGY OF THE WORD	4 FINAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES	5 FINAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES	6 FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS 5-7 PM	7 FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE 6 PM	8	9 FIRST COMMUNION MASS 10am 5pm for 7-12 Grade
10 MOTHERS' DAY	11	12	13 FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS 5-7 PM	14 FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE 6 PM	15	16 FIRST COMMUNION MASS 10am
17	18	19	20 FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS 5-7 PM	21 FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE 6 PM	22	23 FIRST COMMUNION MASS 10am
24 31 PENTECOST	25 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	26 TEACHERS' DINNER 6:30 pm	27	28	29	30

CCD REMINDERS

- ◆ **Last sessions for Liturgy of the Word** are May 2nd and May 3rd. Please return the attendance booklets at this time. First Graders will need to return these booklets in order to receive credit for 1 year of Communion preparation.
- ◆ Religious Education classes end on May 4 and May 5. Please mark your calendars for the date and times for First Communion photos, practice and Mass.



If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their famous sketch, "Who's on First?" may have sounded something like this:

Costello calls a computer store to ask about a computer. Abbot answers the phone.

Abbott: Super Duper Computer Store. Can I help you?

Costello: Yes. I'm setting up an office at home and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

Abbott: Mac?

Costello: No, my name's Lou.

Abbott: Your computer?

Costello: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

Abbott: Mac?

Costello: I told you, my name's Lou.

Abbott: OK then, what about Windows?

Costello: Why? Will it get stuffy in there?

Abbott: No. But do you want a computer with Windows?

Costello: I don't know. What will I see when I look out the windows?

Abbott: Wallpaper at first.

Costello: Never mind the windows! I need a computer and some software.

Abbott: Software for Windows?

Costello: No! On the computer! I need something I can use to run my business, write proposals and track expenses. What do you have?

Abbott: Office.

Costello: Yeah, for my office. I told you that. Can you recommend anything?

Abbott: I just did.

Costello: You just did what?

Abbott: Recommended something.

Costello: You recommended something?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: For my office?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: OK. What did you recommend for my office?

Abbott: Office.

Costello: Yes, for my office!

Abbott: I recommend Office with Windows.

Costello: My office already has windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to write a proposal. What would I need?

Abbott: Word.

Costello: What word?

Abbott: Word in Office.

Costello: The only word in office is office.

Abbott: You need the Word in Office for Windows.

Costello: Which word in office for windows?

Abbott: The Word you get when you click the blue "W."

Costello: I'm going to click your blue "W" if you don't give me some straight answers. What about bookkeeping? Do you have anything I can use to track my money?

Abbott: Sure, Money. Etc.... *You get the picture..*





May 10, 2009 **5th Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)**

Gospel reading **John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither: people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Brief commentary:

This is the first half of the longest monologue in John’s Gospel on the union of Jesus with his disciples. Jesus identifies himself as the True Vine by using the “I am” statement so common in John. In using the divine name “I am”, Jesus reveals his true identity as the one through whom salvation comes, the one equal to the Father.

John uses the Old Testament allegory of Israel as Yahweh’s vine (e.g. Psalm 80:9-20). The growers of a vineyard took care of the healthy growth of the vines. When branches did not yield fruit, they were cut off and dried on the wall of the vineyard to be used later as fuel. Today’s allegory has an intimate tone. Jesus is preparing his friends for the mission and reminds them that without him they can do nothing. It will be useless to depend on things outside of him. He is the true vine of which the Father takes personal care. The fruitful branches are and will be the disciples who accept Jesus’ life-giving word and remain in him. We must be fruitful. From a vine we look for grapes, and from a Christian we look for a Christ-like behavior. We must do good; this is bearing fruit. The unfruitful are taken away. And even fruitful branches need pruning.

Today’s reading offers three significant messages:

- When the disciples remain in Jesus through love, they produce fruit.
- The disciple, who does not remain in Jesus, is no disciple at all, and good for nothing but fuel.
- The fruit lies not in great speeches but in truth and action.

For our shared or personal reflection:

After a brief pause for silent reflection share your answers, ideas or feelings.

1. How do I stay connected to Christ as the strong Vine without whom I can do nothing? Share one example.
2. Is there anything or anyone that keeps me separated from Christ? What can I do about it?

Suggested readings: Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 308; 517-518; 755; 787; 859; 1694; 1988; 2074; 2615; 2732.



10 de mayo de 2009

5° Domingo de Pascua (Ciclo B)

Lectura del Evangelio según san Juan 15,1-8

En aquel tiempo dijo Jesús a sus discípulos: “Yo soy la vid verdadera, y mi Padre el viñador. Si alguna de mis ramas no produce fruto, él la corta; y limpia toda rama que produce fruto, para que dé más. Ustedes ya están limpios. La palabra que les he dirigido los ha purificado. Permanezcan en mí y yo permaneceré en ustedes. Como la rama no puede producir fruto por sí misma si no permanece en la planta, así tampoco pueden ustedes producir frutos si no permanecen en mí. Si alguien permanece en mí y yo en él, produce mucho fruto, pero sin mí no puede hacer nada. El que no se quede en mí, será arrojado afuera y se secará como ramas muertas: hay que recogerlas y echarlas al fuego, donde arden. Si se quedan en mí, y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, todo lo que desean lo pedirán y se les concederá. Mi Padre encuentra su gloria en esto: en que ustedes produzcan mucho fruto, llegando a ser con esto mis auténticos discípulos”.

Comentario breve:

Este texto es la primera parte del monólogo más largo de Jesús que aparece en el Evangelio de Juan. Para describir la unión íntima con sus discípulos, Jesús usa una alegoría del Antiguo Testamento que describe a Israel como la vid de Yahvé (Salmo 80:9-20). Los viñadores eran responsables de ocuparse de que los viñedos crecieran saludables. Cuando las ramas no daban fruto las cortaban y las dejaban secar en las paredes para usarlas más tarde en el fuego. Jesús pone fin a esta etapa de la historia, en que el Reino de Dios se identificaba con el pueblo judío. Cristo es el tronco del que salen las ramas, es decir, todos nosotros que vivimos por él. Pero también él es la planta entera, tronco y ramas juntos: los cristianos somos realmente el cuerpo de Cristo. Jesús no dice: La comunidad cristiana es la vid y ustedes son las ramas, sino: Yo soy la vid. Lo importante, pues, es que cada uno de nosotros esté vinculado con él por la fe, la oración y el culto de su palabra. Cada uno debe producir frutos. Esta alegoría demuestra la intimidad entre Jesús y sus discípulos: sin él no podrán hacer nada. Al preparar a sus compañeros para la misión, les recuerda que él es la vid verdadera que el Padre cuida con esmero y amor. Las ramas que producen frutos son aquellos que han aceptado la palabra viva de Jesús y permanecen en él.

La lectura de hoy nos presenta tres ideas importantes:

- Los discípulos producen fruto cuando permanecen unidos a Jesús en el amor.
- Sólo Jesús es la fuente de nuestra vida, y no debemos buscar o apegarnos a otra fuente que no sea él.
- La fecundidad no radica en grandes discursos, sino en una vida de justicia y amor por los demás.

Para la reflexión personal o comunitaria:

Después de una pausa breve para reflexionar en silencio, comparta con otros sus ideas o sentimientos.

1. ¿De qué forma me mantengo unido a Jesús como el único tronco que me puede dar fuerza? Comparta un ejemplo.
2. ¿Hay algo o alguien que me mantiene separado(a) de Cristo? ¿Qué puedo hacer al respecto?

Lecturas recomendadas: Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, párrafos 308; 517-518; 755; 787; 859; 1694; 1988; 2074; 2615; 2732.



This Week in Our Parish

Saturday, May 2nd

8:00 a.m. In memory of Arnold DeLuca and Carlos Julio Marisol

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Dhimitri France and Rosa Digby

Sunday, May 3rd

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Orestes & Idelma Hervis and Jeremy & Sharon McNeill

11:30 a.m. In memory of Dorita Callas and Philip Basso

1:30 p.m. In memory of Francisco Santos and Nelson Roman

Monday, May 4th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Antonia Cadiz and Marie Chantale Joseph

Tuesday, May 5th

8:00 a.m. In memory of Barbara Speciale and Judy Ava Allen

Wednesday, May 6th

8:00 a.m. In memory of Joseph V. Viola and the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 7th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Maria-Teresa Valdes and Jun Francis Diel

Friday, May 8th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Lynn Puccio and Sofia Copestick

Saturday, May 9th

8:00 a.m. In memory of Justo A. Garcia and Thomas Quigley

5:00 a.m. Intentions of the Eucharistic Adorers

Monday, May 4th

Final Religious Education Classes: 5:30, 7, 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5th

Final Religious Education Classes: 5:30, 7, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6th

Christlight Dancers # 2: 4: 30 p.m.

Agnus Dei Choir : 7 p.m.

Consolation Ministry: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 7th

Christlight Dancers # 1: 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 8th

Hosanna Choir: 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 9th

First Communion Mass: 10 a.m.

NO Liturgy of the Word.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

The Rosary will be prayed Monday through Saturday at 7:35 a.m. before all 8:00 a.m. Masses.

Hours for Eucharistic Adoration

Mornings Monday through Friday in the Chapel: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Evenings Monday through Friday in the Chapel: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Benediction on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Church