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M,T, Th, F 9:00am-3:00pm

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Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

John Vianney



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: T, W, TH, F - 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

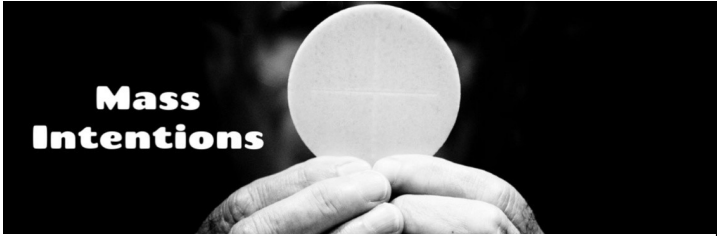
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

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MAY 7, 2023



TUESDAY **MAY 9**
8:30am **+POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY**

WEDNESDAY **MAY 10**
8:30am **+LOUIS CARLOS MARTINEZ**
Req. BY: Son
2nd Int. **+SISTER MARY LOUISE SKOCZYLAS**
Req. By: Ronald & Marilyn

THURSDAY **MAY 11**
8:30am. **JOSEPH DELCASTILLO BD**
Req. BY: Mom & Dad
2nd Int. **+TED KREGER**
Req. By: Kreger Family

FRIDAY **MAY 12**
8:30am **+PEGGY KIENHOFER**
Req. By: Loving Children

SATURDAY **MAY 13**
4:00 pm **+WAYNE & DORIS KREUGER**
Req. By: Mary Ellen Greener

2nd Int. **+ANTOINIA MERCADO**
Req. By: Alo Family

SUNDAY **MAY 14**
9:00am **+ROSE WYROSKI**
Req. By: Cheryl Wyler
2nd Int. **SABASTIAN DELCASTILLO Birthday**
Req. BY: Lolo & Lola

11:15 AM **+MARGURITE VIERLING**

Req. By: Maria, Connor & Ashton

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 49:Acts 2:14a,36-41

Psalms: 23:1-6

Second Reading: 1Pt 2:20b-25

Gospel Reading: Jn10:1-10

SACRAMENTS:

Contact the Office

Baptism: For registered & active parishioners: **Baptism instruction is required for Parents.**

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM
In the main Church Or by Appointment

Weddings: Must be arranged with the pastor at least **6 months before the date** desired.

Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER

279: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY SAINT ATHANASIUS

280: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

561: 1Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

THURSDAY

282: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY

283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6



Supporting our Diocese

Our Goal to support the Diocesan Offices, Missions, and Charities.

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$74,848.00



Parish Focused Giving

Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!
Debt Free by 2023

Goal: \$526,460.00

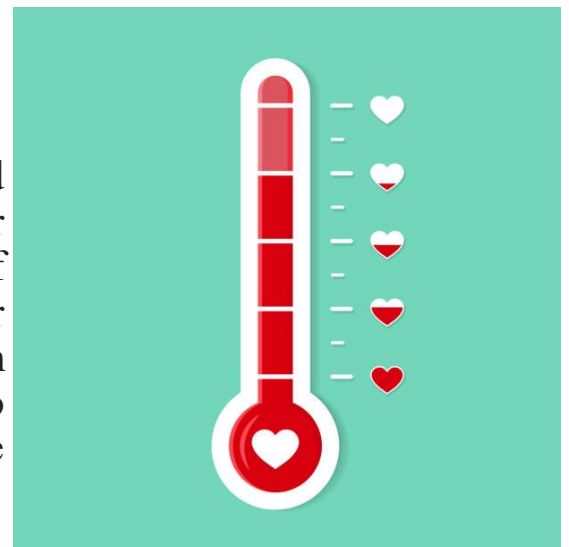
Raised So Far: \$197,306.00

2023 Catholic Faith Appeal

Every year, the Diocese of Venice places a goal for each parish to provide a certain amount towards an overall needs of the Diocese. For 2022, **our Parish responsibility is \$198,000**. Our hope is to fulfill our obligation early and ensure our support for these essential programs for the Southwest Florida community. We ask if you have any additional resources you wish to support Catholic organizations with, that you donate to the Catholic Faith Appeal. Your support, which is fully tax deductible, will provide assistance to thousands in our area.

Debt Free by 2023

We'd like to thank everyone for their continued help in lowering our Parish Debt. As of December 31'st 2021 we were at \$485,402.00. As of March of this Month we are at \$262,732.00. Thanks to your generosity we were able to **pay off \$222,670** which is a breath taking amount! Let's us continue to glorify the Lord in this progress and hopefully be Debt Free by the end of 2023!




FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, from 9:00 to 1:00 pm to pray
RESPECT LIFE
at Planned Parenthood to end Abortion.



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ministry
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2nd & 4th Tuesday/month Bible Study 7pm
May 18 - Theology on Tap 7pm
June 25 - Beer Yoga 11am



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Day Camp
1st - 5th Grade
9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
\$60.00 (M-F)



Evening Camp
6th - 12th Grade
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
\$30.00 (S-Th)

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week!
Learn about prayer and the call to holiness
while growing in your relationship with the Lord.



Register... Volunteer... Sponsor/Donate

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[Day &/or Evening Camp]

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[Day Camp]



You're invited to a special event celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Fr. Joseph's priesthood.



A catered buffet of delicious foods, drinks, appetizers and desserts will be served in the hall immediately following the Mass for those who wish to attend.

Tickets will be sold online. Please scan the QR code to register.

There will be a reception with coffee and doughnuts in the Hall after Mass Sunday, June 25th for those who cannot attend.

**Thursday, June 29th
Mass 5:30 PM
Dinner to Follow
Tickets \$75.00**

We look forward to seeing you!



“The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls.” — St. Alphonsus L.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Edward the Confessor and Christian Unity: Paul Senz

The Catholic Church in England has a history rich with beauty and ugliness, wonders and horrors, saints and scandalous sinners. This long, storied history stretches back into the mists of time, and at times is more nebulous than clear. However, one of the many bright beacons in the distant, dark past of this nation's Church, is St. Edward the Confessor, king of England and saint of the poor. St. Edward was a model of unity, combating divisiveness in his kingdom and recognizing the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the fundamental unifying principle.

Edward was born sometime between 1002 and 1005, son of King Aethelred II "the Unready" and Queen Emma. During his formative years, Edward reportedly preferred to assist at the Mass and lose himself in prayer to the typical pleasures and dalliances of royalty. The Christian faith that had been fostered in Edward would help him get through many trying years that were to come.

Upon the death of Aethelred II, several Danish kings ruled England, and Edward, his brother, and his mother were sent to Denmark to be killed. However, they were pitied, and sent to Sweden, and subsequently to the King of Hungary to be cared for. When the boys grew older, they sought refuge in Normandy across the English Channel. It is said that Edward, while in exile in Normandy, pledged to make a pilgrimage to Rome if his family's seat on the throne was ever re-instated.

Edward was invited to return to England in 1041, and in 1042 he was crowned King of England. Due to his time spent in Normandy, resentment began to grow in his Anglo-Saxon kingdom, and accusations of favoritism abounded. Edward was, by his actions, forging a unity between the Anglo-Saxons and Normans, but a unity that would take much time to be brought to fruition. A further attempt at unity was made when Edward married the daughter of Goodwin of Wessex, who was a sort of leader of the resentful, in 1045. Their union produced no children, and they are reported to have lived such ascetic lives that they even lived "as brother and sister."

However, the lack of heirs produced by the marriage would lead to one of the most dramatic series of events in English history. Goodwin's son Harold lay claim to the throne following Edward's death, as did William of Normandy. A great war was waged, and in the end, in October 1066, William prevailed, and England became no longer an Anglo-Saxon kingdom, but a Norman kingdom with Anglo-Saxon constituents. Years later, Edward would become a sort of beacon of unity in the quest to keep England from tearing apart at the seams.

Whence the moniker "the Confessor"? Edward was universally recognized as someone who had led a saintly life, and whose example was one to be emulated. While he did not die a martyr's death, he was a holy man who lived the Word of God and the Gospel calling of Jesus Christ. As such, he was given the title "the Confessor," acknowledging him as one who expressed and lived a profound Christian faith, and distinguishing him from an earlier king, Edward the Martyr, who reigned from 962-979.

St. Edward was regarded as the patron saint of England until 1348, when King Edward III adopted St. George as the nation's patron. However, he remains the patron saint of the English royal family, through numerous changes of royal house and dynasty.

The England of St. Edward the Confessor is an England very different from what most of us associate the nation with. Edward was king prior to the invasion of William the Conqueror and the Normans in October 1066, an invasion which brought French influences from the continent to the island nation. These continental influences over time helped to shape England into the land we know today. St. Edward was one of the last kings of pre-conquest England, and his influence extended well beyond the invasion that divided the country.

One of Edward's long-lasting influences is writ in stone and stained glass, and reflected in every English coronation and countless other historical royal events. Edward's pledge of pilgrimage did not come to fruition, although the fortunes of his family had indeed been reinstated. He was advised that it would be imprudent for the king to be so long away from his country. As an alternative, however, Edward took the money that was to be spent on his pilgrimage, and spent it on the poor, and the building of Westminster Abbey. The Abbey was rebuilt in the thirteenth century, and still stands today as a startlingly beautiful monument to the glory and grandeur of God, as well as the piety and faithfulness of medieval Catholic England – in particular, St. Edward the Confessor.



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King Henry II of England, perhaps best known for his friendship and rivalry with St. Thomas Becket, encouraged the cult of Edward, pushing for his canonization. Edward was canonized by Pope Alexander III in 1161. Henry saw Edward as a symbol of unity between the feuding Norman and Anglo-Saxon factions in England. Edward was of Anglo-Saxon pedigree but having spent a great deal of time in Normandy and having Norman family. During the reign of Henry II, who was a Norman with no such Anglo-Saxon connections, the feuding between the two groups grew worse, and Henry pushed for the canonization of Edward, so that he could be lifted up as a model of this unity, an example that the country could follow. It is this model of unification that perhaps will allow Edward to speak to us today.

Perhaps Edward can be considered a patron saint for Christian unity. As noted above, part of King Henry II's motivation for advancing the cause of Edward's canonization was to unite the disparate camps following the Norman invasion of England – the Norman and the Anglo-Saxon. But this is not the only rift which Edward has managed to bridge. He is a saint that is recognized, revered, and honored by both Catholics and Anglicans. While his feast is celebrated on different days (October 13 in the Catholic Church, January 5 in the Anglican Communion), the reverence that is afforded this great saintly king is certainly common between these Christians.

1478
Thomas More was born on Feb 7, in London. He was the sole surviving son of Sir John More, a successful lawyer and later a judge.

1492
Thomas studied for two years at Oxford University under the patronage of John Morton, Archbishop of Canterbury.

1494
Thomas returned to London, where he studied law.

1499
As a young law student, he lived with the Carthusian monks and followed their regimen, and even thought of becoming a Franciscan friar himself before finally deciding that his vocation was to marriage.

1501
Thomas was called to the bar – thereby becoming a barrister (lawyer).

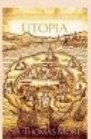
1504
He was elected a member of Parliament.

Thomas was a brilliant and popular young man, renowned for his honesty and integrity, who was quickly noticed within political circles, which led to him being offered a series of official posts in government.

1505-11
He married Jane Colt in 1505, four children were born of this marriage.

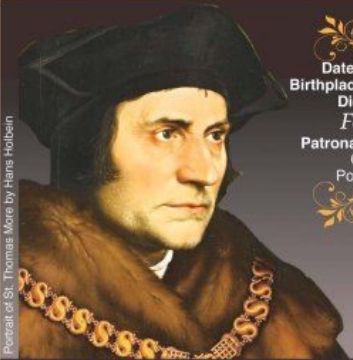
In 1511, Jane died, he later married Alice Middleton, a widow.

1516
Thomas publishes his most famous work, *Utopia*.



The book is about a mythical country with a perfect society.

1518-21
He enters the service of King Henry VIII, taking a job as Master of Requests in 1518, was knighted and becomes ambassador in 1521.



Date of birth: February 7, 1478
Birthplace: Milk Street, London, England
Died: July 6, 1535 **Age:** 57
Feast day: June 22

Patronage: Attorneys, Civil servants, Court clerks, Lawyers, Politicians, Public servants

He would obey every lawful command of the king, but he was God's servant first. A human law contrary to God's law could not bind.

St. Thomas More


If the Church he served and died for waited 400 years to declare that he was in heaven, it must have been because his witness and example were going to be what we would need now, today: for the Church gives us the saints we need at the time we need them. Thomas More, 'walking by faith and not by sight', maintained his cheerfulness, and, more importantly, his charity, even though the Church was, objectively, being pulled down in ruins in front of his eyes. Here was a layman who, in a time of unparalleled crisis, did serve the Church; in his life there are a whole multitude of lessons for us if only we will strive to learn them.

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On Tower Hill, St. Thomas More was publicly executed. His last words to the public before dying were,
“I die the king's good servant, and God's first.”
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The Act of Succession 1534 provided that the King's subjects take an oath, which required all English subjects to agree to three clauses:


- That any heir or offspring of King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn was a legitimate heir to the throne.
- That the marriage between King Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon was null and void.
- That the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, had no more authority or power in England than any other bishop.

Anyone who refused to sign the oath was guilty of high treason punishable by death.



Throughout the time of his imprisonment the source of **St. Thomas More's greatest sufferings** was arguably his own family. No one in the family could understand his 'scruple of conscience'. His eldest and favorite child, his 'dearly beloved Meg', begged him to take the oath. Once when Meg visited him in prison and tried to persuade him to come home for his own good and that of the family, he gently refused calling her 'mistress Eve... come to offer father Adam the apple yet again.'

Anne Boleyn was beheaded 11 months after St. Thomas More, on charges of adultery. King Henry VIII went on to marry four more wives, another of which was also beheaded. Henry died in 1547.



1529
Henry deposed Cardinal Wolsey as Lord Chancellor for his failure to procure from Rome an annulment for his marriage to Catherine of Aragon.


Henry appointed Thomas as Lord Chancellor, the highest office in England under the King and the first layman ever to hold this position.

Thomas accepts the post because it will allow him to defend his Church.

1532
Henry want his own way and divorced Catherine. At this, Thomas resigned as Chancellor.

1534
On April 13, Thomas refuses to take the oath of the Act of Succession.

On April 17, Thomas was arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London.



His prison cell was the ground floor of the Bell Tower in the Tower of London.


1535
On Feb 1, the Act of Supremacy came into operation, giving the title of 'only supreme head of the Church of England' to the king and made it treason to deny it.

Thomas was asked while he was in the Tower his opinion of the Act, but he refused to give his opinion.

On July 1, at the trial, Thomas broke his long silence and as a superb lawyer defended himself. Intimidated by Henry, the jury convicted Thomas of treason.

On July 6, Thomas was taken to be beheaded at Tower Hill.

1935
400 years later, Thomas was canonized by Pope Pius XI.



Location of the execution site of St. Thomas More, as it appears now in London.

Edward lived hundreds of years prior to the English Reformation. In the England of Edward's day, there was but one Christianity, a unified *cultus* of Jesus Christ. Edward was a strict adherent to this faith, and a passionate defender of it. Being a revered saint of such a Church, perhaps Edward can help us recognize what is held in common between Anglicans and Catholics, and be seen as an example of what the Catholic Church in England can and should look like.

In recent decades, there has been a great movement toward unity on the part of the Anglican Communion and the Catholic Church. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, made great strides forward in this effort. The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission has released numerous joint statements, identifying and elaborating on points of doctrine which are shared between the two groups. Statements have been released on many doctrines, including the Eucharist, ordination, Mariology, ecclesiastical authority, salvation, and communion. These statements are intended to reflect and emphasize common beliefs between Anglicans and Catholics, and are important stepping stones in the road towards unity.

This Commission is a tool in fulfilling the call of Jesus Christ "that they may be one" (John 17:21). This is a wish and a command of our Blessed Lord, and St. Edward the Confessor can be an ideal patron, a model of unity and a holy intercessor on behalf of Christian unity.

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