


Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

December/January 2023

St. Edward's = S.Ed
St. Paul's = S.P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Holy Family 	January 1 NEW YEARS DAY MASS 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10:30 AM @ S.P NO Adoration @ S.Ed NO SAILS @ S.Ed	2 SVdP 1 PM @ S.P	3	4 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 AM—8 PM @ S.P SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed Men's Group 5 PM @ S.P	5 NO First Friday Mass Mary Group 9 AM @ S.Ed	6 NO First Saturday Mass Father Jerry Weiss Celebrant
7 Epiphany  Father Jerry Weiss Celebrant	8 NO DAILY MASS Or ADORATION @ S.Ed Finance Council MTG 9 AM @ S.Ed SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed	9 Women of Today 5:30 PM @ S. Ed	10 NO Women's Council @ S.Ed Religious Ed Release Time 1—3:30 PM @ S.P	11 SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed Men's Group 5 PM @ S.P	12	13
14	15 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ S.P Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 A—1 PM @ S.Ed @ S.Ed SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed	16 SVdP 1 PM @ S.P Ladies Council MTG 3 PM @ S.P	17	18 SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed Men's Group 5 PM @ S.P	19 Mary Group 9 AM @ S.Ed	20

St. Edward's Collection

December 18 - 25, 2023

Envelopes	\$	2,110.00
Plate	\$	55.00
UCA	\$	177.00
Retired Religious	\$	40.00
Building Fund	\$	2,000.00

Saint Paul's Collection

December 18 - 25, 2023

Envelopes	\$	2,068.00
Plate	\$	86.26
UCA	\$	100.00
Christmas	\$	942.00
Building Fund	\$	1,450.00
Grotto	\$	171.00



Prayer for the Family

Dear Lord, We lift our families to you in prayer — every generation!
Bind our wounds, forgive our debts, show your mercy!
Lead us to deeper communion with each other and You.
Help us, too, to be a holy family.

Amen

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

Venerable Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange's early life is not well documented. She was born between 1783 and 1794, some sources claim her birthplace as San Domingo, Hispaniola, others suggest Santiago de Cuba. One story relates that her mother was the daughter of a Jewish plantation owner, and her father was enslaved on the property. Most agree, however that she grew up in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, and received an excellent Catholic education, her family one of some means.



Eventually, Lange immigrated to the United States as a free person and ended up in Baltimore, Maryland in 1813. In Baltimore at the time, free people of color outnumbered those who were enslaved and there was an established community of other French-speaking, Catholic, Afro-Caribbean refugees from the Haitian Revolution.

Despite her education and means, as a black woman in a society marked by slavery and racism, she faced numerous obstacles in pursuing her vocation. In the early 1800s, there were few opportunities for black women to receive the proper education or training specifically needed to enter into religious life. Nonetheless, Lange persevered in pursuit of her calling, and once in Baltimore, she became involved with the growing community of black Catholics in the city.

Lange began working as a teacher and catechist, helping to educate and evangelize the city's black population. There was an incredible need for education for black children at the time because they were not permitted in Baltimore's public school system, so Lange opened a free school to serve youth of color inside of her home. During this time, Lange met Fr. James Nicholas Joubert, a French priest who shared her vision of establishing a congregation of black sisters. Together, Lange and Joubert worked to lay the foundations for what would become the Oblate Sisters of Providence — the first black religious congregation in the United States.

In 1829, Lange and three other women made a private commitment to live a religious life under Joubert's guidance. The following year, they formally established the Oblate Sisters of Providence, taking vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Lange served as the congregation's first superior, overseeing its growth and development over the next several decades — becoming the first-ever black superior general in the Americas. She took on the name Sister Mary.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence faced many challenges in their early years, both from within and from outside of the Church. As a congregation of black women, they were subject to discrimination and prejudice, including from some of their fellow Catholics. Nonetheless, the sisters persevered in their mission to serve God and their community by opening schools and orphanages as well as providing spiritual and material assistance to those in need.

Lange herself was known for her deep spirituality, her tireless work ethic, and her compassion. Her example inspired many other women of color to consider religious life and the Oblate Sisters of Providence grew to become a thriving congregation with a strong sense of mission and purpose.

Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange died on February 3, 1882, at the age of 88. She was declared Venerable on June 22, 2023, and she is remembered as a trailblazer, a visionary, and a woman whose faith and perseverance helped to break down barriers and create new opportunities for black Catholics in the United States.

If you have a milestone Birthday or Anniversary date you would like announced in the bulletin, please let us know at the Parish office.

Bags to Benches

Keep the BAGS coming!



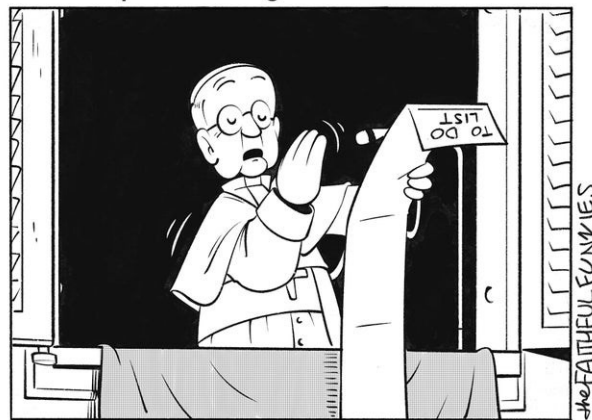
For every 500 pounds of plastic bags we can receive a bench. We are taking **#2 and #4 Plastic**. This includes: shopping bags, bubblewrap, ziplock bags, softner salt bags, shipping bags and more. **We are half way on our 3rd Bench!!!**

Flowers at Saint Edwards

If you would like to honor a loved one with flowers, you can order flowers through the Women's Council of Saint Edward's. Look for information on the Women's Council board in the hallway entry to church.

P.S. You are welcome to take your memorial gift of flowers home with you after an appropriate amount of time on the altar.

"What do you get when you cross a Papal blessing with a to-do list?"



"A Holy Day of Obligation!"



On Holy Days of Obligation, Catholics are expected to celebrate something special that God has done by going to Mass and then feasting!

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