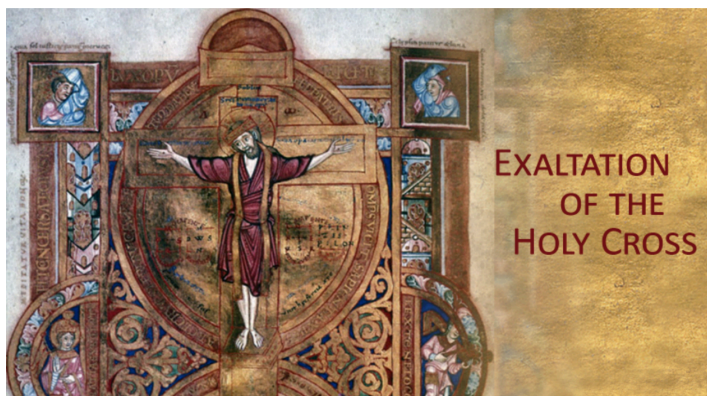


St. Edmund Campion Catholic Church

Notices for Trinity XV, September 13, 2026

Please join us after the 11am Mass for coffee and snacks in the Parish Hall.



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday, September 14

Autumn Ember Days Wed, Fri, Sat

(Friday is a day of obligatory abstinence from meat)

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated annually on Sept 14, commemorates the discovery, recovery, and public veneration of the True Cross, as well as the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Traditionally, the celebration of the Ember Days was tied to an agricultural as well as a liturgical cycle. The September Ember Days are set both by the celebration of Holy Cross Day (Sept 14) as well as the traditional apple and grape harvest.

It's a beautiful logic: precisely at those moments throughout the year when we experience God's bounty in nature and celebrate the salvation won for us in Christ, we set aside days for prayer, penance, and thanksgiving. It is another way the Church Year teaches us that all we have comes from the Lord, and all that we are returns to the Lord.

Ember Days follow an ancient practice of the church to pray for vocations to the priesthood. September 16, 18, and 19 are Ember Days of Autumn this year. Please pray for our seminarians as they continue to respond to God's call.

Prayer for Embertide:

O ALMIGHTY God, look mercifully upon the world, redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son, and incline the hearts of all whom thou dost call to offer themselves for the sacred ministry of thy Church; that there may never be wanting a supply of fit persons to preach thy Word, and dispense thy holy Sacraments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OCIA/Adult Catechism and Children's Catechism begin today!

If you or your children are not already registered, please use QR codes in the narthex to register.

St. Cecilia's Choristers - Choir for young women age 12 and up

We welcome young women ages 12+ to participate in an ensemble dedicated to sacred song. St. Cecilia's Choristers will sing at the Solemn Mass on Fri, Nov 6, for the Bishop's consecration of our new altar. Director: Amy Schiera, assisted by Leala Blakeley. **First meeting Sun, Sept 13 at 9:30am - pick up a brochure in the narthex for info!**

Save the dates!

~~Thursday, Sept 24 - Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham - Mass at 5pm, followed by Marian procession through Flat Rock and a reception.~~

~~Tuesday, Sept 29 - Feast of Michaelmas - Mass at The Oaks at Daniel Ridge in Candler at 5:30pm, followed by a potluck. Watch email for details.~~

~~Thursday, Nov 5 - Evensong service for the transfer of relics to the new altar.~~

~~Friday, Nov 6 - Bishop Lopes visit - Bishop Lopes will say Mass (6pm) and consecrate our new altar. More details will be provided closer to the visit.~~



Interior construction projects start this month - volunteers needed!

In September we will begin the construction portion of our sanctuary renovation. The first step will be a slight reconfiguring of the altar rail steps (starting Sept 21; minimal impact). Following that, on Monday, Sept 28, we will begin the installation of new tile in the sanctuary. To prepare for this, **we will need volunteers (capable of heavy lifting) to help us clear all furniture, including the altar, from the sanctuary after the 11am Mass on Sunday, Sept 27.** Please contact the parish office at wncord@gmail.com / 828-393-5775 (or just talk to Stephanie after Mass) if you are able to assist. Thank you!

~~(We will also need volunteers to carry the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham for our Marian Procession following Mass on Thursday, Sept 24, as well as to help with traffic safety during the procession!)~~

St. Edmund Campion Church Directory - Pictures Today (Sept 13) and next Sunday Sept 20!

We are creating a church directory! **Forms for family information are in the narthex and may be returned to the box in the narthex or the parish office.** The directory will include only the information and family picture YOU want to share. There will be an opportunity to have pictures for the Directory taken at St. Edmund's on Sept 13th & 20th (after both Masses). **For questions contact Donna Curry 423-280-4990 / dmc Curry49@gmail.com**

CATHOLIC DATE NIGHT

Saturday, September 19, 5-10pm, in Simpsonville

"I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5)

Please join us for an evening of marriage enrichment! Fr. Josh Johnson will give a short reflection on "Sacramental Grace in Marriage," we will pray a rosary for married couples, and enjoy food, wine tasting, live music by the Bellino's, and dancing!

WHERE: "Frutto Della Vitae Vineyard" (Troy & Kathleen Billings Home)

ADDRESS: 120 Cooper Dr, Simpsonville, SC, 29681

WHEN: Saturday, September 19, 5 PM to 10 PM

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring a bottle of wine and a main dish to share. Dessert will be provided. (We will be outside so please dress appropriately)

PLEASE RSVP: Kathleen Billings 630-945-5505

Parish Events Sep 14-20

Tues, Sep 15	9:00 am - Matins (Church)
Wed, Sep 16	12:10 pm - Mass (Confessions 11:40am)
Sat, Sep 19	9:00 am - Matins (Church) 5:00-10:00 pm - Catholic Date Night, 120 Cooper Drive, Simpsonville SC (see details above)
Sun, Sep 20	8:30 am - Said Mass (Confessions 8:00 am) 9:40 am - Children's Sacramental Preparation (Library) 9:40 am - OCIA/Adult Catechesis (Parish Hall) 9:40 am - CGS (Atrium) 9:40 am - Squires of Our Lady of Walsingham/Little Flowers (patio) 11:00 am - Sung Mass (Confessions 10:30 am)

Mass Intentions

You can fill out an envelope with a requested date and offering or request online at: saintedmundcampion.com/calendar. Here are the intentions for the upcoming week:

Mon Sep 14	Tues Sep 15	Wed Sep 16	Thur Sep 17	Fri Sep 18	Sat Sep 19	Sun Sept 20 8:30am
Brian Buchanan	Joel Levy	Brandon Mowery	Robert and Annemarie Gray	+Lierin Curry	The Gonzalez Family	Lisette Toca

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Find Your Place at St. Edmund's!

Register as a Parishioner Online or use Paper Form in Vestibule.



Mass, Adoration, and Confessions Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am and 11am / Wednesday: 12:10 pm (Rosary 11:40am)

First Friday: Adoration and Latin Mass (OF) will resume in September

Confessions heard 30 minutes before each Mass; after Mass by request.

Fr. Joshua Johnson, Pastor

Ms. Stephanie Butler, Business & Operations Manager

Call or text 828-393-5775 or email wncord@gmail.com for general inquiries.