



# St. Edward

October 13

## Who was St. Edward?

St. Edward, also known as Edward the Confessor, was a king who lived in England during the 11th century. He was born in 1003 and was part of the royal family. From a young age, he displayed a deep devotion to God and lived a religious life. St. Edward became the King of England in 1042, ruling with fairness and compassion. He was known for his kindness, wisdom and sense of justice, earning the nickname "the Confessor" because of his strong Christian faith and his dedication to spreading the Gospel.

St. Edward's reign was marked by a period of peace and stability in England. He sought to build strong ties with the Church and promote religious harmony. Throughout his rule, he remained humble and committed to the welfare of his people. He was deeply loved by his subjects, who saw him as a true servant-leader.

After his death in 1066, many people reported miracles attributed to his intercession, and his reputation for holiness grew. His body was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey, a significant place of worship in London. Over time, stories of his holiness, devotion and sanctity spread, and people began to worship him as a saint.

St. Edward's sainthood was officially recognized by the Catholic Church in 1161 when he was canonized by Pope Alexander III. He is celebrated as a saint for his virtuous and righteous life, his dedication to God, and his exemplary rule as a king. He is the only King of England to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

St. Edward continues to be honoured and admired as a model of Christian virtue, inspiring people to follow his path of faith, humility and goodness.



## Quotes

*"When you decide firmly to live a clean life, chastity will not be a burden on you: it will be a crown of triumph."*

*"It is a glorious thing to establish peace, and kings approach the nearest unto God by giving life and safety unto men."*

*"For trust not him that hath once broken faith."*

## Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Dear God,  
Who called your servant Edward to earthly throne,  
that he might advance your heavenly kingdom,  
And give him zeal for your Church and love for people.

Mercifully,  
Grant that we who remember him this day, may be fruitful in good works  
and attain to the glorious crown of your saints,  
Because he trusted in You and greatly loved his people, St. Edward was able to rule wisely and maintain peace.

We pray for world leaders and for those serving in governmental offices.  
Help us to elect good people and guide our politicians to make wise decisions inspired by the Holy Spirit.  
Bless the leaders of every country and all religions and fill them with a high sense of values.  
Raise up new leaders who build peace, protect life, and promote the fair and just treatment of all people.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

## Patron Saint

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Protecting Children from Cruelty	Politicians	Difficult or Unwanted Children	Parents with Large Families





## York Catholic District School Board



### FEAST DAY:

October 13

### SCHOOL LOCATION:

Markham, ON

*"Seek justice and show compassion to all, for in love and humility lies the path to true nobility of the heart."*

– St. Edward the Confessor

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