

St. Edward

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

2601 Spring Stuebner Road
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December 7, 2014
Second Sunday of Advent

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Community, are called through our Baptism to build up the Kingdom of God by being one in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit by welcoming and loving others through worship, education, service and evangelization.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Thursday 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m.

ROSARY

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Benediction at 5:45 p.m.

RCIA

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. for those interested in becoming Catholic.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call the office for an appointment at least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Call the priest.

INFANT BAPTISM

1st and 3rd Sunday. No unscheduled baptisms are performed. Parents and Godparents must attend pre-baptism classes on the 2nd and 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon;
1:00-4:30 p.m.; 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

Friday, 9 days before Sunday publication.

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES ALL NEW PARISHIONERS.

Registration forms can be found in the Narthex of the Church and on our website.





Liturgy Notes

As we pray during this Advent season, let us remember that Christian prayer is modeled after the prayer of Jesus. Like his, it should come from the heart. When he prayed, Jesus used words and signs and sometimes cries, as expressions of his heart; as we do when we pray. Our hearts too look for an outward voice.

The words and signs that Jesus used when he prayed often came from his own Jewish tradition, from what he learned in his family and from others. As for ourselves, we turn to our Christian tradition for guidance in prayer. We believe it is a tradition inspired by the Holy Spirit and an outgrowth of the Jewish tradition of prayer that nourished Jesus himself.

The Christian tradition of prayer contains a wisdom all its own, with many different forms and expressions. Some basic prayers of our Christian tradition, however, have a special place. The Sign of the Cross is one example.

In the Catholic Church and other Christian churches, the Sign of the Cross is an important part of personal and public prayer. It originated in the earliest days of Christianity so it is centuries old. It is the first sign made on us at Baptism and the last sign made as we pass to our future life. It's a vital part of liturgical prayer and the sacraments. With the Sign of the Cross, we begin and end our prayers.

We call it a blessing. We say we "bless ourselves." Tracing with our hand the figure of the cross on our forehead, our breast, our shoulders, we bless ourselves: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Sign of the Cross expresses blessing. It symbolizes God blessing us and embracing us with blessings. In this same sign, we express our belief in God from whom all our blessings flow. In the Sign of the Cross, we embrace our good God with mind and heart and all of our strength.

God blesses. The Jewish scriptures describe God as, above all, the One who blesses. God blessed Noah and saved the world from the flood. God blessed Abraham and Sara with blessings more than the stars in the sky. God blessed the Jewish people, redeeming them from the slavery of Egypt. Life itself and all creation are God's gifts; so the Jewish tradition of prayer always approaches God as One who blesses. "I will bless the Lord at all times," the psalmist prays. As we are blessed by God, so we bless the Lord in return.

The Christian tradition of prayer follows this same pattern, but in addition it praises the One who blesses for another incomparable blessing: the blessing of Jesus Christ. "Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing." (Eph 1:3) He is "the Word who made the universe, the Savior sent to redeem us." In Jesus Christ, God appears as our Friend and Brother. With the Father, he sends the Holy Spirit upon us "to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace." In Jesus, God has revealed to us the source of all blessings.

When we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, we remember the One who blesses us: the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

With the Sign of the Cross, we recall in particular the blessing of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We trace a cross on ourselves, the cross of Jesus. His death on the Cross was an outpouring of love for us. The Sign of the Cross is a reminder of his love, a love found not only in the past, but here and now, as we make this sign upon ourselves; for the love of Jesus Christ abides forever.

The Sign of the Cross is a wonderful daily expression of our relationship with God. God is the One who blesses. This prayer reminds us that each day, in good times and bad, in danger and sorrow, God's care and blessings are never far from us. Tracing this holy sign on our forehead, our hearts and our shoulders, we remember we are blessed in mind and heart and all our being. We can approach God with confidence through Jesus Christ whose ever present love this holy sign recalls. "Come to me," God says through this prayer, "do not be afraid. Before you take one step, I reach to embrace you with blessings in my hands."



December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation

Our Mass times are
6:30am, 8:30am & 6:00pm



December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00pm—Children's Mass
7:00pm
Midnight

December 25—Christmas

7:30am
9:30am

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES



December 9—Sts. Simon & Jude—6:00pm
December 10—St. Edward—7:00pm
December 16—Prince of Peace—6:00pm
December 18—St. Martha—6:00pm



BLOOD DRIVE

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Sunday December 14th
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR—CHRISTMAS EVE



Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join with the Youth Choir in singing for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. Those wishing to

participate must attend two rehearsals: Tuesday, December 16th 4:15-5:00 p.m. and Monday, December 22nd from 10-11:30 a.m. Come share your musical talent with our community!

If you have any questions, contact Amy Auzenne aauzene@saintedward.org or Linda Gonzalez erlindahg@aol.com.

CASA JUAN DIEGO DRIVE

Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of the Pines #2065 asks you to participate in a Coat, Backpack and Blanket Drive for Casa Juan Diego on December 14th. We are collecting new blankets and new or gently used coats (all buttons, working zippers, clean) for our brothers and sisters in need. This year there is a need for dark-colored backpacks (for men), adult diapers of any kind, style or brand in large sizes, two-pound bags of pinto beans and small bags of sugar. Your donations may be brought to the Parish Life Center on December 14th. We thank you.



PARISH DIRECTORIES



All families who had their pictures taken for the new church directory may pick up their free copy in the church office from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday and 6:30pm-8:00pm Monday-Thursday.

MEN'S RETREAT

“The only difference between a rut and grave is the depth.”

If you are in a rut, better move on out and make a retreat with our parish men on January 16-18, 2015 at Holy Name Retreat Center. Take some time to reflect, to get focused in terms of God, in terms of others and in terms of yourselves. Phone John Zak 281-353-3322, Mike Little 281-465-0433, or Joe Notaro 281-355-5402, for registration information or register online www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats.

A CALL FOR PRAYER SUPPORT & DISCIPLESHIP

St. Edward's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) has been invited to provide a CRHP retreat experience for the ladies of St. Francis Episcopal Church on August 15 & 16, 2015. We have put together a Seed Team to bring CRHP to St. Francis Episcopal Church and request prayerful support of our efforts from all St. Edward Parishioners. Additionally, we are asking our CRHP sisters to prayerfully consider joining the Seed Team as we need at least two more ladies. Please contact Linda Anderson at ladastuff@gmail.com or call 281-353-5343.

SAVE THE DATE

The Family Ministry is hosting an Epiphany Celebration on January 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Details to come.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Collection on December 14

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Born during the First World War, Sister Carolyn (center), 99, and Sister Bridget (right), 96, have each served for more than 70 years as members of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sister Elizabeth Mary (left), 79, is not far behind at 60 years of service. Together, they

have spent over 200 years in religious life, sharing their time, their faith, their love—sharing all they have.

Never counting the cost, Sisters Elizabeth Mary, Carolyn, and Bridget—and some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests like them—have offered their lives in service to others. Many worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The First Penance for the baptized children preparing for First Holy Communion in Spring 2015 is on **Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm**. Please contact Mary Wilmot, CRE, for more information at mwilmot@saintedward.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION



Two sessions are required for both parents and godparents who have not attended a Baptism preparation program in the last three years. There is no cost for the sessions and pre-registration is not necessary. Birth certificate required for issuance of

Baptism certificate. All questions will be addressed at the sessions.

Session I: The Theology & Ritual of Baptism: 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Parish Life Center the 2nd Monday of each month. (In December both sessions will be held on December 8.)

Session II: The Domestic Church: Catholic Family Life: 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Parish Life Center the 4th Monday of the month. It is a **required** follow up session for new parents and godparents, but all parishioners are welcome. (In December both sessions will be held on December 8.)

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS – NEWS**CRAFTS & HOT COCOA FUNDRAISER**

The JCDA Court #2065 will have a Crafts & Hot Cocoa fundraiser the weekend of December 13 and 14 during Hospitality Sunday. There will be a bounty of homemade crafts, gifts, and Christmas ornaments to choose from. The girls will also sell cups of hot cocoa with marshmallows.

All crafts, gifts, ornaments and hot cocoa will have suggested donation prices, but any donation amount will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

The girls are working toward raising funds that will send Court members to the bi-annual JCDA Texas State Convention in Corpus Christi in June 2015.

THANK YOU ~ EAGLE SCOUT FUNDRAISER

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to personally thank all those who participated in and made the burger sale fundraiser for my Eagle Scout Project possible. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Tom Eisterhold and Mr. Don Lewis who were our grill-masters, and to all our benefactors, especially those who went above and beyond in their almsgiving. We were able to not only reach, but exceed our monetary goal necessary to purchase and install an outdoor set of the Stations of the Cross. This was done by the Church, for the Church. Members of all different ministries, including our Boy Scouts: Troop 1665, Confirmandi, the Youth Group, etc. all came together for the welfare of the Church. Even if you helped, but did not represent a ministry, you not only helped the Church by upgrading the plaza, you also helped the Church monetarily. All excess funds will go straight back to the Church, so again, I thank all of you who participated in and helped at this very successful Eagle Scout Project fundraiser.

Sincerely,
Sean Fagan

THE WEEK AHEAD**MON., DECEMBER 8**

Cub Scout Pack Meeting-Annex, 6:30pm

Baptism Class 1&2-PLC, 7:00pm

Boy Scouts-Youth Room, 7:00pm

Choir Practice-Church, 7:00pm

TUES., DECEMBER 9

Spanish Bible Study-Parlor, 9:30am

CDA Christmas Gathering-PLC, 6:30pm

CLAY Meeting-Youth Room, 6:30pm

Eagle Scout Review Board Meeting-Annex, 7:00pm

PTO-SEEC 22, 7:00pm

WED., DECEMBER 10

Bible Study-PLC MR, 9:30am

1st Reconciliation-Church, 6:00pm

CCE Classes-6:30pm

Advent Penance Service-Church, 7:00pm

THUR., DECEMBER 11

Confirmation Prep Meeting-OEC Office, 7:00pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour-Chapel, 7:00pm

FRI., DECEMBER 12

Martha's Moms-Nursery, 9:30am

SAT., DECEMBER 13

That Man is You-PLC, 6:30am

Confirmation Session #4-8:30am, Church & PLC

Day of Reflection-Gym, 9:00am

Altar Society Christmas Party-PLC, 2:00pm

Confession-Church, 4:00pm

Olivewood Sale/CDA Coat Drive-PLC, 6:30pm

SUN., DECEMBER 14

Hospitality Sunday and Fundraisers in PLC

Blood Drive-Annex, 8:00am

Respect Life Ministry-PLC MR, 9:15am

CLOW-Parlor, 9:30am

CIC-SEEC 22, 12:45pm

RCIA-SEEC 21, 1:00pm

Squires Meeting-Annex, 2:00pm

CCE Foundation Class-Annex, 4:00pm

Adult Faith Formation-SEEC 22, 5:30pm

CCE Classes/Family Advent Class-5:30pm

Youth Group-Youth Room, 7:00pm

1ST FRIDAY ADORATION STEWARD NEEDED

Volunteer needed to take over the stewardship of the 1st Friday Adoration ministry at Saint Edward.

This is not a hard, nor time consuming ministry. You don't have to be at Church all day on 1st Friday. The major task for the steward of this ministry is to ensure that there are at least two attendees signed up for each hour of Adoration on 1st Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Kindly prayerfully consider this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Mark Harris at 281-203-9015 mandmharris@earthlink.net or Jane Truttier in the parish office 281-353-9774.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Dec. 11 - Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled - 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - A monthly discernment gathering for women ages 18 and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Meets in different convents around the archdiocese every second Thursday of the month from October to May. Program includes supper, a brief presentation and time for sharing, followed by prayer. Sisters from several religious orders who live and minister in the Archdiocese will be present. Information on sites, registration and video about program are available at www.houstonvocations.com/women-seeking

Dec. 11 - Discover the Road Less Traveled- 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Meets every month from October to May. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood and religious life. 9845 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77024. Registration, video and information can be found at www.houstonvocations.com/discover

Respect Life Mass & Rosary: Feast of the Holy Innocents Vigil

We invite you to join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants in a peaceful, prayerful Vigil and Rosary on Saturday, December 27. The Feast of the Holy Innocents vigil will be held at two locations:

- Shrine of the True Cross, 300 FM 517 Rd. E. Dickinson, TX 77539 at 4:30 p.m., followed by a candlelight Rosary at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dickinson, TX



Ministry Spotlight Martha's Moms



Attention all moms: We want to welcome you to Martha's Moms. Our ministry exists to provide fellowship and support to each other as we grow in our faith and in our vocation as mothers. Currently, there are 32 mothers in our group with children ranging in age from newborn to preteen, but all are welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in the Nursery at 9:30 am and attend Holy Hour on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Chapel at 7 pm, in addition to other events. Our primary activities are faith sharing and fellowship through book studies. At this time, we are reading Mark Miravalle's Meet Your Mother: A Brief Introduction to Mary. We plan to continue with a deeper understanding of Mary by reading World's First Love by Archbishop Fulton Sheen in the spring. During the summers, we take a break from reading and primarily enjoy play dates. We also organize and attend various activities involving both moms and children (i.e., community service projects) as we strive to be a Mary in a Martha world. If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Emily Perry at 713-702-9868 or emilyperry24@gmail.com.

Youth Group News

Please be sure to Like us on Facebook @ St Edward Youth Group and on Instagram @ stedsyouthgroup

Due to our success last year with the Blessing Bags (we made over 105 for the homeless!!!) We are continuing the program again this year. This month St. Edward Young Church (*The Way*) will be collecting deodorant.

Please drop off items with Trey Mirenda, Youth Coordinator.



Our Level IV or High School Senior Apologetic Class is open to all 12th grade Seniors who have an interest in continuing their studies and searching for answers in their Faith and Religion. It is Free! Contact Trey Mirenda at tmirenda@saintedward.org.

HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S RETREAT

All High School young men are invited to a retreat on Jan 31 at Camp Kappe, contact Trey at tmirenda@saintedward.org for info.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, Dec. 8
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 11
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday, Dec. 12
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a,
12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, Dec. 13
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, Dec. 14
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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Ralph Schneider
Houston Smith
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Ron Stewart
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Martha Yocum
Our Troops

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8
8:30am † Thomas Henthorn

Tuesday, December 9
8:30am † Florian Ogradowicz

Wednesday, December 10
6:30am † Sylvia Martinez
8:30am LV Collin Moran

Thursday, December 11
6:30am LV Darlene Hoover
8:30am † Michael Ledwig

Friday, December 12
6:30am † Theresa Kennedy
8:30am † Jackie Jordan

Saturday, December 13
8:30am † Chuck & Lucille Gutenkauf
5:30pm † Willaim Streidl

Sunday, December 14
7:30am † Michael Ledwig & Vince DeFork
9:30am † Sydney Williams
11:30am People of Saint Edward

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