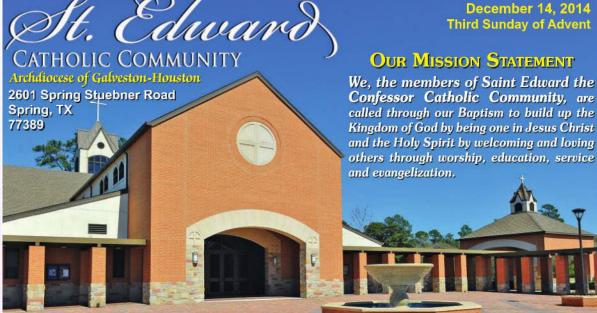
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CONFESSIONS

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.

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

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

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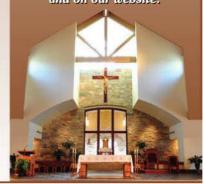
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Friday, 9 days before Sunday publication.

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





Third Sunday of Advent



The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to prepare our way to the Lord. This Sunday is called "Gaudete Sunday" which signifies hope and rejoicing. I remind everyone to take this opportunity to rejoice in the Lord, prepare the way by reconciling with God through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Also, find ways to participate in some kind of charity.

Thank you to those who responded to the Diocesan Services Fund; we were able to meet our goal.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Advent season.

Fr. Christian



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES



December 16—Prince of Peace—6:00pm December 18—St. Martha—6:00pm



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 <u>aauzene@saintedward.org</u> or Linda Gonzalez erlindahg@aol.com.

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.



MEN'S RETREAT

"To be almost saved is to be totally lost". Come find yourself as you find God and others as well. One retreatant commented: "Coming to this retreat was something I've wanted to do for a long time, and just found excuses not to. Never again! This was a wonderful experience for me and I will highly recommend it to everyone I meet. Thank you and God bless you all." Join our parish men for a retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center on January 16-18, 2015. Phone John Zak 281-353-3322, Mike Little 281-465-0433, or Joe Notaro 281-355-5402, for registration information, or www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COOKOFF

Thanks to all who came out and supported the Knights 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off benefitting the American Wheelchair mission. It was a great day of fun, camaraderie and chili. We raised enough to purchase and donate 85 wheelchairs.

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.

DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES

If you would like something included in the upcoming bulletins, please follow the below schedule for the holidays:

The Dec. 28 bulletin deadline is Wed., Dec. 17 The Jan. 4 bulletin deadline is Thurs., Dec. 18

Please remember that all other bulletin deadlines are Fridays, 9 days before Sunday publication. Bulletin requests should be submitted to rvance@saintedward.org.



The Year of Consecrated Life

Pope Francis declared that a Year of Consecrated Life (YCL) would be celebrated throughout the world from November 30, 2014 through February 2, 2016. The consecrated life is defined in our catechism as "a permanent state of life recognized by the church, entered into freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection, and characterized by of the profession evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, obedience." We commonly refer to these as vows. We should acknowledge and pray for those who have dedicated their lives to Christ and His church in this way.

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON., DECEMBER 15

JCDA Officer/Counselor Meeting-PLC MR, 6:30pm K of C 1st Degree Ceremony-Annex, 6:30pm Boy Scouts-Youth Room, 7:00pm Choir Practice-Church, 7:00pm TUES., DECEMBER 16

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Spanish Bible Study-Parlor, 9:30am Children's Choir Practice-Church, 4:15pm WED., DECEMBER 17

Bible Study-PLC MR, 9:30am

Blue Army Prayer Group-Chapel, 6:00pm

Adult Faith Formation-SEEC 22, 6:30pm

CCE Classes-6:30pm

CRHP Retreat Team-PLC MR, 6:30pm

High School Bible Study-Youth Room, 6:30pm

Knights Officers' Meeting-Annex, 7:00pm

THUR., DECEMBER 18

Confessions-Church, 6:30pm Core Meeting-Youth Room, 7:00pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour-Chapel, 7:00pm School Christmas Program-Church, 7:00pm

FRI.. DECEMBER 19

Jr. High Christmas Program-PLC, 10:00am
PK-5th School Christmas Parties-Gym, 11:00am
School Dismissal for Christmas Break-Noon

SAT., DECEMBER 20

JP2CYA-Field, 10:00am Confessions-Church, 4:00pm

Simbang Gabi Mass-Church, 7:30pm

SUN., DECEMBER 21

CLOW-Parlor, 9:30am

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal-Church, 12:30pm

SIMBANG GABI

Join in the Simbang Gabi (Philippine tradition of Mass and celebration) to offer a deeper religious experience that leads to a more meaningful Christmas season. Saturday, December 20 at 7:30pm at St. Edward with Fr. Mario Baldeo presiding. Fellowship at the Parish Life Center will follow Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for those who wish to make a contribution in memory of a loved one.





Ministry Spotlight Altar Society



The beauty of the Mass can overwhelm but the spirit, the words, the music, and the fellowship brings us closer to the Kingdom of God. All of it was put together for His glory. Every part matters... down to the smallest detail like the vessels that hold the Body and Blood of Christ and the linens used upon the altar. The group responsible for these 'little things' is the Altar Society. The Blessed Mother inspires them to promote love and respect for the House of the Lord. In the spirit of fellowship, they care for the altar, the sacristies, the chapel, and all of the linens and vessels. Their weekly schedule includes cleaning various areas in the church, laundering linens, polishing vessels, tending to the Holy water, and ordering new supplies when needed. Currently, only 30 parishioners participate in this ministry. 30 more volunteers would go far in lightening the load. They meet monthly, except during the summer, on the first Saturday after the 8:30am mass. Join and share in the fellowship. If you are interested in joining the Altar Society, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Dumoit at 281-370-1146 or kdumoit@sbcglobal.net.



Make a resolution to learn more about your faith!

A new semester of Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) at St. Edward begins in January.

FTCM offers adults an opportunity to study Catholic doctrine, liturgy, and spirituality from some of the most gifted teachers and theologians in the archdiocese.

Classes are offered 1-2 Saturdays a month from 9am-4pm.

Courses offered at St. Edward this semester:

- Creed (January 17 & February 21)
- •Prayer & Spirituality (February 28)
- •Church History (March 21 & 28)
- Day of Reflection—April 25

To register, contact Amy Auzenne, DRE at 281-353-9774 x803 or

aauzenne@saintedward.org

Registration deadline: 1/9/15*

*After this date, late fees apply

Youth Group News

Please be sure to Like us on Facebook

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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.

Liturgy Notes

There are seven short verses sung before the Magnificat during Evening Prayer of the Church on the seven days before the vigil of Christmas. They each begin with the exclamation "O". Each of them ends with a plea for the Messiah to come. As Christmas approaches the cry becomes more urgent.

The antiphons were composed in the seventh or eighth century when monks put together texts from the Old Testament which looked forward to the coming of our salvation. They form a rich mosaic of scriptural images. These seven verses, or antiphons as they are called, appear to be the originals although from time to time other texts were used. They became very popular in the Middle Ages. While the monastic choirs sang the antiphons the great bells of the church were rung.

A curious feature of these antiphons is that the first letter of each invocation may be taken from the Latin to form an acrostic in reverse. So the first letters of Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, Clavis, Oriens, Rex, and Emmanuel, provide the Latin words: ERO CRAS. The phrase spells out the response of Christ himself to the heartfelt prayer of his people: "Tomorrow I will be there".

Why not join with the Prayer of the Church each evening and reflect on these words preparing for Christmas day by day:



- O Sapientia December 17th (Proverbs 1:20; 8; 9; I Corinthians 1:30)
 - O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of



- O Adonai December 18th (Exodus 3; Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:6)
- O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.



- J O Radix Jesse December 19th (Isaiah 11:10; Romans 15:12; Revelation 5:5)

 E O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.



- O Clavis David December 20th (Isaiah 22:22; Revelation 3:7)
- O key of David and scepter of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.



- O Oriens December 21st (Malachi 3:20; Luke 1:78, 79)
- O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.



- O Rex Gentium December 22nd (Revelation 15:3; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; I Peter 2:6)
- O King whom all the peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O ING come and save man whom you made from clay.



- O Emmanuel December 23rd (Isaiah 7:14; 8:8; Haggai 2:7; Matthew 1:23)
- O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Savior. O come and save us, Lord, our God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Joe Macaluso

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, Dec. 15 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, Dec. 16 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34;

Mt 21:28-32 Wednesday, Dec. 17 Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72;

Mt 1:1-17 Thursday, Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25 Friday, Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday, Dec. 20 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, Dec. 21 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15 8:30am † Grace and Chuck Keffer Tuesday, December 16 8:30am † Jarrett Jesulaitis Wednesday, December 17 6:30am LV Marlene Bacon 8:30am + Claude & Leoma Guillotte Thursday, December 18

6:30am LV Sr. John Paul 8:30am LV Molly Kafarela Friday, December 19 6:30am + Michael Ledwig &

Vince DeForke 8:30am † Jerry Nagel Saturday, December 20

† Sebastian Riedl 8:30am 5:30pm † Kathleen McMillian Sunday, December 21

7:30am † Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Pfeifer † Anne Guarnieri 9:30am

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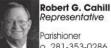
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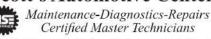
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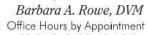
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