

# Nativity of the Lord

## St. Edward CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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December 20, 2015  
Fourth 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 6:30 a.m.  
Friday 12:10 p.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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Call the priest.

#### INFANT BAPTISM

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. No unscheduled baptisms are performed. Parents and Godparents must attend pre-baptism classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Christian Hoang Bui *Pastor*  
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Deacon Dominic Romaguera *Pastoral Associate*  
Deacon Nick Thompson *Pastoral Associate/Adult Faith*

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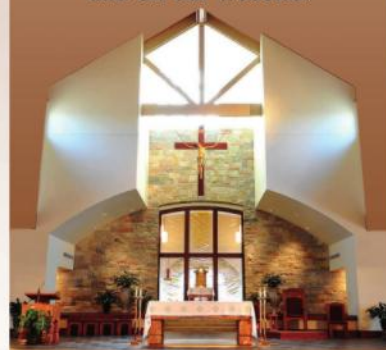
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#### DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

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.*







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# Merry Christmas!

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## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

### *December 24*

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

### *December 25*

7:30am  
9:30am

### *December 31*

5:30pm

### *January 1*

9:30am



## NOAH'S NURSERY

Noah's Nursery will be closed on December 27 so all our volunteers can celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ (as well as New Years) with their families!

## 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 15-17, 2016. Phone John Zak 713-569-1364, Mike Little 281-465-0433, or Joe Notaro 281-355-5402, for registration information, or [www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats](http://www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats)

## SPONSOR COUPLE TRAINING

Teresita Johnson the Associate Director of the Family Life Ministry Office of the Archdiocese will be coming here to St. Edward on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 4:30PM in the Parish Life Center to provide our Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples a full day retreat of continuing education in our ministry. The Day will take an in depth look at the 2009 USCCB document **Marriage: Love & Life In The Divine Plan.** Books/materials, breakfast and lunch for the day are provided by the parish. The day will conclude with Reconciliation and Mass. It is not often that our ministry is singled out for Spiritual Growth in the parish. It would be wonderful if we could all participate in this event.

Please RSVP to Deacon Nick Thompson [nthompson@saintedward.org](mailto:nthompson@saintedward.org) to assure materials are available for everyone.

## DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS



Your help is needed with decorating the Church for Christmas. All are invited to assist on one or all of the following days:

December 21 after 8:30am Mass  
Set up the crèche

December 22 after 8:30am Mass  
Decorate the Church

## 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.



## Public Announcement Rite of Candidacy for Stuart Neck



The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Stuart Neck will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate on February 20, 2016 at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. If any person knows of a serious reason why this Aspirant should not be admitted to Candidacy or continue to ordination to the permanent diaconate, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at [rob.ward@smseminary.com](mailto:rob.ward@smseminary.com). Please keep Stuart in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.





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**Frassati Catholic High School** seeks part-time bus drivers for the 2015-2016 school year. Most trips will take place during the week and after school hours. Drivers must have a current class B CDL or be willing to obtain one. Prior bus driving experience is preferred. Please send a letter of interest and list of related qualifications to Chris Meredith, Director of Athletics, at [c.meredith@frassaticatholic.org](mailto:c.meredith@frassaticatholic.org). For questions, or more information, call 832-616-3222.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MON., DECEMBER 21

Decorate for Christmas after 8:30am Mass

Boy Scouts, Youth Room, 7:00pm

Choir Practice, Church, 7:00pm

### TUES., DECEMBER 22

Decorate for Christmas after 8:30am Mass

Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church, 4:00pm

School Christmas Program, Church, 6:00pm

### WED., DECEMBER 23

Simbang Gabi Mass-7:00pm

### THUR., DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve—Offices Closed

### FRI., DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

### SAT., DECEMBER 26

Confessions, Church, 4:00pm

### SUN., DECEMBER 27

No Events Scheduled



Students at St. Edward Catholic School celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe by reenacting her appearance to St. Juan Diego.





## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 10, at 10:40 in the PLC classroom.

We would love to have you join us!



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### **"Write For Life" Scholarship Essay Contest**

Who: 7th and 8th grade students who will be attending St. Edward School or a Catholic High School in the fall of 2016.

What: Write an essay on what the Sanctity of Life means to you in one of these three categories:

- A) The Importance of Life
- B) Why Every Life is Worth Living
- C) Why am I Pro-Life

Essays should be between 500 and 700 words typed and double spaced and turned into the office or submitted electronically to [write4lifescholarship@gmail.com](mailto:write4lifescholarship@gmail.com).

Entries must be in by **March 1, 2016**.

**Three scholarships will be awarded:** 1st Place \$500.00; 2nd Place \$300.00; and 3rd Place \$200.00.

For more information please email [write4life@gmail.com](mailto:write4life@gmail.com) or call Marilyn Burns at 281-782-5555.

### Did You Know?

The Senate voted December 3 to de-fund Planned Parenthood after it was caught selling the body parts of aborted babies. Hearings have exposed how the abortion company likely violated federal laws to sell the body parts. The bill would block, for one year, most federal payments to Planned Parenthood. The bill, if it passes Congress, is expected to be vetoed by the President.

*If you would like to be put on our email list for RLM updates, please email Evelin Martinez at [evelinmart@yahoo.com](mailto:evelinmart@yahoo.com).*



**SPARC**  
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*photo scavenger hunt*

Calling all Junior High Students  
(6th, 7th, & 8th)!!!

We are having an ADVENT photo  
scavenger hunt this Sunday,  
December 20th!

3:30pm—5pm in the youth room



### **Help!**

#### **"My House is Your House"**

We need some good people to pick up, launder and iron the small size linens used at every Mass. You only do one week's worth of linens. You will be called on 5 or 6 times a year out of the 52 week schedule. You would start in January. Contact Bonnie Diffley at 281-288-1448.

## 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 on Monday, January 11.

**Session II:** The Domestic Church: Catholic Family Life: 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Parish Life Center on Monday, January 25. It is a **required** follow up session for new parents and godparents, but all parishioners are welcome.

**To schedule Baptism, contact Deacon Nick 281-353-9774 at least 2 weeks before baptism date.**



December 20, 2015

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday, December 21**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday, December 22**

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ab; Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday, December 23**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, and 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday, December 24**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, and 29; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Friday, December 25**

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday, December 26**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Sunday, December 27**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Josephine Angeles  
Todd Amelin  
Herman Baechle  
Jayna Barnhill  
Mark Barniski  
Emma Barto  
Audrey Marie Blach  
Christopher Busa  
Kelly Hatcher Burnham  
June Butcher  
William Byers  
Robert Castiglione  
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Liz & Chuck Guillotte

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Tom Hannon  
Kristin Harris  
Mark Harris  
Gary Hawkins  
Margaret Hockman  
William Houghton  
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Jan Steinkuhl  
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Our Troops

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO  
THE NEW PRAYER LIST,  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE  
AT 281-353-9774.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 21**

8:30am † Bob Bernardic

**Tuesday, December 22**

8:30am † Victor & Victoria Psencik

**Wednesday, December 23**

6:30am † Michael Ledwig & Vince DeForke

8:30am † Helen & Leon Hyman

**Thursday, December 24**

4:00pm Special Intention

7:00pm † Heather Varosky

Midnight † Rev. Joseph Gietl

**Friday, December 25**

7:30am † Steven Dino

9:30am † Dottie Holloman

**Saturday, December 26**

8:30am LV Mr. & Mrs. Roland Tulod & Family

5:30pm † Mark Carrabine

**Sunday, December 27**

7:30am People of Saint Edward

9:30am † Bob Bernardic

11:30am † Gerry, Cory, Ralph & MaJoy Tabaldo

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