

My dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Edward,

Christ is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Scripture readings during these 40 days following Easter have much to tell us about the New Evangelization. Many think Evangelization-sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ-is a job reverted for the professionals; but we see, for example, Peter and John, two ordinary fishermen sharing their faith in Jesus by simply helping a crippled beggar to his feet, healing him in the name of Jesus and proclaiming their faith in Christ as their companionship with Jesus.

Spending more time each day in prayer can give us the same faith and courage to be Christ's evangelists.

To know Christ more deeply in faith is to become more aware of His presence in our daily lives, to take a moment from time to time to praise him, to ask for his help, and then take time to listen to him. We need to trust that he's there; that he will speak when he is ready and when he knows we are ready to hear him. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we need to be convinced with St. Paul that nothing matters more than knowing our Lord Jesus Christ and being with him.

I will be away on retreat from April 4th - 16th. I will keep you in my prayers. Please pray for me! Happy Blessed Easter! May the Lord bless and keep you and your family in grace, good health and love.

Fr. Christian

SAINT EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, the St. Edward $5^{th} - 8^{th}$ graders traveled to St. Ignatius Parish on Cypresswood Drive to experience the Holy Doors as part of the celebration of the Year of Mercy. Students entered through the Holy Doors and attended Mass. They were then guided through prayers, instructed to go to Reconciliation and perform a work of mercy within 20 days to earn a Plenary Indulgence. The Holy Doors are designated by the Archdiocese for the Year of Mercy.

Exciting Speaker at St. Edward

Serra Program Meeting Wednesday, March 30 Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Edward Parish Life Center

Guest Speaker: Lisa May, Director Archives Archdiocese Galveston/Houston Lisa will speak on how Catholic churches began in Galveston & spread to Houston. She is an amazing speaker giving the history of our churches.

All are invited to attend!!!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Office. "Protecting God's Children" is the program selected by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to educate clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with children and youth about child sexual abuse and the ways to create a safe environment for children. The 3-hour live session includes videos and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. Adults learn how to recognize the warning signs of sexual abuse and to respond appropriately. You will learn about steps that the faith community can take to create a safe environment for all God's children and how to respond when adults behave in a way that raises concerns.

A "Protecting God's Children" workshop will be held at St. Edward Parish on April 16, 2016 from 9:00am-12:00 noon in the Parish Life Center.

You must arrive at least 30 minutes early and preregister for this workshop online. We do not allow late admittance or walk-ins. You will need to re-schedule if you arrive late or do not pre-register online for this workshop.

There is no babysitting. No minor child, toddler or infant is permitted in the workshop. There is no exception to this. Do not bring children or youth to the class.

All attendees must have a current Driver's license (any state), State-issued Identification Card, Passport (any country), Mexico or Guatemala Consulate ID in order to attend a "Protecting God's Children" Workshop. When preregistering for the class, YOU MUST USE YOUR NAME and DATE OF BIRTH as it appears on your DL, ID, or Passport. Please pre-register online at www.virtusonline.org.

FAITH DIRECT—E-GIVING



The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good needs of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries

are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Edward with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code TX603.

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE

"Keeping the Promise Alive" is a mandatory refresher course that went into effect 2011-2012. Employees and volunteers are required to attend "Keeping the Promise Alive" after 5 years of attending the "Protecting God's Children"® program. It is a 1.5 hour session with one video that provides ongoing awareness for the prevention of child sexual abuse. The material covered in "Keeping the Promise Alive" is designed to identify and reinforce the lessons of the original "Protecting God's Children" program by clarifying some of the more challenging aspects of the sessions and strengthening the participants' ability to recognize risky behavior by adults in their environments and take action to intervene in potentially threatening situations.

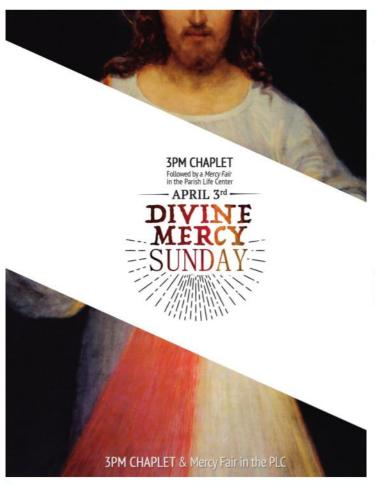
A "Keeping the Promise Alive" workshop will be held at St. Edward Parish on April 19, 2016 from 7pm-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

You must arrive at least 30 minutes early and preregister for this workshop online. We do not allow late admittance or walk-ins. You will need to re-schedule if you arrive late or do not pre-register online for this workshop.

There is no babysitting. No minor child, toddler or infant is permitted in the workshop. There is no exception to this. Do not bring children or youth to the class.

Registration:

Important note: Please log into your original account created when you attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children® workshop. If you do not remember your user id and password, please contact Jane Truttier, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator at 281-353-9774 or via email at jtruttier@saintedward.org.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FIESTA DINNER

It's Fiesta Dinner time again! Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of the Pines #2065, invite you to our annual delicious Mexican food dinner and evening of fun on March 31, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Plum Creek Drive. Meal tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from CDA members. For more information contact Janis Hatcher at 281-353-3622 or Kathy Palasota at 281-350-9512.

LOAVES & FISHES

"Pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold."
Food items that can be eaten "hot", "cold" or "in a pot" are needed at NAM's Nutritional Center.
All in kind or monetary donations received during the months of March and April will be matched by a benefactor.

Your generous donations during this time will be graciously appreciated. Stop by for a tour anytime. Y'all will be impressed.

WOMEN OF SAINT EDWARD



Please join us for a morning of reflection, hosted by the ladies of Christ Renews His Parish on April 30, 2016.

We will begin with Mass at 8:30am then gather in the Parish Life Center for a light breakfast followed by prayer and reflection centered on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

For more information or to RSVP contact Erin at emakel82026@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON., MARCH 28
Easter Monday—Offices Closed
TUES., MARCH 29

Spanish Bible Study, Parlor, 9:30am Youth Choir Practice, Church, 4:15pm

JP2CYAM Frisbee, Field, 6:00pm

Adult Confirmation Class, SEEC 22, 7:00pm

Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer, Chapel, 7:00pm

VBS Meeting, PLC, 7:00pm

WED., MARCH 30

Adult Bible Study, PLC MR, 9:30am

Blue Army Prayer Group, Chapel, 6:00pm

Adult Ed Class, SEEC 22, 6:30pm

CCE Class, 6:30pm

High School Bible Study, Youth Room, 7:00pm Serra Club-Archives Presentation, PLC, 7:30pm

THUR., MARCH 31

CRHP Team 7 Meeting, Annex, 6:00pm

Confessions, Church, 6:30pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour, Chapel, 7:00pm

RCIA, SEEC 22, 7:00pm

FRI., APRIL 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel, 9:00am Adult Ed Book Study, PLC MR, 8:30am

SAT., APRIL 2

That Man is You, PLC, 6:30pm

Scout-Raingutter Regatta, Outside, 9:00am

Confessions, Church, 4:00pm

SUN., APRIL 3

SPARC Bake Sale, PLC, after Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel, 9:30am

RCIC, SEEC 21, 12:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church, 3:00pm

SPARC, 3:30pm

Mercy Fair, PLC, 4:00pm

High School Youth Group, Youth Room, 7:00pm

Consoling the Heart of Jesus Study, SEEC 22, 7:15pm

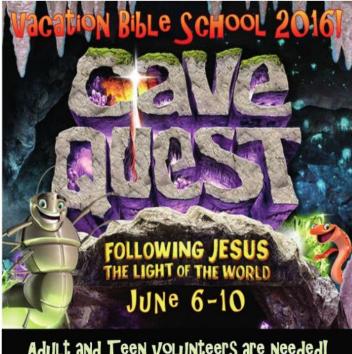


Help us take a bite out of fundraising!

SUMAPRIL 3 after all Masses

Proceeds to benefit St. Edward Junior High Youth Group (Sparc).

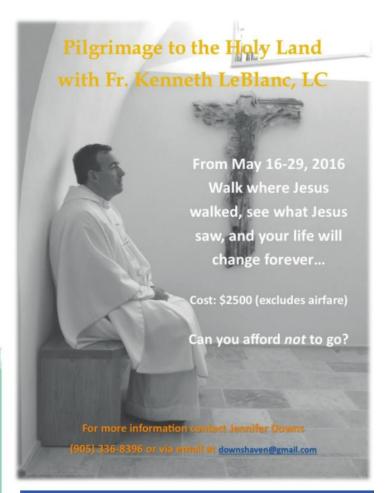
Contact Lauren White if you wish to bring any baked goods at lwhite@saintedward.org



Adult and Teen Volunteers are needed!

Call the parish office or email Jackie Shereen

Jackie@classic-innovations.com



Eagle Scout Project - Clarity for Charity Update

Dear St. Edward Parish Family,

As many of you know, I started off my Eagle Scout Project with a goal of collecting 1,000 pairs of prescription or reading eyeglasses, sunglasses, frames, cases and cleaning wipes. I have coordinated the first delivery to The Guerrero Eye Surgery team and will deliver just 2,400 units at that time. I had approximately 365 units when we began the drive at St. Edward Church. In just two weekends, you have responded with a little over 2,000 units, and glasses are still coming in. This spectacular result would not have been possible without your help and commitment. I would like to thank you (along with the impoverished people your donations will help) from the bottom of my heart for your consideration and generosity.

Many Blessings,

Seth Fagan, St. Edward BSA Troop 1665

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is one of the great treasures of the Christian tradition of prayer. This tradition of prayer flows out of a Hebrew method of studying the Scriptures, which was called haggadah. Haggadah was an interactive interpretation of the Scriptures by means of the free use of the text to explore its inner meaning. It was part of the devotional practice of the Jews in the days of Jesus.

The ancient practice of Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) - the prayerful reading of Scripture - is being rediscovered and renewed in our time. Notice that it is a prayer tradition. We need to distinguish Lectio Divina from Bible or Scripture study, which provides a solid conceptual background for the practice of Lectio Divina. Scripture study is a way of exploring the stories and teachings of a religious tradition through analysis of its sacred texts. Lectio Divina is a contemplative practice that is a direct way of connecting to and relating with God.

Come join us as we continue the celebration of Easter to Pentecost with 6 sessions of the prayer of Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. Join Deacon Dom and our community as we start on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 8pm the Tuesday after Easter, March 29th. Location: Chapel. To sign up for class, please email: dominic@SMSeminary.com

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SAINT EDWARD FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



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May 20th | 7:10PM

Come out to the ballpark for St. Edward's first annual family night at the ballpark! All St. Edward parishioners will receive a special discount to the Astros first home game versus the Rangers for the 2016 season.

Cost per ticket: Field Box II \$63 or View Deck I \$25. An Astros representative will sell tickets at the church on April 10th. Cash and check are accepted methods of payment. Proceeds from each ticket will benefit Christ Renews His Parish Women's Retreat.

Questions? Please contact Marivel Andrade at 281-798-9551 or marivel33@icloud.com.

ST. EDWARD RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 10, at 10:40 in the PLC Meeting Room. We would love to have you join us and bring a friend!

"Write for Life Banquet"

Saturday, April 16, 6:30 - 8:30p.m. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Join us for a Mel's Country Kitchen dinner and national key note speaker, Shawn Carney, who is President and one of the original founders of 40 Days for Life. The evening will also include the three 8th grade "Write for Life Scholarship" winners being presented their scholarships.

\$20 for adults, \$15 for children/student Please call Marilyn Burns for tickets: 281-782-5555

Did You Know?

10 states have now defunded Planned Parenthood after the company was caught on undercover videos selling the body parts of aborted babies, which is a federal crime: Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Ohio, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin Also, four more states have passed bills to defund PP. These bills are waiting on governor signatures: Florida, Indiana, Missouri, and Virginia.

HELP NEEDED—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Worker-bees are needed to help serve and clean-up on Hospitality Sunday.



Our ministry calls for volunteering one Sunday a month (the second Sunday) when we serve the parish. Currently, we are in need of volunteers who can help set up, serve or clean up at each or all Masses on Hospitality Sunday. You can forge friendships and meet new people.

Two areas of help are most needed:

- Help is especially needed during and after the 11:30 Mass!
- A part-time Coordinator is needed to help run the Hospitality Sunday - just 4 Sundays out of the year!

Please call the parish office 281-353-9774 if you can help in any of these areas.

It is a privilege to serve our fellow parishioners!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, March 28

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15 Tuesday, March 29

Acts 2:36-4; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, and 22: Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, March 30 Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, March 31

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, and 5, 6-7, 8 -9; Lk 24:35-48 Friday, April 1

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14 Saturday, April 2

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15 Sunday, April 3

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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Our Troops

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 28 8:30am † Rosa Balana Tuesday, March 29

8:30am † Juliana Hermano Wednesday, March 30

6:30am + Wally Zallek 8:30am † Leon Gregory Thursday, March 31

6:30am LV Mari Eng and daughter 8:30am † Carol Ann Lund

Friday, April 1

8:30am † Eilalio Montalvo 12:10pm † Rita Turner

Saturday, April 2

8:30pm † Rosemary Vallejo 5:30pm † Martin Sopchak

Sunday, April 3

7:30am People of Saint Edward

9:30am † Jackie Jordan 11:30am † Clayton Keeling

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