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December 25, 2016
The Nativity of The Lord

St. Edward

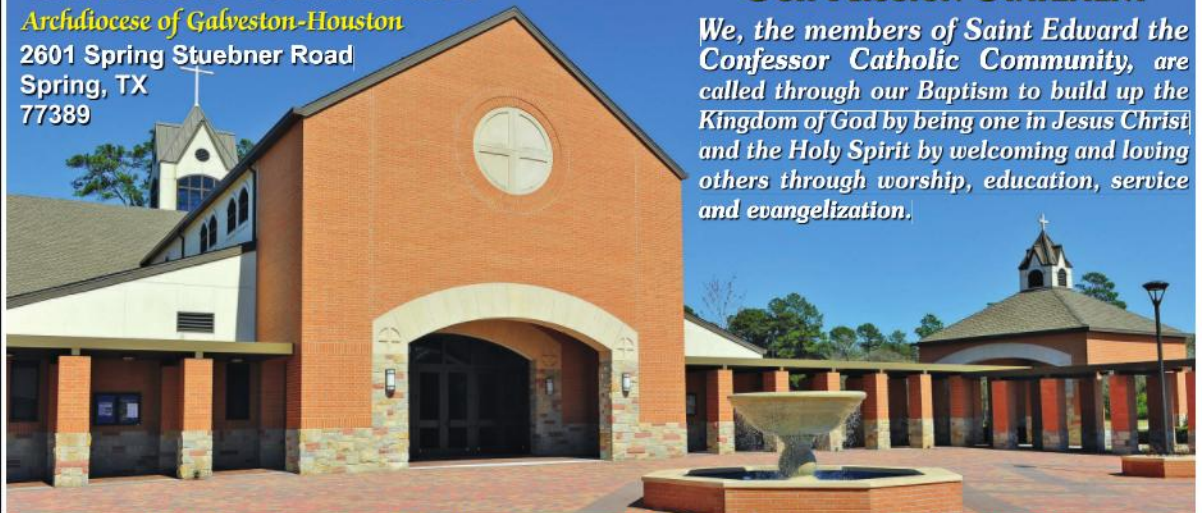
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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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-Thursday 8:00am
Friday 11:30am

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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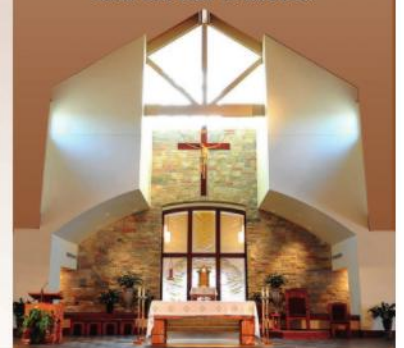
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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

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.



For today
in the city
of David
a savior
has been born
for you
who is
**MESSIAH
and LORD.**

Luke 2:11





Merry Christmas!



Dear Parishioners,

With deep joy and gratitude, together with Father Thomas, deacons and staff, we extend to you our prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas.

During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

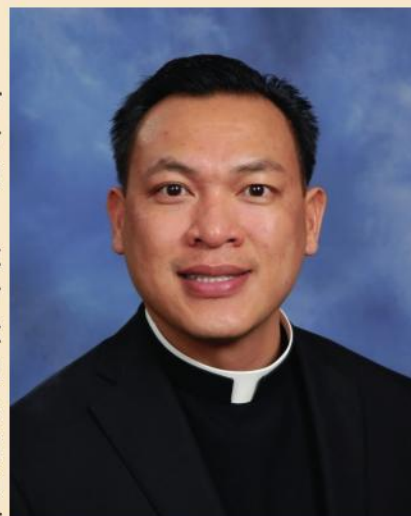
I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved St. Edward Parish always.

I am overwhelmed with joy by all the love, support and all the greetings and gifts that were given to me this Christmas. Thank you all.

A Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with peace and holiness to all families, benefactors and friends.

With prayerful best wishes for you and your loved ones, I am
Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Christian Bui





Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

December 31
5:30pm

January 1
7:30am
9:30am
11:30am

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.

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

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

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND



Our goal for this year's DSF is \$170,000. We are short of this goal. If you have not made a pledge to support the Diocesan Services Fund, we urge you to do so as soon as possible. If we do not meet this goal, we will be billed by the Archdiocese.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Edward Catholic Community and the Holy Spirit are looking for energetic, organized, and welcoming individuals to join the Pastoral Council. Do you feel called to take an active role in fostering and developing St. Edwards in partnership with Father Christian? Do you have talents you can share with your fellow brothers and sisters? Talents that include communication, collaboration, creativity, and caring? Come be a part of the team that welcomes our brothers and sisters in Christ and provides a positive environment for spirituality and fellowship. Our community is growing every day. Help us meet the needs of that ever changing community. Help us achieve our goals on the Pastoral Plan. Help us implement new ideas and improve the old ones. The best is yet to come!

Pastoral Council members are chosen through a discernment process and the requirements for nomination include being a registered member of the St. Edward Catholic Community and a practicing Catholic 18 years of age or older. Pastoral Council members will contact nominees, answer any questions, and invite them to a formal discernment process on 1-28-2017. At that time, through a prayerful process, 3 new pastoral council members will be discerned. These members will serve a 3 year term on the Council.

We will call for nominations during Mass on 1-7 and 1-8. We look forward to seeing you at discernment.

ST. EDWARD MEN'S RETREAT

"Behold! A Retreat with Our Lady: Mother, Intercessor and Disciple"



Keep the Joy of Christmas alive in your heart and mind. Come, join the men of St Edward parish in making a retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center on January 13-15, 2017. The Scripture text which inspired the theme is the Wedding Feast of Cana (Jn 8:1-11). The Mother of

Jesus was present at the wedding, she intercedes on behalf of the hosts and guest for they have no more wine and she instructs the servants – representing all who follow him as disciples – to "Do as he tells you." Mary shows us the Way. Call John Zak 713-569-1364, Mike Little 281-465-0433, or Joe Notaro 281-355-5402 for more information, or online at www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, December 26

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

Tuesday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday, December 30

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON., DECEMBER 26

Christmas Holiday—Offices Closed

TUES., DECEMBER 27

Christmas Holiday—Offices Closed

WED., DECEMBER 28

Adult Bible Study, PLC MR, 9:30am

THUR., DECEMBER 29

Confessions, Church, 6:30pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour, Chapel, 7:00pm

FRI., DECEMBER 30

No Events Scheduled

SAT., DECEMBER 31

Confessions, 4:00pm

Solemnity of Mary

Mass at 5:30pm

SUN., JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary

Masses are at:

7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am



2017 CALENDARS



The 2017 calendars will be available the weekend of December 31/January 1.

SENIOR SAINTS



The regular meeting of Saint Edward Senior Saints will be held on Wednesday, January 4th in the Parish Life Center. Fellowship begins at 9:30 with coffee and donuts. Bingo and games will be enjoyed by all

following the business meeting.

We have Precinct 4 bus trips planned for the next few months. Please come to the meetings to learn more about these events and sign up to attend.

If you are 50 years of age and young at heart, come and join us for a fun time.



Catholic Schools Week

"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service"

Jan. 29 – Feb. 4, 2017

St. Edward Catholic School Open House

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017

8:30 am – 2:30 pm (Tours throughout the day.)



We welcome parishioners and families seeking a school with a rigorous curriculum, Catholic faith formation, community service, strong character building, extra-curricular activities and much more to visit us at the Open House.

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL GALA AND AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

The evening of Saturday, May 6, 2017
in the Parish Life Center.

Contact Gina Lawson at 281-353-4570 or glawson@stedwardschool.org for more information.

“Growing in Love”

Mother-Daughter / Father-Son Program

January 29 / 4:30-7:30 pm

Parish Life Center and Gym



The Mother-Daughter and Father-Son programs have been developed by the Archdiocese to help parents and preteens manage the transition from childhood to adolescence, and on to adulthood. The program includes specific content on how emotional and physical changes prepare preteens for adulthood, and God's plan for creating new life through marriage. The program is open to all Jr. High youth and parents / mentors. ***Note: All youth MUST be***

accompanied by a parent or other adult to attend.

Registration & Other Important Information: the cost is \$25 per person. For registration information, please contact Lauren White at lwhite@saintedward.org / 281-353-9774

Vocations Discernment Opportunities for Women

Carmelite Monastery Visit:

January 7 – For single women ages 18 – 35 who want to know more about contemplative life and religious life. Participants will visit the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in New Caney, Texas, including midday prayer, and lunch. Departure from downtown Chancery parking lot at 8:30am; 2:30pm return arrival. Space is limited; registration required. Deadline to register is Jan 2. For more information call 713-652-8236 or visit www.houstonvocations.com/monastery-visit

Overnight Convent Stay:

January 7 – For single women ages 18 – 45 who are interested in religious life. Participants will have an opportunity to stay overnight at the Dominican Sisters' Spirituality Center in order to have “down time” to process the Monastery visit, to just visit and talk informally, have dinner and evening prayer, and maybe see a movie together. 3:00 pm – 8:45 am. Deadline to register: Jan. 2. For more information call 713-652-8239 or visit www.houstonvocations.com

Gathering in the Upper Room: An Interlude with God

January 8 – For single women ages 18 – 45 who are interested in religious life. What a nice way to spend a Sunday: Guided reflections, private prayer time, sharing with other women and Sisters, plus Mass and lunch together. Deadline to register: Jan. 2. For more information, call 713-652-8239 or visit www.houstonvocations.com/upper-room

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers this week as we wish them a return to good health:

Monday, December 26
8:30am † Mark Carrabine

Tuesday, December 27
8:30am † Helen Mellinger

Wednesday, December 28
6:30am † Pat de Castro
8:30am † Alvaro Dias

Thursday, December 29
6:30am † Tianwah Lao
8:30am † Florencia Coronado & Macaria Reyes

Friday, December 30
8:30am † Tianwah Lao
12:10pm † Ken Nelson

Saturday, December 31
8:30am LV Jose Rebollo
5:30pm † Amy Brasseaux

Sunday, January 1
7:30am † Joseph & Anne Vargyas
9:30am People of Saint Edward
11:30am † Andy Duprey

To make a request for someone to be on our prayer list, please call the parish office at 281-353-9774. Your loved one's name will appear on our prayer list for six consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call to renew your request.

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