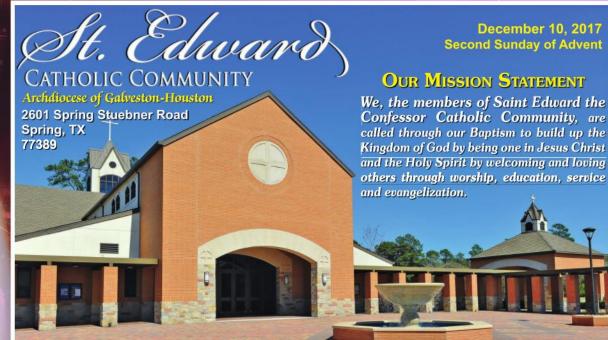
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12:10 p.m.

Friday

CONFESSIONS

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

ROSARY

Monday-Thursday 8:00am Friday 11:30am

HOLY HOUR

Thursday

7:00 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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Advent is the period when we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ among us two millennia ago, but we also believe that he is coming among us now and so we have to be prepared to receive him, and we know that he will come again at the end of time and we have to prepare the world for his coming.

"When God was making trees, He gave a gift to each species. But first he set up a contest to determine which gift would be most useful to whom. He said to them, "I want you to stay awake and keep watch over the earth for seven nights." The trees were very excited to be trusted with such an important task. The first night they



would have found it difficult not to stay awake. However, the second night was not so easy, and just before dawn a few fell asleep. On the third night, the trees whispered among themselves in an effort to keep from drooping off to sleep. Even so, it proved too much for some of them. Still more fell asleep on the fourth night. By the time the seventh night arrived the only trees awake were the cedar, the pine, the spruce, the fir, the holly, and the laurel. God looked at this little group of trees and said, "What wonderful endurance you have! You will be given the gift of remaining green forever. You will be the guardians of the forest. Even in the seeming dead of winter, your brother and sister trees will find life protected in your branches." Ever since then all the trees and plants shed their leaves and sleep all winter long, but the evergreens stay awake. "

This story by John Shea illustrates the two major themes of Advent: wakefulness in the midst of sleepiness, and greenness in the midst of barrenness. The evergreens show us what our role as Christians is. It is to be awake among the sleeping, to be green in the midst of the barren. We are called to be evergreen followers of Christ. This means to be active, watchful, and become faithful disciples in this advent season.



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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14;

2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

CHRISTMAS TOY BAGS



Then they opened their

treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

Please return your Christmas "gift" bags on or before **December 10th.** All bags have been taken; however, all "treasures" accepted.

CHRISTMAS SINGERS

NEEDED! Students in grades 3-8 are invited to sing with the

St. Edward Church Youth Choir for the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30 p.m. Students interested in participating must attend at least 2 of the rehearsals listed below.

*Tuesday, December 12th, 4:15-5:00 p.m. in the church

*Friday, December 22nd, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, BE SEATED IN CHOIR AREA BY 4:40 P.M. For more information contact

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ST Dec. 2-8	EWARDSHIP	
	Weekly	Y-T-D
Number of Envelopes	310	
Number of Loose Checks 100		
Collection Total	\$ 29,166	639,588
Budget	\$ 30,000	683,266
Over/(Under) Budget	(834)	(43,678)

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, December 13, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at McAlister's Deli, 9477 FM 1960 (at Townsen) in Humble. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha's or St. Mary Magdalene's website.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON., DECEMBER 11

Chess Club. Room 22, 3:15pm

Boys Basketball Practice, Gym, 3:20pm

Cub Scout Pack 1665, Annex, 6:30pm

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

Choir Practice, Church, 7:00pm

Rosary for Vocations, Chapel, 7:00pm

Boy Scouts, Youth Room, 7:00pm

TUES ., DECEMBER 12

Band Practice, PLC, 7:00am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Church, 8:30am

School Christmas Program REHEARSAL, PLC, 12:45pm

Boy's Basketball Practice, Gym, 3:20pm

Youth Choir Practice, Church, 4:00pm

Booster Club Meeting, PLC, 5:30pm

PTO Meeting, PLC, 6:30pm

CDA Officers Meeting, Annex, 6:30pm

Men's CRHP Team 1, Room 22, 7:00pm

WED., DECEMBER 13

Adult Bible Study, PLC, 9:30am

Daisy Girl Scout Meeting, Room 2, 3:15pm

Adult Faith Formation, Rm-22, 6:00pm

CCE Class, Room 22, 6:00pm

School Christmas Program, Church, 6:00pm

Blue Army Group, Chapel, 6:30pm

H.S. Bible Study, Youth Room, 7:00pm

THUR., DECEMBER 14

Band Practice, PLC, 7:00am

Boy's Basketball Practice, Gym, 3:20pm

Girl's Basketball Game, Gym, 4:30pm

Confessions, Church, 6:30pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour, Chapel, 7:00pm

RCIA Pre-Catechumenate, Rm-22, 7:00pm

SPARC CORE Meeting, Youth Room, 7:00pm

FRI., DECEMBER 15

Martha's Moms, PLC, 9:30am

Webelos I/Bear Den Meeting, Annex, 6:30am

Wolf II Den Meeting, Room 2, 6:30pm

SAT., DECEMBER 16

Confessions, Church, 4:00pm

Simbang Gabi Mass, Church, 7:30pm

Simbang Gabi Reception, PLC, 8:30pm

Sun., December 17

No Youth Group

Breakfast w/Santa- Youth Group, PLC, 8:30am

RCIA Catechumenate, Room 22, 10:00am

RCIC, Room 21, 10:30am

KC Squires, Annex, 10:45am

SPARC, Youth Room, 3:30pm

CCE Classes, Parish Grounds, 5:30pm

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Luke 10:2

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few. Ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest." Have you ever thought about praying for vocations? We are called to



petition God for all our needs. Our Church needs priests and religious layman to continue its mission here on earth. Come join the Vocation team in praying the rosary for Vocations every 2nd Monday of the month.at 7pm in the chapel.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events/Admissions
Deadlines for Frassati Catholic High
School

December 15-16 at 7 p.m.: Theater Production: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma! Tickets are \$5 and are available at frassaticatholic.org/
Oklahoma.

Frassati Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2018-19 academic year. Important dates in the admissions process are listed below.

January 15: Priority Application Deadline. Apply today at frassaticatholic.org/apply. January 20: High School Placement Test. Register online at frassaticatholic.org/entrance-exam

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US BEFORE DAILY MASS MON-DAY thru SATURDAY AT 8:00 A.M. FRIDAYS AT 11:30 A.M. (EXCEPT 1ST FRIDAY)

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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:

Week 1 Deanne Nevman Joseph Stachulak Mary Coffey Cynthia Fall Vincent Lucido Oberdick Family Parsons Family Rocco Family Traewick Family Roy Cason

Bobbye & James Jenkins Betty Lowe

Frank Carrabine Yogi Ybarra Carolyn Wawrykow George Wawrykow Tania Wawrykow Wayne Wohlfred Thomas Michael Cooney Madilyn Witsberger

Week 2

Gene Hyman Robert Cieslak Mary Ann & Joe Harper Anthony Hemandez Robert Anderson Week 3 Beverly Canales Ms. Nitty Ben Stidd

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Week4 Stephanie Espinosa Lilia Rivera Molly Ramirez

Leigh Rigby

Matt Herbison Sandra & Richard Nowak Anthony Choo Choo Villarreal

Paul Duprey Gilbert Koteras

Week 5 Rodney Stead Jean Bivins Christopher Bussa

Janet Blake Colbie Guyton Steve Hutchens Mel Pollock Ann Doepke Marvelia Novakoski Norma Portier

Week 6 Our Troops & First Responders

The Family of Curtis Norfleet The Family of Paul Sauseda The Family of Ernest Munshower The Family of Nora Kenski

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 11 8:30am LV Eli Rivera III Tuesday, December 12 8:30am † Emmanuel Mamo Wednesday, December 13

6:30am † Tony Thesing 8:30am LV John Michael & Johnny Guenther

Thursday, December 14

6:30am † Grace Keffer 8:30am † Jarrett Jesulaitis

Friday, December 15

8:30am † Theresa Kennedy 12:10pm † Msgr. Al R. Doga Saturday, December 16 8:30am † Faviola Ruelo

5:30pm † Msgr. Al Doga Sunday, December 17

People of St. Edward 7:30am 9:30am † Bob Bernardic 11:30am Kathleen McMillian



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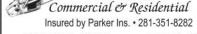
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