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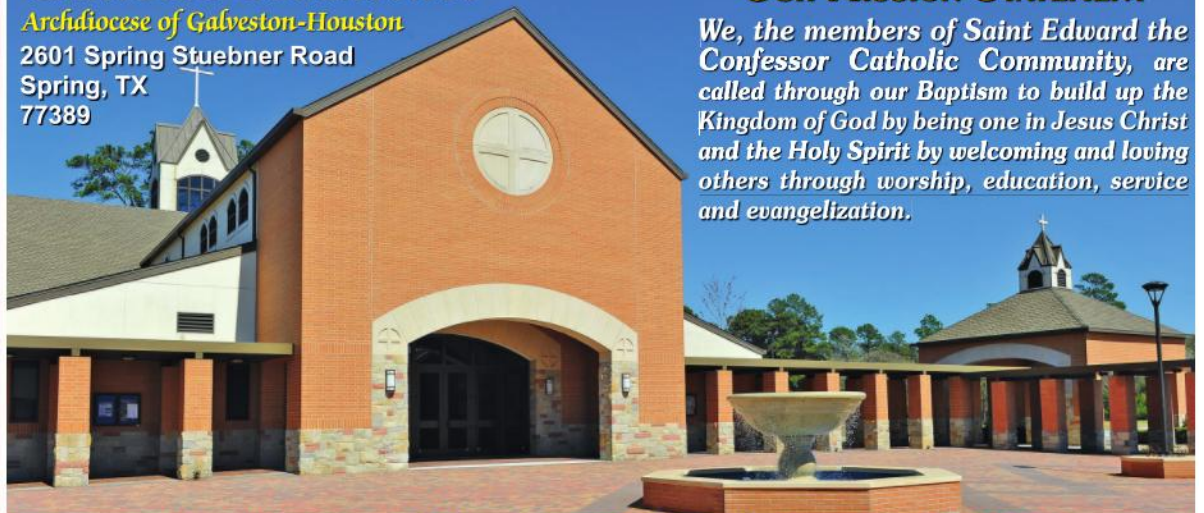
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

2601 Spring Stuebner Road
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December 17, 2017
Third 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-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.

ANOIDTING 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.

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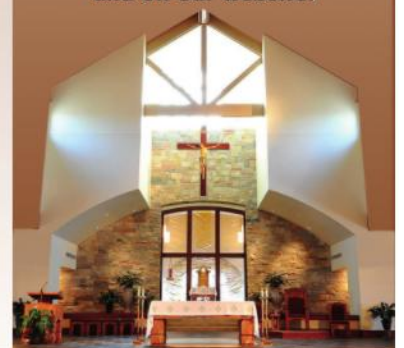
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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

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.



Dear Parishioners,

The third Sunday of Advent is known as “Gaudete Sunday.” In the readings, we hear about miracles associated with the Messianic age, its coming, and what we need to do to prepare.

Most of the time, we get so busy in the external preparations for Christmas as we think of the gifts that we want to give the people we love, the decorations we plan for our homes, shopping and cooking the food for our Christmas dinner, and the countless Christmas parties. There is nothing wrong with those things. They are good in the sense that they will add to the beauty of celebrating Jesus Christ’s birth. But let us be reminded, the preparation we do during the Advent season is also a preparation for his return; so, we must prepare our souls as well. Let us remember to examine our conscience and repent from our sins. Let us ask our Lord’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us take time also, to reach out to our brothers and sisters in the community who might need our love and service especially this time of year.

As a community, let us journey together through this season of Advent to prepare not only for Christmas – Jesus Christ’s humble birth – but also for Jesus Christ’s coming again in glory. May our preparation be complete. Have a blessed season of Advent everyone!

In Christ,

Fr. Christian



Children's Christmas Mass

Our annual parish Children’s Christmas Mass will take place at 5:30 on Sunday, December 24. As always, all children of the parish in grades K-8 are invited to participate.

Children’s Choir (Grade 3-8): The children’s choir will sing at the Children’s Mass. *Rehearsals are Tuesday, December 5 & 12th from 4:15-5pm and Thursday, December 21 from 10-*

11:30am. All rehearsals are in the church. Contact person is Mrs. Linda

Gonzalez, erlindahg@aol.com

Gospel Characters (PreK 4 – grade 5): Children may dress as angels, shepherds, or sheep. We also need older elementary children for a few special roles. Parents will need to supply a costume for their child. *Children should attend pageant rehearsal on Tuesday, December 19 from 6:30-7:30pm in the church.* Contact person is Mary Wilmot, mwilmot@saintedward.org

Parent Helpers We need parent helpers to assist with the children! If you are Virtus trained and would like to help, contact Amy Auzenne, aauzenne@saintedward.org .



ROSARY TO OUR LADY

The Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary to Our Lady on the 5th Sunday of each month this year. Meet in the Rosary Garden after the 11:30am Mass December 31.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Married Couples –

Shopping Tip. It has been said that the **greatest gift** you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. Check with us for the next scheduled weekends close to you. Visit us at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.



CHRISTMAS SINGERS NEEDED!

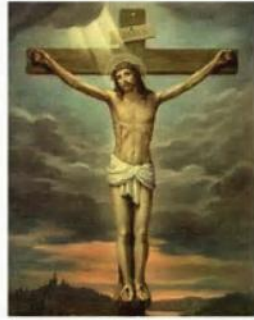
Students in grades 3-8 are invited to sing with the St. Edward Church Youth Choir for the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30 p.m. Students interested in participating must attend at least 2 of the rehearsals listed below.

***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

Mrs. Gonzalez 281-370-2911
erlindahg@aol.com or Mrs. Jordan
281 251-7310.

“Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope”



Join the men of our parish for a retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center on January 12-14, 2018. For information call John Zak 713-569-1364, Mike Little 281-465-0433, or Joe Notaro 281-355-5402. To register online go to <https://holynameretreatcenter.com/retreats-2/catholic-retreats/mens-retreats/> then click on January 12-14, 2018.

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



Explore a bit! Join **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older**, on Wednesday, December 20, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at RC's Pizza, 1202 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha's or St. Mary Magdalene's website.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON., DECEMBER 18

Chess Club, Room 22, 3:15pm
Boys Basketball Practice, Gym, 3:20pm
K of C 1st Degree Ceremony, Annex, 6:30pm
Boy Scouts, Youth Room, 7:00pm
Choir Practice, Church, 7:00pm

TUES., DECEMBER 19

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, Church, 6:30pm

Men's CRHP Team 2, Annex, 7:00pm

WED., DECEMBER 20

No Adult Bible Study,
No Adult Faith Formation,
No CCE Class,
No H.S. Bible Study,
K of C Officers' Meeting, Annex, 7:00pm

THUR., DECEMBER 21

Confessions, Church, 6:30pm
Eucharistic Holy Hour, Chapel, 7:00pm
No RCIA Pre-Catechumenate,

FRI., DECEMBER 22

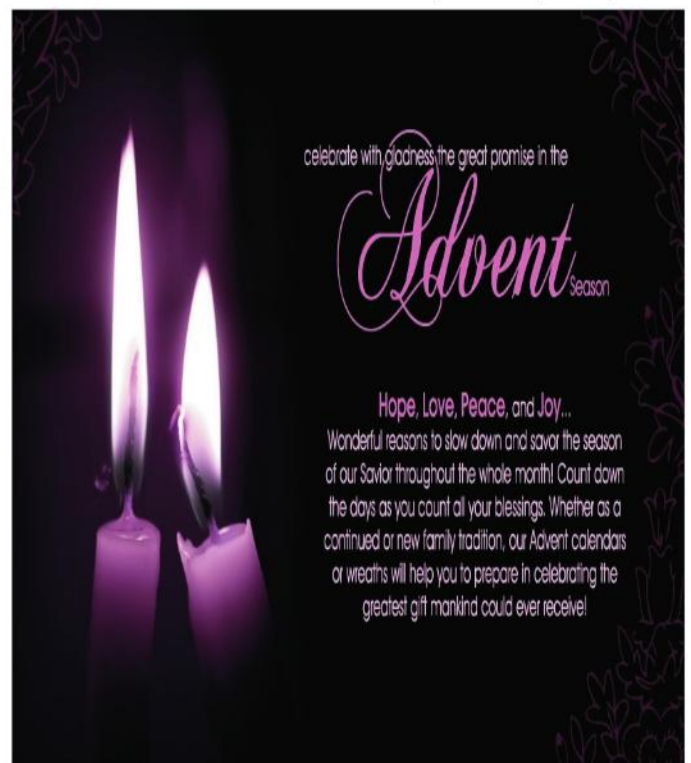
Offices Close @ Noon—Christmas Holiday
Youth Choir Practice, Church, 10:00am

SAT., DECEMBER 23

Confessions, Church, 4:00pm

Sun., December 24

Children's Christmas Eve Mass, Church, 5:30pm



Advent Conspiracy

@ St. Edward Catholic Church

This Advent, St. Edward is participating in an "Advent Conspiracy." Along with hundreds of other churches, we are conspiring to take back Christmas - back to Bethlehem, back to the manger, back to Jesus. Join us as we discover how we can worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all this Christmas!

LEARN MORE: <http://www.adventconspiracy.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AdventConspiracyatSt.Edward/>

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We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we're ready to drop.

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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 2

Karen Hutchens
Deanne Neyman
Joseph Stachulak
Mary Coffey
Cynthia Fall
Vincent Lucido
Oberdick Family
Parsons Family
Rocco Family
Traewick Family
Roy Cason
Bobbie & James Jenkins
Betty Lowe
Frank Carrabine
Yogi Ybarra
Carolyn Wawrykow
George Wawrykow
Tania Wawrykow
Wayne Wohlfred
Thomas Michael Cooney
Madilyn Witsberger

Week 3

Gene Hyman
Robert Cieslak
Mary Ann & Joe Harper
Anthony Hernandez
Robert Anderson

Week 4

Beverly Canales
Ms. Nitty
Ben Stidd
Mary Mobley
William Byers
Jose Rebolledo
Shannon Buzek
Jay Espinosa
George & Martha Ortiz
Ava Stone
Leigh Rigby

Week 5

Stephanie Espinosa
Lilia Rivera
Molly Ramirez
Matt Herbison
Sandra & Richard Nowak
Anthony Choo Choo Villarreal
Paul Duprey
Gilbert Koteris

Week 6

Rodney Stead
Jean Bivins
Christopher Bussa
Janet Blake
Kolbie Guyton
Steve Hutchens
Mel Pollock
Ann Doepke
Marvelia Novakoski
Norma Portier

Our Troops

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18

8:30am LV Molly Kafarela

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am † Michael Ledwig & Vince DeForke

Wednesday, December 20

6:30am † Jim Psencik

8:30am † Thomas Garcia

Thursday, December 21

6:30am † Robert Stanley

8:30am † Stephen Matus

Friday, December 22

8:30am † Mary Alice Norfleet

12:10pm † Victor & Victoria Psencik

Saturday, December 23

8:30am LV Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Canson Jr.

5:30pm † C.R. Doepke Jr.

Sunday, December 24

7:30am † Heather Varosky

9:30am † Bella Desiderio

11:30am People of St. Edward

5:30 Vigil † Helen & Leon Hyman & Henry Howland

Midnight Mass † Bridget & Paulinus EzeFunamba

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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