

# Advent



## St. Edward CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

2601 Spring Stuebner Road  
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December 2, 2018  
First 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 am & 5:30 pm  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am  
Monday-Friday 8:30 am  
Wednesday & Thursday 6:30 am  
Friday 12:10 pm

#### CONFESSIONS

Thursday 6:30-7:00 pm  
SATURDAY 4:00-5:00 pm

#### ROSARY

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

#### HOLY HOUR

Thursday 7:00 pm

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT  
1st Friday 9:00 am-6:00 pm  
Benediction at 5:45 pm

#### RCIA

Thursday, 7:00 pm 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 pm. Dates/times subject to change. Call office or website to confirm.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12:00 noon;  
1:00-4:30 pm; 6:00-9:00 pm

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Christian Bui *Pastor*  
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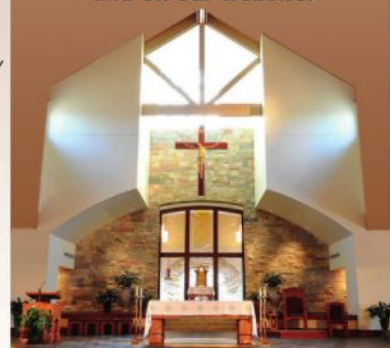
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#### DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

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.*



## Fr. Christian's Pastoral Message

Dear St. Edward Parishioners and School Community:

As we begin this Season of Advent, let us be reminded of what it means to follow Jesus Christ. We are anticipating not only the birthday of Jesus but also his second and final coming. The Season of Advent is a time of preparation. We should be preparing ourselves for the second coming of Jesus Christ and not just for the celebration of Christmas. I would like you to reflect on how you've been preparing this Advent Season.

Now that the Christmas season is near, are we so busy with the preparations for our celebrations that we forget the real reason why we are preparing? With all the efforts we make for home decorations, the carefully wrapped gifts, the delicious food and drinks, let us also make efforts for our spiritual preparations for the second and final coming of the Lord. There is nothing wrong with our external preparations, but our internal (spiritual) preparations done during the Advent Season are way more important than anything. We must not omit the traditions of our Christian faith that can help us with our spiritual preparations as we go through the Advent Season; the Advent Wreath, the Advent Activity Calendar, and so many others. I would like to encourage you to go through at least one of these Advent traditions that we have and really prepare yourselves spiritually, not only for the birthday of Jesus, but also and more importantly for his second and final coming. As part of your spiritual preparation, I would like to recommend you read "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" by Matthew Kelly. Have a blessed Advent Season!

In Christ,

Fr. Christian



**ST. EDWARD YOUTH PRESENTS**

**SUGGESTED DONATION \$5**

**COME GET YOUR PICTURES WITH SANTA!**

**A PANCAKE BREAKFAST with Santa**

**DECEMBER 9TH**

**AFTER EVERY SUNDAY MASS!**



## Catholic Daughters Tamale and Raffle fundraiser

Court Our Lady of the Pines #2065 will host our annual Tamales Plus Fundraiser in the Parish Life Center the weekend of **December 8th & 9th**. Stop by after all Masses during this weekend to purchase your tamales or pick up your pre-orders hot and ready to eat! We are selling beef, chicken and pork tamales (wrapped in foil by the dozen) for \$12 for one dozen. Or, if you buy multiple dozens, we are selling them for \$11 each dozen. Enjoy your tamales now or stock up the freezer for your holiday parties. These tamales are all gluten free, and will stay fresh for up to six months if properly frozen. Don't miss out; make sure to come by and get your tamales early.

We will also offer a **raffle to win four holiday wreaths**. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each chance, or \$5 for six chances. You do NOT have to be present to win; and all drawings will take place **after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday the 9th**.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support various Catholic Daughter's charities and projects in our local communities. Thank you in advance for your support! Feel free to contact Shirley Casassa at [shirleycasassa@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleycasassa@yahoo.com) (713-416-5307) if you have any questions.

## 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 2nd**. All bags have been taken; however, all "treasures" accepted.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</b> Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</b> Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



## DSF SUMMARY REPORT—2018

Parish Goal	\$170,000.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$150,979.69
Pledged Under Goal	(\$19,020.31)

Remember if we do not meet our DSF goal, the Archdiocese bills the Parish for the difference.

## Text To Give

You can link your mobile phone number to your credit/debit card for easier giving. Text a dollar amount to 281-767-4313 and complete the one-time registration page to enroll in text gifts to St. Edward through Faith Direct.



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Date of Service	Parish Celebrating Service	Time
Mon, Dec 3, 2018	At Sts. Simon and Jude w/St. Anthony of Padua	6:00pm
Tues, Dec 4, 2018	At Christ the Good Shepherd, w/St. Edward, St. James	6:00pm
Thurs, Dec 6, 2018	At St. Martha, w/St. Mary Magdalene, St. John of the Cross	6:30pm
Tues, Dec 18, 2018	At St. Ignatius, w/St. Anne, Prince of Peace	6:30pm



## BEREAVEMENT GROUP POTLUCK

Let Us Break Bread Together

**Who:** If you have lost a loved one through death

**What:** Please join us for a Christmas dinner gathering

(Potluck - bring a dish to share)

**Where:** Parish Life Center Meeting Room

**When:** Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 6:00 pm

**Questions.** Call 281-376-1162 or 281-355-5402



## Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be a **Friday evening Vigil Mass at 6:00pm** and **Saturday, December 8 at 8:30 am**.



## Baptism Class Announcement

Due to the Christmas holiday, Baptism Class I & II will be combined and held on **Monday, December 10 at 7:00pm in the PLC**.

## Vocation Cross

**The Harvest is Great But the Laborers are few...**

The Vocation Cross serves as a reminder in your home for a week to pray for an increase in religious vocations. To sign up for the Cross, select a date and time in the binder located on the table in the narthex of the church. For more information please contact the Pastoral Office at 281-353-9774.



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MON., DECEMBER 3

**K of C Meeting**, Annex, 6:30pm

**Tiger Den Meeting**, Room 2, 6:30pm

**Webelos 1 Den Meeting**, Rm 4, 6:30pm

**Boy Scouts**, Youth Room, 7:00pm

**Choir Practice**, Church, 7:00pm

### TUES., DECEMBER 4

**Youth Choir Practice**, Church, 4:00pm

**Advent Penance Service at Christ the Good Shepherd**, 6:00pm

**Lion Den Meeting**, Room 4, 6:15pm

**Adult Confirmation Classes**, Room 22-Jr. High, 7:00pm

**Catholic Daughters Officers' Meeting**, PLC Meeting Room, 7:00pm

### WED., DECEMBER 5

**Adult Bible Study**, PLC Meeting Rm, 9:30am

**Senior Saints Meeting**, PLC, 9:30am

**Adult Faith Formation**, Room-22 Jr. High, 6:00pm

**CCE Classes**, Elementary Bldg., Jr. High Bldg., 6:00pm

**Bereavement Group**, PLC Meeting Room, 6:00pm

**Blue Army Room Discussion/ Prayer Cell**, Chapel, 6:00pm

**CCE Classes**, Elementary Building, Jr. High Building, 6:00pm

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

### THUR., DECEMBER 6

**Confessions**, Church, 6:30pm

**Eucharistic Holy Hour**, Chapel, 7:00pm

**RCIA Pre-Catechumenate**, Room 22-Jr. High, 7:00pm

### FRI., DECEMBER 7

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, Chapel, 9:00am

**Girl Scout Troop 106249**, Room 4, 2:30pm

**Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass**, Church, 6:00pm

**Girls Tiger Den**, Annex, 6:30pm

**Webelos II Meeting**, Youth Room, 7:00pm.

### SAT., DECEMBER 8

**That Man is You**, PLC, 6:30am

**Stitches of Peace**, Annex, 8:30am

**Confessions**, Church, 4:00pm

**CDA Tamale Fundraiser**, PLC, 6:30pm

### SUN., DECEMBER 9

**NO H.S. YOUTH GROUP**

**NO SPARC**

**Blood Drive**, Annex, 7:00am

**CDA Tamale Fundraiser**, PLC, 8:30am

**Pancake Breakfast w/ Santa-Youth Group Fundraiser**, PLC Meeting Room, 8:30am

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

**RCIA-Mass & BOW**, Room 22-Jr. High, 9:30am,

**RCIC**, Room 21 Jr. High, 10:30am,

**KC Squires**, Gym, 10:45am

**Adult Faith Formation**, PLC, 5:30pm

**CCE Classes**, Elementary Building, Jr. High Building, PLC Meeting Room, Room 22-Jr. High

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**DECEMBER**

**9**

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## **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 4:00 p.m.

Students interested in participating must attend at least 3 of the rehearsals listed below.

\*Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:15-5:00

\*Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:15-5:00 p.m. in the church.

\*Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the church

\*Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in church

Monday, DECEMBER 24, BE SEATED IN CHOIR AREA BY 3:15 P.M.

Carols begin at 3:30 and Mass promptly at 4 p.m.

Please respond via email to Mrs. Gonzalez  
erlindahg@aol.com

Mrs. Gonzalez 281 370-2911 [erlindahg@aol.com](mailto:erlindahg@aol.com) or Mrs. Jordan 281 251-7310.

## **Senior Saints**

The regular meeting of Saint Edward Senior Saints will be held at 10:00 on Wednesday, December 5th, in the Parish Life Center. Fellowship begins at 9:15 with coffee and donuts. Then games will be enjoyed by all.

The following Precinct 4 trips are planned for the next few months:

Wednesday, December 19: Christmas Village Lights at Bayou Bend

Thursday, January 10: National Weather Service in Dickinson

Thursday, February 7: Valentine's Dance at St. Dominic Village

Tuesday, March 5: Day of Prayer

Come to the meetings to learn more about these trips and sign up to attend, or call Cheryl Domurat at 832-717-0578 for more information.

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

## **Hear Ye, Hear Ye!**

Now is the acceptable time! Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation for adults (over the age of 17). Classes on 17 Tuesdays beginning February 5-May 28, 2019 7:00pm-8:30pm Room 22 in the Middle School building. Reconciliation during the Lenten season. Confirmation and Eucharist celebrated on Pentecost Sunday location to be announced. A copy of your Baptism Certificate issued between now and May 28, 2019 will be required. Registration is on February 5.



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

### *The Good News from Our Kingdom*

#### CAMP KAPPE



Each year, our 5th grade students attend a youth retreat operated by the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization (a department of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston). The camp's purpose is to cultivate spiritual growth in today's youth and encourage reconnection with our Lord. Twenty-six students from our school will attend this year's retreat, scheduled for December 4th-7th. Please

pray that our students are guided by the Holy Spirit and allow the Word of God to enter their lives!

#### NEW SCHOOL SIGN

St. Edward Catholic School is happy to announce its new school sign, located off of Spring Stuebner Rd., courtesy of the Parent Teacher Organization. We are thankful for the support of our PTO!



### DID YOU KNOW...



In 1840, there were just five Catholic parishes serving 12,000 faithful in the entire state of Texas. By 1918, there were over 120 parishes and over 70,000 Catholics in the state.

### *Our Lady of Guadalupe*



We will be honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego at the 8:30am parish-school Mass on Friday, December 14th. Please join us as our students retell the story of our Blessed Virgin Mary's apparition to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531, on the Hill of Tepeyac, in what is present day Mexico City, Mexico.

### **SAVE THE DATE** (ALL ARE WELCOME)

**DEC 14:** 8:30AM SPECIAL MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**DEC 18:** 6:00PM ST. EDWARD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**DEC 21:** 'MONARCHS WITH MERIT' AFTER 8:30AM MASS

**DEC 30:** SUNDAY MASS 2ND COLLECTION FOR OUR SCHOOL



Join us on Friday, March 1, 2019, for a night filled with dinner, dancing, and an exciting silent and live auction! For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and more information, email: [StEdwardSchoolAuction@gmail.com](mailto:StEdwardSchoolAuction@gmail.com)



### *Books Between Kids*

Sponsored by 7th grade and our library

For many kids, books are a luxury, not a reality! Donate your gently-used books between December 10-14 for children in Pre-K to 5th grade. (Donations accepted at our school office.)

\*Story books

\*Chapter books

\*Leveled Readers

\*Children's nonfiction books

\*Board/toddler books

\* Spanish or dual-language books (Pre-K-2nd)



### **Blanket Drive in January** Sponsored by NJHS

Let's spread the warmth...one blanket at a time! Throughout the month of January, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will be collecting new blankets for donation to local shelters.

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Deanne Neyman  
James Simmons  
Joseph Stachulak  
Charles Brossman  
Fr. Joseph Vu  
Fr. Kim Nguyen  
Rita Bustamante

**Our Troops  
First Responders**



**Monday, December 3**  
8:30am † Josephine & Anton Sopchak  
**Tuesday, December 4**  
8:30am † Irvin Gettelfinger  
**Wednesday, December 5**  
6:30am † Ernesto Ochoa Guillemard  
8:30am † Dave Johnston  
**Thursday, December 6**  
6:30am LV Vasquez family  
8:30am LV Man & Hue (Theresa) Ngo  
**Friday, December 7**  
8:30am † Mel Pollock  
12:10pm † Josephine & Pete Dutka  
6:00pm † Rev. Allen R. Doga  
**Saturday, December 8**  
8:30pm † Thomas Henthorn  
5:30pm † C.R. Doepeke Jr.  
**Sunday, December 9**  
7:30am People of St. Edward  
9:30am † Winnie Weaver  
11:30am † Houston Smith Sr.

**Prayer List:** To make a request for someone to be on our prayer list, please call the parish office at 281-353-9774.



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