

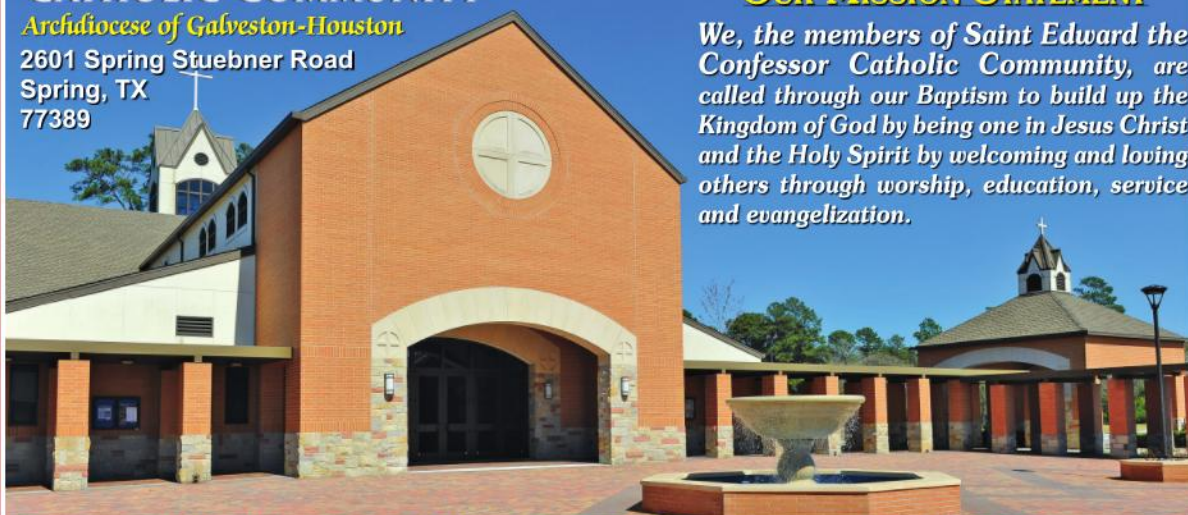
# ASCENSION OF THE LORD



## St. Edward CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

2601 Spring Stuebner Road  
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May 16, 2021

The Ascension of The Lord

### 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 - MASK REQUIRED

**Saturday** 8:30 am & 5:30 pm  
**Sunday** 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am, 5:00 pm  
**Sunday** 9:30 am (also Live Streamed)  
**Monday-Friday** 8:30 am  
**Wednesday** 6:30 am  
**Friday** 12:10 pm

#### CONFESSIONS - MASK REQUIRED

**Thursday** 5:30-6:30 pm  
**Saturday** 4:00-5:00 pm  
or call office for appointment

#### ROSARY

**Monday-Thursday** 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

For those interested in becoming Catholic, contact Deacon Nick Thompson at the parish office.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call the office for an appointment at least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

#### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

By appointment only. Call the parish office.

**INFANT BAPTISM** 1st and 3rd Sunday—outside of Mass—Parents and Godparents must attend pre-baptism classes.

Contact Deacon Nick Thompson at [nthompson@saintedward.org](mailto:nthompson@saintedward.org) or call the parish office for details.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon;  
1:00-4:00 pm.

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Friday, 9 days before Sunday publication.

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in the Narthex of the Church  
and on our website.







Brothers and sisters,

The Lord's Ascension, which we celebrate on May 13th, is the visible departure of Jesus to His Father and marks the end of His appearances to the disciples on earth.

Take consolation in knowing that Jesus will come again! The time between His visible ascension and His return at the end of time is the era of the Church. This is the Church's opportunity and obligation to preach repentance and belief in the Gospel to all the nations. Don't forget what Jesus commanded the disciples to do, "observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:20). Let us be reminded that this command, or commission, is not only meant for the first disciples of Jesus, but for all of us as well.

We all have a mission from Christ, and He has equipped us for that with the Holy Spirit so that we may be empowered. Let us continue to do our best to truly reach out to everyone we encounter and teach them the ways of the Lord as we ourselves continue to learn. Remember, we do not know everything. In order to share with others, we must continue to learn and grow too. The good news is that even though Christ has ascended, he is with us always, and has given us the Holy Spirit who is always at work. I want to encourage you to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to lead you. If the Holy Spirit is leading you, then truly great things will happen.

With a great sense of urgency, let us be true witnesses of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Show everyone the love of Jesus, and lead those who are not baptized yet to Baptism, so that when the Lord comes again, we will welcome Him with great gladness and rejoicing.

In Christ,

Fr. Christian



### **Why We Celebrate the Ascension on Sunday and Not Thursday**

The Church's Code of Canon Law includes the Ascension of Jesus among the solemn feast days to be observed by Latin-rite Catholics throughout the universal Church. The text also remarks, "The conference of bishops can abolish certain holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday with the prior approval of the Apostolic See" (Canon 1246.2).

In many places, as we have seen, the Ascension has been transferred to Sunday, and for a twofold reason. First, holy days are to be observed with the same regard as Sundays. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God ... and [partake in] the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (No. 2185). This is often impossible on weekdays, so moving the feast to a Sunday makes a great deal of sense. The second reason for moving the feast allows those who cannot attend Mass on Thursday to share an important, common prayer experience.

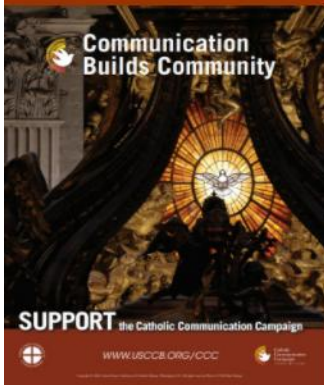


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# HOSPITALITY SUNDAY IS BACK!

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO REUNITE WITH EVERYONE. PLEASE  
STOP BY THE PARISH LIFE CENTER TO VISIT AND ENJOY  
REFRESHMENTS AFTER EACH MASS ON **SUNDAY, MAY 23RD.**

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY



Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Galveston-

Houston to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).



## Learn About The Mass: The Vessels

We use special vessels for the Body and Blood of Christ. Like the vestments, most of them come from Roman times. The Church adopted the kinds of dishes that were used at a formal dinner and adapted them to her own use.



The bread is offered on a **paten**, a broad platelike dish.



The wine is offered in a **chalice**, which is like a large wine glass.



Consecrated hosts for the congregation are kept in a **ciborium**, which looks like a wide chalice with a lid.



After Mass, consecrated hosts are kept in the **tabernacle**, a beautifully decorated box that often sits on a smaller altar.



When the host is taken out of the church to the sick, it's carried in a **pyx**, which is Greek for "box."

For Eucharistic adoration, hosts can be placed in a **monstrance**, a shrine that shows the host to the congregation.



Whether you are preparing for your 1st Holy Communion or you are a seasoned Catholic, how well do you know the terms for the vessels used during the Holy Eucharist?



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# OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

## Save the Date

**Attention Parishioners of All Ages!**

You are invited to join us on **June 5th after the 5:30PM Mass** for an outdoor movie and bring your own picnic! Movie will start at sundown, come and go as you please.

- ☐ BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
- ☐ LAWN CHAIRS/ BLANKETS
- ☐ PACK A FRISBEE, FOOTBALL, CHALK, OR KITE
- ☐ DON'T FORGET THE BUG SPRAY

More details to come soon!  
Concessions will be sold by the PTO



St. Edward the Confessor Knights of Columbus Council 14512 congratulates the following members for the month of April 2021:

**Family of the Month:**

SK Kevin & Ann McGlynn

**Knight of the Month:**

SK Christopher A. Tate

Within the next month, we will have 109 children and teens preparing to celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, 55 teens preparing to celebrate their Confirmation, and 7 adults preparing to celebrate their Confirmation.

Let us pray unceasingly for our parishioners that as they prepare to encounter Jesus Christ in these sacraments, their hearts are opened and their faith renewed and strengthened.

## CHILDREN'S Corner

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### Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

START HERE →

1. God's Son
2. God's Holy \_\_\_\_\_
3. What a clock tells
4. Our planet
5. Where Jesus is now
6. Opposite of Old Testament
7. An onlooker
8. Place to see clouds
9. Modern word for thee
10. Opposite of down
11. Authority or strength
12. Comes back
13. Searches for



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I am grateful for your financial and prayerful support of our parish!

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE:

**THE 2021  
DIOCESAN  
SERVICES FUND**

**PARISH GOAL: \$170,000**  
**PAID TO DATE: \$ 54,113**

Walk in the Light of Christ

### Thank You St. Edward Catholic Community!



Parish Goal:	<b>\$1,366,739</b>
Total Amount Paid to Date:	<b>824,308</b>
Remaining Balance:	<b>\$ 542,431</b>

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

#### Ascension of our Lord: May 16th

**That we have the courage to defend our faith and share our witness joyfully with others.**

*“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

<b>Monday –</b> May 17	8:30 am		St. Edward Faculty & Staff	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday –</b> May 18	8:30 am	LV	Lisa Ortiz	<b>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</b> Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday –</b> May 19	6:30 am 8:30 am	LV LV	Angel & Angie Frando Misty Simmons	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday –</b> May 20	8:30 am	†	Rose Ann Kruse	<b>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</b> Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday –</b> May 21	8:30 am 12:10 pm	 LV	In Honor of St. John the Evangelist Virgil Frando	<b>Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</b> Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday –</b> May 22	8:30 am 5:30 pm	† LV	Angelina Lucero Winston Kroon	<b>Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious</b> <b>Morning:</b> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday –</b> May 23	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	LV/† † †	Joseph & Helen Mercurio Judy Duckless Mervin Simoneaux People of St. Edward	<b>Solemnity Of Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>Day:</b> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20: 19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



# St. Edward Catholic School

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## Alumni Spotlight of the Week!

Meet Andrew, a St. Edward Catholic School Alumnus! We are very proud to have been such a foundational piece to his academic career and can't wait to see what the future holds for him. Andrew, and a small group of Frassati students from their Senior Ethics class, will also be leading a liturgical initiative in our parish at the end of May that will seek to introduce the Extraordinary Form Mass to our community. Read below to see what Andrew has to say about his time at St. Edward and how it impacted him academically and spiritually.

My experience at St. Edward Catholic School was incredible. The encouraging atmosphere, good friendships, and amazing teachers formed a great community that I enjoyed spending time in. The rigorous curriculum at St. Edward prepared me very well for my time at Frassati Catholic High School. Any student who passes through Mr. Edward's History class or Mrs. Gerczak's Religion class will not only delve deep into their subjects, but also learns important skills such as time management, critical thinking, and collaboration. The small-knit community of a private Catholic school translates to high school as well as middle school, and St. Edward delivers that sense of community to every student.

At Frassati Catholic, I am an honor roll student, founding member and President of the Robotics club, NHS member, and a school newspaper contributor. This fall, I will be attending the University of Texas at Austin to study Mechanical Engineering. I am excited for my future, and I am grateful to St. Edward for playing a part in shaping it!



## Mission Statement

St. Edward Catholic School teaches students to know, love, and serve God, in partnership with parents, and prepares them to be Catholic examples for the Church community while fostering their spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development through Gospel values.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

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Our Troops and First  
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