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Start 2022 with Mary's 2 steps for faith: Pope Francis' Homily

Let us think of the distress of the Mother of God. What can be more painful for a mother than to see her child suffering poverty?

Let us learn from the Mother of God how to have that same attitude: to keep and to ponder. Because we may well have to endure certain "scandals of the manger." We hope that everything will be all right and then, like a bolt from the blue, an unexpected problem arises. Our expectations clash painfully with reality. That can also happen in the life of faith, when the joy of the Gospel is put to the test in troubling situations. Today the Mother of God teaches us to draw profit from this clash. She shows us that it is necessary: it is the narrow path to achieve the goal, the cross, without which there can be no resurrection. Like the pangs of childbirth, it begets a more mature faith.

I ask, brothers and sisters, how do we make this passage, how do we surmount this clash between the ideal and the real? By doing exactly what Mary did: by keeping and by pondering. First, Mary "keeps," that is she holds on to what happens; she does not forget or reject it. She keeps in her heart everything that she saw and heard. The beautiful things, like those spoken to her by the angel and the shepherds, but also the troubling things: the danger of being found pregnant before marriage and, now, the lowly stable where she has had to give birth. That is what Mary does. She does not pick and choose; she keeps. She accepts life as it comes, without trying to camouflage or embellish it; she keeps those things in her heart.

Then, Mary's second attitude is about how she keeps: she keeps and she ponders. The Gospel speaks of Mary "bringing together," comparing, her different experiences and finding the hidden threads that connect them. In her heart, in her prayer, she does exactly that: she binds together the beautiful things and the unpleasant things. She does not keep them apart, but brings them together. It is for this reason that Mary is said to be the Mother of Catholicity. In this regard, we can dare to say that it is because of this that Mary is said to be Catholic, for she unites, she does not divide. And in this way she discerns their greater meaning, from God's perspective. In her mother's heart, Mary comes to realize that the glory of the Most High appears in humility; she welcomes the plan of salvation whereby God must lie in a manger. She sees the divine Child frail and shivering, and she accepts the wondrous divine interplay between grandeur and littleness. Mary keeps and ponders.

To read the full homily please visit: www.aleteia.org/2022/01/01/start-2022-with-marys-2-steps-for-faith-pope-francis-homily-full-text/

LITURGY

Community Notice

Friends of St. Edward Catholic Church,

We would like for you to know that there have been an increase in parishioners' property stolen on campus. Below are some things to be aware of when you're here:

- Please do not leave valuables unattended at any time in the pew during the Mass or in the church.
- Also, do not leave any valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle.

By taking these precautions, we should be able to reduce the easy opportunity for theft. Additionally, we encourage you to please pray for those that are tempted to steal. May the mercy of God grant them conversion to a virtuous life in the Lord. Peace.

Matt

A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

+Making Our Homes Visibly Catholic by Putting Up a Home Altar! Below you will see a picture of the one in my home! A home altar is a space set aside in your home for peace and prayer. It's intended to give Our Lord a dedicated place where He can abide with us, and us with Him. I highly recommend putting this in a location that is easily seen and accessed by the entire family. For example, I could not walk by my kitchen without seeing this precious space which calls to mind the life I want to lead with Christ.

On your home altar you can put up special items or sacramentals that are important to your family. We had our home enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus so that image, along with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, must stay in a prominent place in our home. Do you have an image of Jesus, Mary, or the saints that is dear to your heart? If so, put that on the wall! This is a great place for small statues, candles, flowers, a cross, prayer books, rosaries, etc.

Every evening gather your family in this prayer space to say night prayer and encourage your children to use this space as a place to







build relationship with Our Lord. Remember to lead by example, so we must find time for silence and reflection there too!

Steffani Aquila

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:30AM & 5:30PM

Sunday

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, & 5:00PM

9:30AM also Live Streamed

Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30AM Wednesday 6:30AM Friday 12:10PM

Rosary

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 7:00PM 1st Friday 9:00AM-6:00PM Benediction at 5:45PM

CONFESSIONS

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

SACRAMENT PREP

Infant Baptism

Contact Annette O'Driscoll at aodriscoll@saintedward.org at least 4 months before due date or before desired baptism date.

Marriage

Contact Jane Truttier at jtruttier@saintedward.org at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

RCIA

Contact Virginia Fraguio at vfraguio@saintedward.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Mon	January 24	8:30AM †	Dolores Margaret Schwedel Pustelny	Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3: 22-30
Tues	January 25	8:30AM †	Roy & Bernice LaHaie	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16: 15-18
Wed	January 26		Gerrold & Rose Kruse Jose Malacara	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/ Mk 4: 1-20
Thurs	January 27	8:30AM †	Hilda Williams	2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29/ Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4: 21-25
Fri	January 28	8:30AM LV 12:10PM †	Matthew Richards Dolores Margaret Schwedel Pustelny	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4: 26-34
Sat	January 29	8:30AM † 5:30PM LV	Dolores Margaret Schwedel Pustelny Anthony & Jenna Lewis	2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4: 35-41
Sun	January 30	9:30AM † 11:30AM	Su Family Calvin Ricacho People of St. Edward Ricardo John Rivera	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12: 31 13: 13/ Lk 4: 21- 30

Prayer Requests

Fr. Joseph Vu, Simon Joseph, David Lewis, Sam Reina, Molly Kahlig, Annabel Gibson, Sydnee Molden, Crystal Truttier, Nicole Thomas, Robin Kassmya, Layla Kassmya, Rocco Family, Traewick Family, Oberdick Family, Parsons Family, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra, Paul & Mark Ybarra, Ramiro Flores, Joseph Kennedy, Jr., Seth Auzenne, Nancy Gallegos, Nancy Ruiz, Family Ruiz-Gudino, Family Ruiz-Gallegos, Adriana & Sophia Ruiz, Araceli Ruiz & Family, Francisco Jr. Ruiz & Family, Pablo Ruiz & Family, Noe Ruiz & Family, Clara Ruiz & Family, Vicky & Jaden Porter, Yanina & Haniel Neves, Fr. Arnel Barrameda, Michele VanCleave & Family, The Jackson Family, Shannon Buzek, Jessica Rush & Family, Lisa Ortiz & Family, Patricia Fowler & Family, Bob Anderson, Mark Curley

Prayers for the Deceased and their Families

For the Family of Danielle Grady For the Family of Jacob Joseph

To make a request to add someone to the prayer list, please email us at info@saintedward.org or call the Parish office before Monday to have their name in for the following week.

The prayer list changes every 8 weeks!

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The KOC Family Rosary will be in the Chapel at approximately 12:45PM, Sunday, January 30, 2022. Please join us with your family in prayer to our Blessed Mother Mary.

Check out the fresh look and organization to our website!

The parish website has been in the process of undergoing a new design with easy navigation, updated content, and clean organization.

See for yourself by scanning the QR code.

MEET OUR COUNCILS

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Sue Brown, Eldon Roehl, Joe Notaro, Virgil Frando, Raquel Runge, James Sarabia, Brendan D'Souza, Evelin Martinez, Joey Marchetti Finance Council

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EVANGELIZATION 3 CATECHESIS





During this season of Ordinary Time, all parishioners are invited to attend these engaging presentations on key saints to discover and deepen ways to grow in friendship with Jesus Christ.

This Week



Word, Prayer & Music on "St. Therese, the Little Hower"

TODAY, Sunday, January 23 Saint Thérèse of Lisieux By Fr. Stan Fortuna, C.F.R. 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm in Parish Life Center



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"St. Albert the Great" The Sacraments

THIS WEDNESDAY, January 26 Saint Albert the Great By Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, OP 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm in the Parish Life Center





Scan the OR Code for the full schedule and speaker bios!

Sneak Peek Into Next Week



Michael Gormley discusses St. Augustine of Hippo & St. Thomas Aquinas

GOALS AND

LAST FLID TO THE PAGE BULLETIN READ MORE ABOUT OUR DSF GOAL!



voutube.com/c/ StEdwardCatholic Community

FOLLOW US!



Parish Goal: \$1,366,739 **Total Amount Paid** to Date:

\$922,561 Remaining Balance: \$444,178



Parish Goal: \$170,000 Paid to Date: **\$** 181,585 Over Goal: \$11,585

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November **Budget** \$52,083 **Actual** \$55,063 **Overage** \$2,980



January 2, 2022 **Budget** \$22,917 **Actual** \$11,586 **Shortage** \$ 11,331 **YTD Budget** \$ 655,000 **Actual** \$654,436 Shortage \$564

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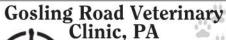
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We are so appreciative of our St. Edward community. Your continued diligence and support helped us to not only meet, but go over our 2021 DSF Goal. We had 727 families donating this year, which is a record for our parish. To those of you who donated early and contribute every year, to those of you who were making your first donation, and those of you that swooped in and came through in December, we are so grateful! Because we went over our goal, the excess amount will be returned to the parish. The 2022 DSF campaign will begin in early February. We have been notified that our goal for 2022 has been reduced to \$154,031.







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