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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT + 26 MARCH AD 2023+

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this final Sunday of Lent before Palm Sunday, we hear Jesus call Lazarus forth from the tomb. Jesus calls us as well. He calls us forth from our tombs of sin and death, where our harmful habits and attitudes separate us from God and life.

Perhaps we are used to the idea that God saved us through the Paschal Mystery; this is the dying and rising of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. But what does this mean for us today? Is all this just a complicated theological idea, something which took place in the past, or is this lived experience? We may know in our heads something of the doctrine. Do we know in our hearts the experience of sharing in the new life Jesus has won for us?

We are redeemed by the blood of Christ! This means our Saviour has paid a price for us. We recognize our human weaknesses, but then tell ourselves there is little to be done about the state we find ourselves in. Recognizing that a ransom has been paid for us means we can rejoice in this truth, that our God wants us to enjoy the freedom and new life which is his desire for us. The Cross is God's weapon against our fallen human nature. The Lord never gave up on us, and saving grace has real power to work in every situation of our lives. Jesus nailed to the Cross all our sins. And since this event, many have experienced the power of Christ's sacrifice to change their everyday lives. For sure, this is a life-long journey, but we are encouraged by the small steps we make in discipleship when we seek the living power of Christ's blood to transform our lives. The Cross has real authority to change real lives.

We experience the glory of the Paschal Mystery, our own personal share in Christ's death, resurrection and the gift of Pentecost, when we gather together to celebrate the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Here we are present at Calvary, at the empty tomb, in Jerusalem for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through receiving Holy Communion, sacramentally or spiritually, we are filled with the force of these saving events. When we are faced with temptation and sin, and we reach out to receive God's all-embracing mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, we imbibe the power of Jesus' dying and rising.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Father Christian



Fish Fry Friday

The last fish fry date is March 31st. The cost is \$12 per plate which includes choice of fried or baked fish and side choices of hush puppies, fries, cole slaw or mac and cheese. It also comes with tea, lemonade, or water and we offer \$3 cheese pizzas for kids. Cash, check, or credit card are accepted.

Our fish fry is unique in that we split our net profits with St. Edward School, we have both dine in and take out options, and we have the best cajun cooks in all the Houston area running our fish fry. Remember, it always tastes right when it's served by a Knight!

MINISTRY MESSAGE

Today's gospel features one of my favorite passages, the raising of Lazarus. What I love most about this passage is this beautiful epiphany from his sister St. Martha who proclaims Jesus as the Christ where she states, "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." This is such a profound proclamation from someone who has at times been given a bad rap of being a whiner or someone who frets over small things. But what is also so amazing is her great faith in Christ when she proclaims, "...even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Christ then responds with, "I am the resurrection and the life." This reading is presented every year on the third Sunday of Lent to the RCIA Elect who will be baptized in two weeks.

In this Third Scrutiny, the Elect begin their final journey toward the font where Christ awaits them at the well of living water. In the Sacrament of Baptism, they will "die with him," there also, they will embrace new life in the risen Christ. The Elect and Candidates are given this beautiful image of Lazarus coming out of the tomb to remind us our faith in Christ, like Lazarus' sisters, is our way to salvation and life everlasting and we no longer fear the tomb but is now temporary until the resurrection at the end of time.

Let us keep the Elect and Candidates of our parish in our prayers as their journey into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil comes to fulfillment. All are invited to come and witness their faith journey in an amazingly beautiful liturgy. I wish all of you a blessed Lent, Triduum and Easter.

Pax Christi,

Deacon Stuart Neck, OP



PARISH LIFE



Missionary Families of Christ

Christian Life Seminar

April 22, 2023, Saturday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

St Edward Catholic Church
2601 Spring Stuebner Rd
Spring, TX 77389
In the Parish Life Center

You are invited in this spiritual renewal that has touched the lives of thousands of families worldwide. This seminar is for adults, 18 years old and above.

Registration is free and meals are provided during the seminar. For questions and inquiries, please contact Judith Cubillo at 713-992-8598 and Ellen Tumbaga at 832-613-8445

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2 NAB USCEB)



QR code Registration

KOFC INTO THE BREACH

The KofC invites the men of St. Edward to participate in Into the Breach Series. Do you want to become a better man? Each session challenges you to consider topics like masculinity, prayer, brotherhood, family, and spiritual warfare every **Thursday in March at 7:00PM in the Annex.** Come join us for prayer and group discussion. For more information, go to www.kofc.org/intothebreach.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:30AM & 5:30PM

Sunday

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

Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30AM

Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30AM
(Beginning 12/6/22)

Friday 12:10PM

Rosary

Monday-Saturday 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 Anthony Hernandez at ahernandez@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 Annette O'Driscoll at aodriscoll@saintedward.org

OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Mon	March 27	8:30AM †	Herman Baechle	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tues	March 28	6:30AM † 8:30AM LV	Alex Archuleta Jerome Carr	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18. 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wed	March 29	6:30AM LV 8:30AM †	The Zuniga Family Matthew & Dorothy Cobb	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thurs	March 30	8:30AM †	Linda Gonzalez	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri	March 31	8:30AM † 12:10PM †	Ann Henthorn Dcn. Edwin Bozek, Jr.	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Sat	April 1	8:30AM † 5:30PM †	Mario Salois Raymond Loisselle	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sun	April 2	7:30AM † 9:30AM † 11:30AM † 5:00PM †	Linda Piubellini Jackie Jordan People of St. Edward Harry & Domenica Dechene	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Procession: Mt 21:1-11 - At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

PRAYER REQUESTS

Yogi & Rosie Ybarra, Paul & Mark Ybarra, The Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families, Simon Joseph, Crystal Truttier, Joseph Kennedy, Jr., Seth Auzenne, Eric Wassilchalk, Arlene Hebert, Philip Gonzalez, Francesca Young, Danny Bryan, Michael David Young, Jr., Pat Trail, Zoe, Kolbie Guyton, Kathryn Stein, Chris & Kathy Kelly, Tracy Hopkins, Valerie Loebig, Tiffany Brasseaux, Rie Cieslak, Caroline Waldron, Cleo Bryan, Julia Belland, Margorie Terro, Victor Ruiz, Carolyn Wawrykow, Sean Auzenne, Mila Mathis, Joyce Kwiatkowski, Rich LaBoda, Geof Gribble, Ann Gibson, Julia Sanchez, Roger Kare, Donald Thompson, Ted Keen, Penelope Spencer, Herbert Jennings, Concepcion Cruz, Maria Da Graça Lima Alves, Alves Family, Devin Hernandez

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!

PARISH LIFE

PALM SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Join us for one of our Palm Sunday liturgies as we partake in the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

April 1st: 5:30PM Vigil Mass

April 2nd: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 5:00PM

SYNC YOUR CALENDAR TO OURS!

Have you heard? We have a new parish events calendar on our website that can be synced to the Google calendar on your phone. For instructions, visit this link: www.saintedward.org/parishcalendar

LENTEN ADORATION THURSDAYS DURING LENT FROM 7:00PM-10:00PM

Enhance your Lenten journey through the desert with more opportunities for peace, silence, and prayer. Make a Holy Hour with Christ by signing up with the QR code. Questions? Contact Ruth at rcroma1979@gmail.com.



MEET OUR COUNCILS

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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This will be in the Parish Life Center from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm on Sunday, March 26th. We will be learning about the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching from Victoria Mastrangelo and on Sunday, April 2nd we will hear about Discipleship and Vocation from our very own Annette O'Driscoll!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration for Family Faith Formation for the 2023-2024 series opens on April 1st. St. Edward is happy to offer formation on Sundays for adults, teens (6th-12th grade) and children (PreK3-5th) and on Wednesdays for the whole family. Have questions? Interested in joining the formation team? Contact Annette O'Driscoll at aodriscoll@saintedward.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are happy to host a week full of faith, bible adventures, singing, games, saints, snacks, and friendship for our children who will be in PreK4-5th grade next academic year. Mark your calendars and plan on your child joining us the week of June 12-16, 2023. Registration for adults who want to serve on a team and their children will open on March 31st. Interested in being a part of the team? Contact Annette O'Driscoll at aodriscoll@saintedward.org.

GOALS AND GIVING



Parish Goal:
\$1,366,739
Total Amount
Paid to Date:
\$1,182,130



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2023 DSF Goal:
\$147,000
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3/5/23: \$17,504
3/15/23: \$15,566

**February 2023
Collections**



Budget: \$120,415
Total: \$122,990
YTD Budget: \$997,330
YTD Total: \$1,104,991

MOMS CIRCLE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Moms Circle will be leading a family-friendly Stations of the Cross in the parish plaza on **Friday, March 31st at 5:30PM**. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer and the passing on of this powerful Lenten tradition to your children.



PHILL THE BOX

The SECS Advancement Committee will be hosting a "Phill the Box" Fundraiser on campus from **March 20-April 20, 2023**. Phill the Box is a clothing, shoe, and textile recycling program which will pay our school for every pound of clothing donated during a 30-day collection period. A large blue bin will be placed in the drive between the front of the school and the field. Drive up and drop off your items.

ACCEPTABLE COLLECTION ITEMS

All items should be clean and placed in plastic bags.

Clothing Apparel and Shoes– We accept women's, men's, children and baby clothing.

Apparel Accessories– We accept purses, backpacks, clutches, tote bags, shoulder bags, laptop bags, hats, gloves, ties, scarves, belts, and wallets.

Household Textiles– We accept household items made of fabric in good condition to include blankets, bed sheets, comforters, curtains, towels, draperies, and table cloths. (No appliances, kitchenware, or non-fabric décor.) Stuffed/plush toys are acceptable.



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

NO WET ITEMS– any wet item may make entire collection unusable and unacceptable.

We cannot accept any non-fabric items (other than apparel accessories listed above) including but not limited to electronics, appliances, furniture, books, tapes, cassettes, DVDs, mattresses, cookware, kitchenware, utensils, non-fabric home décor.

We do not accept toys at this moment or items that cannot be reused will be recycled.

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Law, Medicine, and the Dignity of Human Life
Ben Nguyen, MTS, JCL, JD

The Art of Suffering and Dying
Christopher Tollefson, PhD

Medical Ethics and the Catholic Health Care Worker in a Secular Culture
Carla Polco, MD; Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD; Christopher Tollefson, PhD

Medicine in Service to the Dignity of Women
Sister Mary Gretchen Hoffman, RSM, MD

The Ethics of Contraception in Difficult Cases
Core Buskirk, MD; Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFCM; Sister Mary Gretchen Hoffman, RSM, MD

Approaching Gender Dysphoria in Light of Science and the Gospel of Mercy
Deacon Patrick W. Loppert, MD

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