

St. Edward Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT + 03 DECEMBER AD 2023+

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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Dear Beloved Parish Family,

As we gather in the warmth of God's love, I extend a heartfelt welcome to all, especially those joining us for the first time. Your presence enriches our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to journey together in faith.

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, a time of joyful anticipation and spiritual preparation, let us open our hearts to the transformative grace of God. This liturgical new beginning signals a fresh start—a chance to rekindle the flame of hope, peace, joy, and love in our lives.

During this first week of Advent, we reflect on the theme of hope. In a world often marked by uncertainty, we turn our gaze to the One who is our steadfast hope—Jesus Christ. Just as the prophets of old eagerly awaited the Messiah, we too await the fulfillment of God's promises with hopeful hearts.

Let us use this Advent season as a sacred pause, a time to draw near to God in prayer and reflection. During the hustle and bustle, may we find moments of stillness to listen attentively to God's whispers and respond with openness and trust.

As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, may it symbolize the dawn of a new spiritual journey for each of us. Together, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, not only in the celebration of His birth but in the daily moments of encounter with Him.

Welcome, dear friends, to this season of expectation and welcome to our faith community. May this Advent be a time of deepening connections, joyful discoveries, and a renewed sense of God's abiding presence among us.

In Christ's love,

Father Christian



HELP US MEET OUR DSF GOAL

At this time, we ask that you prayerfully consider helping us meet our parish goal by giving to the DSF. To make a gift, scan the QR code to the left or you can drop off a check at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity as we strive to meet our goal!



DSF Goal: \$147,000

Paid: \$136,755

Short: \$10,245

LITURGY & PRAYER

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

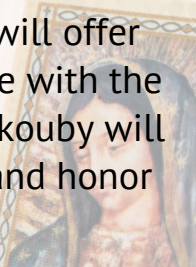
Begin the Advent season with the sacramental graces of reconciliation. This will be a combined opportunity with Christ the Good Shepherd, St. Edward, and St. James.

**Held at Christ the Good Shepherd
December 5th at 6:30PM**



HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

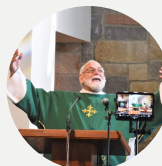
We welcome you to an evening of prayer and reflection on **December 12th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel**. We will offer scripture readings, reflections, and will conclude with the rosary. Sir Knight and Deacon candidate Dave Skouby will lead us in prayer and reflection. Plan to come and honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with us.



MINISTRY MESSAGE

As we begin a new liturgical year, the year of Mark, this is the perfect time to join us in the parish life center on Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:00AM for a Lectionary Based Bible Study. We are doing a deep dive into the Sunday morning readings in preparation for Sunday Mass. The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays. The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2023 was Year A, 2024 is Year B, and 2025 is Year C. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years and Year II is used in even-numbered years. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during Christmas, Lent, and the Easter season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. The year of the cycle does not change on January 1st, but on the 1st Sunday of Advent (usually late November/early December) which is the beginning of the liturgical year. In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints, Marian feasts, ritual Masses, votive Masses, and various needs. Come join us Saturday morning, December 2nd, in the parish life center. If you can't make it in person, drop Deacon Nick an email at nthompson10gc@gmail.com and I will return a ZOOM link to the morning sessions. Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and hope to see you on Saturdays.
In Christ,

Deacon Nick



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
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 Eileen Hubbard
ehubbard@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.

Christian Initiation

Contact Matthew Crews at
mcrews@saintedward.org.

OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Mon	December 4	8:30AM †	Jack Gillotti, Jr.	Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tues	December 5	6:30AM † 8:30AM †	Viola Flores Joe Kennedy	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed	December 6	6:30AM † 8:30AM †	Lucienne Mamo Maria Dunn	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thurs	December 7	8:30AM † 7:00PM LV	Ann Henthorn C.R. Aguilar	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	December 8	8:30AM † 12:10PM † 7:00PM	Irvin Gettelfinger Souls in Purgatory People of St. Edward	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sat	December 9	8:30AM † 5:30PM †	Rosa Maria Zermeno-Arena Mel Pollock	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	December 10	7:30AM † 9:30AM † 11:30AM † 5:00PM	Michael Ledwig Don & Mary Ellen Morrison Linda Gonzalez People of St. Edward	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

PRAYER REQUESTS

David Rodriguez, Martha Isidro, The Jeff Rattowski Family, Ian Fahrenthold, Margaret Fahrenthold, Thomas Burns, Ogilvie/Burns Family, Elena Davillier, Ralph Schneider, Allen Stoute, Debbie Wratten, Fred White, Elizabeth Havemann, Tom Carter, Linda McKinney, Delynn Cheyney, Wilfred Broussard, Jr., Jennifer Donaldson, Wayne Wohlfert, Joe Brown, The Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families, Simon Joseph, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra and Family, Deanna Bashinski, Rich Laboda, Geoff Gribble, Shirl Hahn, Nancy Gallegos, Alexis Valencia, Nancy Ruiz, Walter Davis, Sarah Lejeune, Frank Carrabine

Prayers for the Deceased and their Families

For the Family of Karen Stolarski
For the Family of Eli Rivera
For the Family of Francis Feltman

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

SIMBANG GABI SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 7:30PM



SIMBANG GABI SAVE THE DATE

Saturday December 16, 2023, 7:30 PM

St Edward Catholic Church
2601 Spring Stuebner Road,
Spring, TX 77389

FELLOWSHIP AT Parish Life Center
FOLLOWING THE MASS.

Contact:

Cesar Lagrimas 832-866-3867
Ellen Tumbaga 632-613-8445
Judith Cubillo 713-992-8598
Pat Santos - 281-221-2147

☐ THE FILIPINO/AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT ST. EDWARD

CELBRATION OF THE SIMBANG GABI
December 16, 2023, at 7:30 pm

SENIOR SAINTS MEETING

To all 50 years of age and young at heart.

Come join us for a fun time at a Senior Saints Meeting on
December 6, 2023, in the Parish Life Center.

9:30am- Fellowship with coffee and donuts

10:00am- Meeting starts followed by games

Come and hear about the fun trips and sites that are planned to see and enjoy. Trips for 2024 are already in the planning. For more information or questions, please text Lucy Canter-President at (254) 449-2102 or email lucycanter6@gmail.com.

HOLY HOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that there will not be Holy Hour on Thursday, December 7th. Instead, on **December 7th, there will be a vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) at 7:00pm.**

2ND COLLECTION

On December 2nd-3rd, we will have a second collection at Mass for the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart, Fr. Thomas' order. They spread the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus through parish ministry, family visits, education, ecumenism, and social service. By contributing, we actively participate in their mission. Let's come together as a community to share the love of Jesus.

MEET OUR COUNCILS

Pastoral Council

Virgil Frando, Raquel Runge, Joey Marchetti, Sarah Alaniz, Deana Felan, James Crichton, Jim Caldwell, Regina Charpentier, Manny Payan



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Aaron Lange, Michael Hancock, John Williams, Jonathan Wasielewski



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MEET THE NEW STAFF

Saturday, December 9th after the 5:30 pm Mass in the PLC and Sunday, December 10th after all Masses in the PLC. There will be donuts, pictures with Santa, and time to meet the staff. This will be a great opportunity to ask all your questions and let us know how we can serve you and your family best!

EVENTS CALENDAR

December 6th- Family Advent Night

In the church from 6:00PM to 7:15PM.

December 9th & 10th- Pictures with Santa

After every weekend Mass (Saturday Vigil/Sunday), Santa will be in the PLC.

December 13th- Advent Gathering

Join us for an evening to reflect on the connection between the Season of Advent, the Eucharistic Revival and our own faith journey in the Parish Life Center at 6:30PM. Deacon Dominic Romaguera will be our guest speaker.

December 16th- Advent Day of Service

December 24th- Children's Christmas Program

Information and sign-up link coming soon! Interested in being on the team? Contact Eileen at ehubbard@saintedward.org.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Jessica Warnke

Echo Apprentice

jwarnke@saintedward.org | 281-825-0807

Jessica comes to serve St. Edward all the way from Omaha, Nebraska. She is currently a part of the Echo program through Notre Dame and will be at St. Edward for the next two years. She graduated in May of 2022 with a degree in Theology and Psychology from Mount Mary University, located in Yankton, South Dakota. She served last year as a missionary at the Pines Catholic Camp where she helped run retreats for children and teens in grades 5th through 12th. Some things she loves to do in her free time are going on long walks with friends, drawing, and playing guitar.



Annette O'Driscoll

Director

aodriscoll@saintedward.org | 281-825-0805

Annette was born and raised in Puerto Rico and moved to the states to pursue a degree in marketing from St. Joseph's University. She served as a Cabrini missionary after college and has served in ministry since. She has spent the last five years as a staff member at St. Edward and recently earned her master's degree in Theological Studies from the University of Dallas. She is married to her best friend, and they have two children. Her favorite saint is Mother Cabrini, she cultivates a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and has a profound love for the Communion of Saints. Her hobbies include writing, training for half marathons, and cooking healthy and delicious meals.



GOALS AND GIVING



Parish Goal:

\$1,366,739

Total Amount

Paid to Date:

\$1,213,371



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2023 DSF Goal:

\$147,000

Paid: \$136,755



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you!

10/30/23-11/13/23

Budget: \$45,833

Actual: \$48,285

July 2023 Collections



Budget: \$140,000

Actual: \$156,923

YTD Budget: \$1,093,150

YTD Total: \$1,418,160

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: 8TH GRADE MATH

One of our 8th grade math cohorts has been working on determining the volume of cylinders, prisms, and pyramids. Earlier this month, students got to use Play-Doh, for a hands-on activity to help them better visualize the mathematical equations they have been working on!



A graphic with a warm, autumnal theme. It features a large, glowing orange sun in the background. In the foreground, there is a detailed illustration of a pie with a lattice crust, topped with a dollop of whipped cream and several red berries. The words "Thank You!" are written in a large, elegant, cursive font across the top. Below the pie, the text "WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE BOOSTER CLUB IN OUR 2023 HOUSE OF PIES FUNDRAISER!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "We raised \$6,267.61!" is displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, and small starburst icons.

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Spring, TX 77389
(832) 616-3217
9th-12th Grade

Advent To ADORATION

Our Preparation toward Jesus in the Eucharist



Dec. 13th @ 6:30pm
Parish Life Center
Light Refreshments

How can we better understand advent as the continual preparation in our lives for our most intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist? How can we continue the advent of the Christmas season into the daily preparation into the second coming of Jesus Christ?

Our personal advent is more than just 4 weeks – let us come together to explore this and so much more with guest speaker Dcn. Dominic Romaguera.



GIVE BLOOD.ORG

St Edward Catholic Church- Spring

Sunday, December 10
8:30 AM- 1:00 PM
Annex

It's a Holiday Giveaway!
Donors choose their prize!

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Charlie, blood donor



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