

St. Edward Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT + 17 DECEMBER AD 2023+

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Dear Parishioners,

As we gather on this blessed Sunday, I am filled with gratitude and joy to share this pastoral message with each one of you. Advent, a season of anticipation and preparation, is nearing its culmination, drawing us closer to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the Gospel readings today, we are reminded of the unwavering hope that accompanies the Advent journey. Just as John the Baptist paved the way for Christ, let us reflect on our own lives and prepare our hearts to welcome the true light into the world. As we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, let it be a symbol of the joy that radiates from the anticipation of Christ's imminent arrival.

In a world often clouded by challenges and uncertainties, the message of hope that Christ brings becomes even more profound. The story of the Nativity is a timeless beacon of God's love, offering solace and inspiration to navigate the complexities of our lives. This Advent, let us strive to be beacons of hope for others, sharing the transformative power of Christ's love through acts of kindness, compassion, and understanding. As we approach the celebration of the Incarnation, let us also take a moment for introspection. How can we emulate the virtues of Mary and Joseph in our daily lives? How can our actions reflect the love that God has showered upon us? May this Advent season serve as a period of spiritual renewal, allowing us to draw closer to the divine and fortify our commitment to living virtuously.

In the spirit of unity and community, let us come together to lift one another in prayer and support. Reach out to those in need, embodying the teachings of Christ and spreading the warmth of His love. May this Sunday be a source of inspiration, filling your hearts with hope, joy, and a deep sense of gratitude for the divine gift of Christ. Wishing you all a blessed and meaningful Advent season.

Yours 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 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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEET OUR COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH (JOEY) MARCHETTI

Years on Pastoral Council: 3rd year

Position: Member

Joey and his wife Lauren were married in 2017 and have three boys: Joe (5), Anthony (3) and Paul (1). He works as an engineer in the oil and gas industry which brought him to Spring, Texas and St. Edward in 2013 after completing his degree in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University. He is a lifelong Catholic and desires to bring a



greater love of the sacraments and spirit of prayer to his service on the parish council. He loves frequenting daily Mass often bringing the circus (aka the three boys). He is blessed to be part of this community. In the little spare time he has, he enjoys house projects and some wood and metalworking.

MINISTRY MESSAGE

The Joy of Holy Mass

As a deacon with a family, many share with us the challenges of keeping their children involved with Sunday Mass. From the time they are infants through adolescence, the challenges are about getting them ready and on-time to church. However, as they age, their interest can sometimes dwindle. Any place we go that we personally enjoy and share with others, tends to translate into joy for others. So first, we should understand the "Mass" and, perhaps each Sunday, look for something that touches us or brings us joy. If you want to better understand the Mass, reach out and ask for help from our staff.

Share. Every week, on the way home, share something you saw or heard that was special to you; the singing, readings, homily, and words of consecration are all are part of the one liturgy. In a recent writing, Pope Francis wrote: "Liturgy is about praise, about rendering thanks for the Passover of the Son whose power reaches our lives." As children get older, get their input. All parts of the Mass point to the Eucharist. From the opening prayer, the readings, homily, consecration, receiving Eucharist, to the dismissal, all point to the love of God and the sacrifice of Jesus and His resurrection. May God bless you during this special season and may the joy of Mass continue throughout our parish families.

Deacon Don



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 18	8:30AM LV	Molly Kafarella	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tues	December 19	6:30AM † 8:30AM †	Gerard Nagel Jerry Nagel	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wed	December 20	6:30AM LV 8:30AM †	C.R. Aguilar Mary Ybarra	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thurs	December 21	8:30AM †	Paul Kiker	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Fri	December 22	8:30AM † 12:10PM †	Joseph Ofigberi Tim Moriarty	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sat	December 23	8:30AM LV 5:30PM †	Roland & Sudette Tulod & Family Louis Lee Rumfalo	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sun	December 24	7:30AM † 9:30AM † 11:30AM 5:00PM † Midnight †	Heather Varosky Linda Gonzalez People of St. Edward Ann Henthorn David Lewis	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

PRAYER REQUESTS

David Rodriguez, Martha Isidro, The Jeff Ratkowski Family, Ian Fahrenthold, Margaret Fahrenthold, Thomas Burns, Ogilvie/Burns Family, Elena Davillier, Ralph Schneider, Allen Stoute, Fred White, Elizabeth Havemann, Tom Carter, Linda McKinney, Delynn Cheyney, Wilfred Broussard, Jr., Jennifer Donaldson, Wayne Wohlferd, 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, Nanda Havemann, Charlie Brossman

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



Christmas
Mass Times

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Holy Day of Obligation
December 7th- 7:00PM
December 8th- 8:30AM, 12:10PM, 7:00PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 23rd- 5:30PM
December 24th- 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
December 24th- 5:00PM
(Includes Children's Program)
December 25th-
12:00AM, 7:30AM, 9:30AM

St. Edward Catholic Church

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In the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival inaugurated by the USCCB, encounter the wisdom of God through a retreat weekend of lectures, discussions, Adoration, and Eucharistic liturgies. This can further assist us in a transformation from a desert people to a nation united and nourished by the "finest wheat" (Psalm 147:14).

Online Registration

holynameretreatcenter.com/catholic-weekend-retreats

For more info contact John Zak 713-569-1364 or Joe Notaro 281-923-7688.



MEET OUR COUNCILS

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



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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Let us start the Season of Christmas with our annual Children's Christmas program during the 5:00 pm Mass on **Sunday, December 24th**. Children will have an opportunity to share the Christmas story during the Mass in a creative and beautiful way. Scan the QR Code for information and to sign up.



SAVE THE DATE!

Lenten Parish Mission
February 26th-28th from
7:00pm to 8:00pm
Bishop Curtis, J. Guillory, S.V.D.



WOMEN'S RENEWAL RETREAT

April 26th-28th at St. Edward

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matthew 11: 28-30

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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11/21/23
Budget: \$15,000
Actual: \$12,140
11/28/23
Budget: 15,583
Actual: \$22,711

**July 2023
Collections**



Budget: \$140,000
Actual: \$156,923
YTD Budget: \$1,093,150
YTD Total: \$1,418,160

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SHARE YOUR HOLIDAYS FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the ABC13 Houston's Share Your Holidays Food Drive! Our choir was able to deliver a full carload of food on behalf of SECS to the event on Giving Tuesday.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: ELEMENTARY PE

Our elementary physical education classes were full of turkeys last week! Students worked on sprint relays trying to build their turkeys quickly. This fun holiday-themed activity helped students with mental planning and gross motor development.



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Edward was the first Anglo-Saxon and the only King of England to be canonised. During his reign he built St. Peter's abbey at Westminster, the site of the present day abbey.



His piety gained him the surname "the Confessor."

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