

St. Edward Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT + 24 DECEMBER AD 2023+

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Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a Merry Christmas. "Who is the Messiah they are praying for?" There are many great movies about Jesus in different languages. Among them are the monumental movies like *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, (1965), *King of Kings*, (1927) and *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977).

In the beginning of *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, there is a scene in which we see the Israelites praying for a Messiah. They are not just praying, rather they are crying out for the promised Messiah to save them. This prayer reminds us of the prayer given in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah where we read, "O! that you would rend the heavens and come down!" (64:1).

As they are praying, a Roman centurion asks King Herod, "Who is the Messiah they are praying for?" Immediately Herod replies, "Someone who will never come!" King Herod and so many others thought that the Messiah would never come. But in the fullness of time, God sent His only-begotten Son to this world to be born of a virgin in Bethlehem. And when Jesus, the Son of God, was born, there was a celebration in heaven. Angels appeared in the skies and sang, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to those with whom He is pleased" (Lk 2:14).

Yours in Christ's love,

Father Thomas



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



PRAYER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY ROSARY

It is with great joy and a sense of community that we extend a warm invitation to you and your family to join us for the Family Rosary hosted by the Knights of Columbus on December 31st at 12:45PM in the Church.

OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

The parish office will be closed from December 22nd-January 1st. If you need to contact us in the meantime, please email info@saintedward.org.

MINISTRY MESSAGE

New Year! New You! Sound familiar?

In Psalm 139, we are reminded that we were made by an intentional God. Our flaws, our quirks, our gifts, and our talents serve him and sanctify us when we surrender it all to Him.

As we conclude the Season of Advent and begin the Season of Christmas and we prepare for a new year, let us remember that it is not about becoming a new person. Rather, it is about becoming the person we were created to be more fully. Resolutions for 2024? Be who God created you to be.

Be His child- approach Him in silence.

Be His disciple- get to know Him through scripture.

Be His missionary- find Him in the generosity and service you extend to others.

Be holy- live your life with the intention to love Him back.

You are loved and cherished, so much so, that God became flesh himself. During this time of family gatherings and resolutions, be attentive of how the Lord is moving in your life; pay close attention to the many ways He is inviting you to abide in His love. The invitation for each of us is to shift from "new year, new you" to "new year, more you."

May the year ahead be rooted in the intention to draw closer to His most Sacred, merciful, and loving heart.

Annette O'Driscoll



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 25	7:30AM 9:30AM †	People of St. Edward Sam Reina	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass: Lk 6:21-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 11:25 or Mt 11:8-25; Mass during the Day: Lk 5:27-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 4, 5-6; Heb 11:6; Jn 11:18 or Jn 11:5, 9-14
Tues	December 26	6:30AM † 8:30AM †	Saida Zakaria PFC Mark Carrabine	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wed	December 27	6:30AM † 8:30AM †	Basel Danno Mary Carkeet	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Thurs	December 28	8:30AM LV/†	Kordsmeier & Baechle Family	Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Fri	December 29	8:30AM LV 12:10PM †	C. R. Aguilar Lucienne Mamo	Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sat	December 30	8:30AM † 5:30PM LV/†	Fr. David Gleeson The Sparks Family	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sun	December 31	7:30AM † 9:30AM † 11:30AM LV 5:00PM	Ricardo Pasaoa Silvestre Tapia Patience Agholer People of St. Edward	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

PRAYER REQUESTS

David Rodriguez, Martha Isidro, The Jeff Ratkowski Family, Ian Fahrenthold, Margaret Fahrenthold, Thomas Burns, Ogilvie/Burns Family, Elena Davillier, Ralph & Alberta 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, Susie Herrin

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

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Masses

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve.
How many Masses am I supposed to attend?

Choose one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent



Saturday, December 23rd

☐ 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 24th

☐ 7:30 AM

☐ 9:30 AM

☐ 11:30 AM

Choose one Mass for Christmas



Sunday, December 24th

☐ 5:00 PM

Monday, December 25th

☐ 12:00 AM

☐ 7:30 AM

☐ 9:30 AM

St. Edward Catholic Church

ST. EDWARD MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT: JANUARY 5-7, 2024

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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 Mass. This can further assist us in a transformation from a desert people to a nation united and nourished by the "finest wheat."

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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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

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

Prayer

First Communion

We have over 100
children and teens
preparing to
celebrate their First
Communion in April.

Confirmation

We have 50 teens and 8
adults preparing to
celebrate the Sacrament
of Confirmation in
January.

Catechumens and Candidates

We have a number of adults, teens,
and children preparing to
celebrate the Sacraments of
Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation,
and Eucharist) at the 2024 Easter
Vigil.

Please keep them, their families and sponsors in your prayers that during this time of preparation their faith deepens, their friendship with the Lord strengthens, and their hearts are open to the sacramental graces that await them.

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



You can visit faith.direct/TX603
and enroll securely online or text
"Enroll" to 281-767-4313.

11/21/23 Budget: \$15,000

Actual: \$12,140

11/28/23 Budget: 15,583

Actual: \$22,711

Lessons and Carols

Thank you Frassati Catholic High School for hosting another beautiful Festival of Lessons & Carols this year! Lessons & Carols is a service of scripture and songs that dates to the late 19th century. Scripture lessons for the Advent Season are read and then followed by prayers and songs that reflect each lesson's message. We were fortunate to not only get to hear our own students, but also the combined choirs of Frassati Catholic High School, St. Anne Catholic School, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, Sacred Heart Catholic School, and Campion Hall. It was a moving afternoon of music and prayer and we are so proud of our St. Edward Catholic School Choir and our Choir Director, Mrs. Cook!



St. Nicholas Tradition

To celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas, the tradition is to leave your shoe out for St. Nicholas to put a surprise in it. Our students were no exception and were excited to find that St. Nicholas had brought them treats!



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OTHER NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

As we gather together in the spirit of love and joy, we extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. May this season be filled with the light of Christ's love, bringing peace and blessings to your homes and hearts.

At St. Edward Catholic Church, our clergy and staff are truly grateful for the gift of your presence and the warmth of your faith. Together, we form a community that embodies the teachings of Christ, and it is with great joy that we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

In this season of hope, may the message of Christmas resonate in your lives, inspiring kindness, compassion, and goodwill. As we reflect on the miracle of Christ's birth, let us also carry the spirit of love and generosity into the coming year.

Wishing you a blessed and Merry Christmas!

With love and prayers,
The Clergy and Staff at
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