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FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + 7 JANUARY 2024+

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The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the Feast of Epiphany. It is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

The Christmas season, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

This exalted identity of the "Son of God" revealed at his baptism is the starting point for all that Jesus will undertake—his self-giving ministry, death and Resurrection. In our own Baptism, God has named us beloved sons and daughters. Like Jesus, all that we undertake must flow from who we are—God's beloved. We are called to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This means that we, too, must humbly submit ourselves to God's wise and loving plan for our lives. He, in turn, anoints us with the Holy Spirit that we may be clothed with His power and grace. According to the Navarre Bible commentary, in Christ's baptism, we can find a reflection of the way the Sacrament of Baptism affects a person. Christ's baptism was the exemplar of our own. In it, the mystery of the Blessed Trinity was revealed, and the faithful, on receiving Baptism, are consecrated by the invocation of and by the power of the Blessed Trinity. Similarly, Heaven's opening signifies that the power, the effectiveness, of this Sacrament comes from above, from God, and that the baptized have the road to Heaven opened up for them, a road which Original Sin had closed. Jesus's prayer after His baptism teaches us that "after Baptism, man needs to pray continually in order to enter Heaven; for though sins are remitted through Baptism, there still remains the inclination to sin which assails us from within, and also the flesh and the devil which assails us from without." Each time we dip our hand into the Holy Water font in a church to bless ourselves, we need to remember, that act is a renewal of our Baptism. Just like Jesus at the Jordan, every baptized believer is formed and called by God, empowered with the presence of the Spirit and elevated as a beloved child of God on whom God's favor rests.

In Christ,

Father Thomas



DSF THANK YOU

We are so grateful to everyone that contributed to the 2023 DSF to support the work of the Archdiocese. Our goal was \$147,000 and as of December 21st, the amount paid was \$160,820. One half of that overage will be returned to the parish. Your generosity and continued support is such a blessing to the Church and to those it strives to serve. Thank you for coming together and extending your gifts to achieve this.

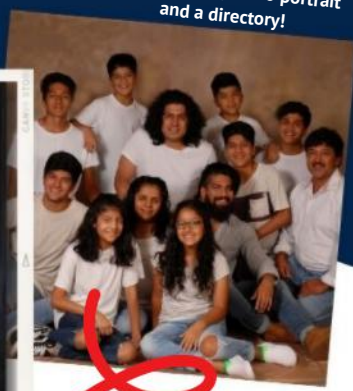
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MINISTRY MESSAGE

What is God's plan? Only God knows, but what we do know is our salvation is part of that plan.

No man can thwart God's plan not even the false king of the Jews, Herod. Asking the Magi to let him know where Jesus may be found, in order that he may pay homage, he plotted Christ's death. The Magi, mere astronomers, were guided by God. The Gentile Magi prove themselves attentive and open to God's guidance. When they meet the True King of the Jews, Jesus, they pay Him homage and indicate their submission to His authority. They have the proper attitude toward God.

Where are we on our journey? Are we on the path to salvation? Will we take a different route when the evil in our society sets a trap on our road? Is our path leading us towards God or away from Him?

Let us pray that we can bend our wills to His: Lord, thank You for giving me this day. Today, I give You my body. Let me be Your hands to serve those in need. In all I do, work with me, work in me, and work through me. Amen.

Praying for you,

Deacon Fernando



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	January 8	9:30AM †	Theodore J. Pettek	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11
Tues	January 9	6:30AM 8:30AM †	People of St. Edward Margaret Ciarella	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wed	January 10	6:30AM 8:30AM LV	People of St. Edward Nathan Skouby	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thurs	January 11	8:30AM †	Richard & Elizabeth Albury	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Fri	January 12	8:30AM † 12:10PM †	Larry Wilkinson Eli Rivera	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Sat	January 13	8:30AM † 5:30PM LV	Juan Ramon Barrientos The Myler Family	Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sun	January 14	7:30AM † 9:30AM † 11:30AM LV 5:00PM	Joe G. Sarabia Stephanie M. Wilkinson Orlando Revote People of St. Edward	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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, Sue Epstein

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

VOCATION ROSARY

On **January 8th at 7:00pm**, the Vocation Ministry will be joined by the Knights of Columbus in the PLC to pray a rosary for an increase of vocations. Please plan to attend and pray with us.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

In honor of the giving of your time and talents, all adults who serve in a ministry of the parish and their spouses are cordially invited to our Annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner on **Friday, January 19th at 6:00pm** in the Parish Life Center. We would like to show our appreciation to all — so whether you are a Lector, EMHC, Usher, Catechist, Chaperone, Choir Member, Parish Council Member, Finance Board Member or volunteer in any other capacity, please join us for food, fun and fellowship. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or you may call the Pastoral Office at 281-353-9774.

NAM TOY BAG DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that donated and participated in the toy drive. We were able to provide children with gifts and goods to make their Christmas a little brighter.



JOIN THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Edward Catholic Church and the Holy Spirit are looking for energetic, organized, and welcoming individuals to join the Pastoral Council. Do you feel called to take an active role in fostering and developing St. Edward in partnership with Father Christian? Pastoral Council members are chosen through a discernment process and the requirements for nomination includes being a registered member of St. Edward and a practicing Catholic 18 years of age or older. Current Pastoral Council members will contact nominees, answer any questions, and invite them to a formal discernment process on January 27th. At that time, through a prayerful process, three new pastoral council members will be discerned. These members will serve a three year term on the Council. We will call for nominations during Masses on January 13th and 14th.

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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ADULT MINISTRY

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."

Matthew 11: 28-30

People of the Passion

Lenten Series

February & March 2024

Monday nights from 7:00 pm to
8:30 pm or Tuesday mornings after
8:30 am Mass. Scan the QR code for
details, calendars, and to register.

Registration is open and ends on
January 21st. \$25 includes book and
light refreshments.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Save The Date

Catholic Heart Work Camp

(high school teens)

July 14th-20th, 2024

(these dates do not include travel days)

Parent and Teen Information Meeting
coming soon!

Archdiocesan Youth

Conference

(high school teens)

July 26th-28th, 2024

Parent and Teen Information
Meeting coming soon!

Lenten Series for 11th and 12th graders

Monday nights in February and
March from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Scan the QR code for details,
calendars, and to register.

Registration is open and ends on
January 21st. \$25 includes book
and light refreshments



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: \$160,820



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

Actual: \$12,140

11/28/23 Budget: 15,583

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And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.



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We have received a generous donation to benefit the children of our parish. Beginning the first weekend in January, children will receive a copy of MagnifiKid for them to use during the Mass and for families to take home. Adults with children at home, we highly encourage you to use this resource as a way to reflect and continue our Catholic faith as a family.



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