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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT + 23 MARCH 2025+

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent started with Ash Wednesday. In these days while I was listening to some of the messages of Lent, I came to notice this beautiful message by a bishop. He was explaining the meaning of the season of Lent and he gave three responses. I really believe these explain what the meaning of Lent is all about.

The first meaning is that the definition of Lent means spring. In spring, everything starts blooming. Lent is springtime for the soul. It is sacrifice, yes; it is prayer, yes; it is charity, yes. The soul flourishes and refreshes during the time of Lent.

The second meaning of Lent is to slow down. If you are a person who walks speedily, Lent invites you to walk slowly. Slowly go through life and appreciate the little things that you have ignored. Slowly, "because haste makes waste." The Lenten season is a time to slow down and appreciate the breeze. It is a time to appreciate family and friends that we have ignored and to connect once more with parents, brothers and sisters that we have not seen for so long.

The third meaning of Lent is the past tense of lend. When someone lends, the other person borrows. When another borrows, the other person is lending. So Lent is a time to remember that everything we have is borrowed and God is the lender. He is the biggest lender. He has lent us so much, but there is a time to return what we have borrowed.

So, during this time, let us reflect on Lent as springtime. Lent is a time to go slowly, remember everything is borrowed, and we must return what was borrowed.

In Christ's Love,

Father Thomas



GOALS AND GIVING

Your Generosity at Work! Your faithful giving makes a difference in our parish community.

Thanks to your generosity we have recently:

- Purchased new vestments for our clergy.
- Replaced one of three HVAC systems for the rectory.
- Purchased a new processional cross.
- Installed three whole building surge protectors.

As we continue to grow and serve, we invite you to consider a gift toward the following current projects.

Every contribution – big or small – sustains the mission of our parish.

- Sound System – Cost Estimate \$205,200. Fall Festival proceeds and individual donations totaled \$147,101. The remaining balance of \$58,099 will be paid through additional donations and parish savings. We are excited that installation is scheduled for the week of April 28th.
- Rectory Generator – Cost Estimate \$20,000
- Bell Tower Spotlights – Cost Estimate \$2,250



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Second Collection

The 2nd Collection on March 23rd is for the Catholic Relief Services.

2025 Campaign Goal:

\$150,300
Paid: \$41,385
Difference: \$108,915
119 Donors/
3.3% of parish families

Offertory: February 2025

	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual (July-Feb)	YTD Budget (July-Feb)
Mass Collections	\$66,983	\$79,917	\$689,129	\$679,583
Faith Direct (Online)	\$61,378	\$62,500	\$538,354	\$500,000
	\$128,361	\$142,417	\$1,227,483	\$1,179,583
Over (Under)	(\$14,056)		\$47,900	

LITURGY & PRAYER

Last week, the St. Edward Catholic Church OCIA catechumens experienced the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election is an important celebration in the process of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) whereby adults – called catechumens – are formally admitted into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. During the course of the OCIA process, the individual follows a spiritual journey of “steps” accomplished through defined periods punctuated with formal rites. The Rite of Election closes the Period of the Catechumenate. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and the catechumens’ affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its “election” of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.



LENT SCHEDULE

- **Family Mission**
Family Mission with Paul J. Kim
Wednesday, April 2nd
6:00PM to 7:30PM in the Parish Life Center
- **Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross**
Fridays in the PLC from 5:00PM-7:00PM
Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM
- **Extended Eucharistic Adoration**
Thursdays 7:00PM-10:00PM
There will not be 24 hr adoration during Lent.

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 White at
jtruttier@saintedward.org at least 6
months prior to the desired wedding
date.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

Becoming Catholic

Contact Matthew Crews at
mcrews@saintedward.org.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30AM-Noon, 1:00PM-4:30PM,
and 6:00PM-9:00PM
(excluding Thursday evenings)
Saturdays 9:00AM-Noon

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Mon	March 24	8:30AM	† Robert Schultz	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tues	March 25	6:30AM 8:30AM	LV Ricardo B. Rivera Family † Robert Schultz	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Wed	March 26	6:30AM 8:30AM	† Emerita Manalo † Robert Schultz	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thurs	March 27	8:30AM	† Amir Zakaria	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Fri	March 28	8:30AM 12:10PM	† Aniello Matarazzo † Matthew & Dorothy Cobb	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Sat	March 29	8:30AM 5:30PM	† Victoria Balderas LV Russell Beutlich	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sun	March 30	7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM 5:00PM	† Heather Varosky † Cecil Machalek LV Roland Tulod People of St. Edward	Fourth Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Greg Auzenne, Deanna Bashinski, Cleo Bryan, Nancy Chambers, Jim Snikeris, Tanes Koakowski, Jennifer Donaldson, Hanna Alcausin & Family, Charles Cuneo, Theresa, Tammy, Konnie, Brigitte, Tania, Nancy Ruiz, Nancy Gallegos, John R. Stuart, Luke Monarch, The Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families, Simon Joseph, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra and Family, Seth Auzenne, Nanda Havemann, Ernie Millo, Clay Hamann, Rhonda Faust, Ann Beasley, Ralph & Alberta Schneider, Tim Falco, Johnnie & Diane Roberts, Karen Hutchens, Mary Brett, Clara Bielamowicz, Craig Foresman, Maurice Ebel, Alvin & Bobbie Clark, Mike & Sharon Mellert, Julia Bellam, Monica Ellegood, The Finney Family, Chris Cieslak, Chris Rigby, Lajuan Meister & Family, The Brandl Family, Terry Estep, Lynn Burnett, Alfredo Tulod, Floyd Dierschke, Mary Baumhoer

Prayers for the Deceased and their Families

For the Family of Andrew Funchar

For the Families of Emma Lunn and Lucy Wong

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

APRIL SENIOR SAINTS

All those 50 years of age and young at heart are invited to join us for the April Senior Saints meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd in the Parish Life Center (PLC).

9:30AM- Fellowship with coffee and donuts

10:00AM- Meeting with information on upcoming activities and Senior Saints outings. After the meeting we will play bingo!

For more information or questions, please text Jim Dechene-President at (630) 235-4751 or email jim.dechene.stedsrst@gmail.com.

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Fish Fry
FRIDAYS

March 28th - April 11th
5:00-7:00PM
in the Parish Life Center (PLC)

Plates Cost

\$10 for a single fried fillet plate
\$12 for 2 fried fillets or 1 baked tilapia plate
\$5 for mac & cheese
\$5 for pizza

We will also be collecting donations of food items for St. Vincent De Paul at the fish fry.

MEET OUR COUNCILS

Pastoral Council

Regina Charpentier, Manny Payan, Jim Caldwell, Ruth Hutyra, Rachel Ziaja, Anthony Enechukwu, Jennifer Roberts, Aarti D'Souza, Helene LaVire, and Robert Rios.



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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Teens currently in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade who meet the following requirements can participate in our 2025-2026 preparation process:

- Baptized Catholic
- Actively participated in formation (parish, Catholic school, or Catholic homeschool program) for the 2024-2025 formation year
- Actively participates in formation (parish, Catholic school, or Catholic homeschool program) for the 2025-2026 formation year
- Information about interviews and registration will begin in late April/early May. Stay tuned!



Interested in joining the Confirmation Core Team?
Contact Roque at rvillafranca@saintedward.org. We need 10-15 adults and 10 fully initiated teens!

CARITAS DAY

Saturday, March 29th
8:30AM to 12:30PM, includes daily Mass



Join us for Caritas Day, a day of service. We will begin with 8:30AM Mass at St. Edward, followed by the start of service activities at 9:15AM. Our service will continue until 12:30PM, providing plenty of time to make a positive impact in our community.

There are several ways to get involved:

- 1) Help organize the youth room and office closets at St. Edward
- 2) Clean and organize the nursery at St. Edward
- 3) Prepare materials for the Easter Egg Hunt at St. Edward
- 4) Visit seniors at Brookdale Senior Living (ages 14+)

Please note, anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

COME OUT AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES
OF OTHERS WHILE SHARING
IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is now available for adults who are called to serve as station leaders and crew leaders.

Early Registration is open for families with at least one parent who will serve as a Vacation Bible School Ministry Leader. Adults who sign up to be on the team can register their teens to help and their children to participate. This will help us know how many spots we are able to offer for participants making sure we keep a safe ratio of children and adults.



ST. EDWARD PARISH WEEK AHEAD

M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
March 24th -9:30AM-11:30AM CDA Jewelry Making -7:00PM-8:30PM Choir Practice	March 25th -9:15AM-10:30AM Gospel of Life Study Group -6:30PM-8:30PM CDA Jewelry Making -7:00PM-8:00PM Respect Life Meeting -7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Ministry Bible Study	March 26th -9:30AM-11:30AM CDA Jewelry Making -6:30PM-8:00PM Fall Festival Meeting -6:30PM-8:30PM Serra Club Speaker Meeting -7:00PM-8:30PM Communal First Saturday Meeting	March 27th -9:15AM-11:00AM Blue Army Prayer Group -9:15AM-11:00AM Adult Ministry Bible Study -6:30PM-8:30PM CDA Jewelry Making	March 28th -Fish Fry 5:00PM-7:00PM -Stations of the Cross 7:00PM-7:30PM	March 29th -7:00AM-8:00AM Lectionary Based Bible Study -9:30AM-1:00PM Caritas Day of Service	March 30th -9:30AM Mass OCIA 2nd Scrutiny -12:45PM-1:15PM KofC Family Rosary

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PARISH LIFE CENTER

29 MARCH

6:30-10:00 PM

\$10 for Students 6th-12th Grade **\$25 per Family**

*Students in 5th grade and under need a parent present. 6th-12th grade students can sign in and out of the event. Older siblings may NOT be responsible for younger sibling.

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Serra Club of North Houston
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March 26, 2025

Meeting at **St. Edward Catholic Church**
6:30PM in the Youth Room - Bldg. 6
We Welcome

Fr. Thomas Joseph
Parochial Vicar at St Edward



OFFICE HOURS UPDATE

We are pleased to share with you that we have extended our evening and weekend office hours to Saturdays from 9:00AM-Noon and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:00PM-9:00PM. **And, please be aware that the office will be closed on April 1st for a Staff Retreat.**

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