# St. Edward Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + 25 MAY 2025+

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#### Why is there an altar cross at St. Edward?

Good question, as it's one that I've heard already in my short time here at St. Edward. Put simply, the GIRM, that is the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (think "Instruction Manual for Catholic Mass"), says that "either on the altar or near it, there is to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, a cross clearly visible to the assembled people." What does this mean? Don't we already have a crucifix hanging above the altar that is visible to all? Isn't this an impediment to sight? The altar cross was specifically "brought back" during the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Benedict always celebrated Mass with a crucifix on the altar. He did this to emphasize that the center of the Mass and our faith is the crucifix itself – the fact that Christ sacrificed himself for us. When we look at the altar, we see the fact of this sacrifice, not only in the Eucharist, but also in the cross. The cross brings our attention to the altar and what is about to occur, that is the confection (aka transubstantiation) of the bread and wine into the Holy Eucharist. It becomes a common point of reference. As Pope Benedict says, it is an "image that concentrates and unifies our sight." However, why does the cross face the celebrant and not the people? The answer is twofold. First, at a cursory glance, this allows the priest to reflect upon the cross during Mass. While this is important, we can expand on this. The crucifixion of our Lord and the institution of the Holy Eucharist are one in the same sacrifice. This relationship is visualized in the altar cross. Christ himself is facing the altar where the sacrifice of the Eucharist is offered, which is also offered for our

salvation. So, the cross is not facing the celebrant, but facing the altar. In short, the altar cross allows for both priest and congregation to turn towards the Lord. Let us look with love upon Christ, whose death is made present through the words of the priest.



Joseph Reina, Director of Liturgy

Praying for you,

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Your Generosity at Work! Your faithful giving makes a difference in our parish community. Thanks to your generosity we have:

- Installed dedicated 20-amp circuits and 8 additional 20amp GFCI outlets/receptacles for the PLC kitchen.
- Installed new access control for the vesting sacristy.
- · Hired a part-time evening and Saturday receptionist.
- Hired a part-time plant assistant to support campus operations.
- Received a \$2,250 donation allowing us to move forward with the Bell Tower Spotlights project.

As we continue to grow and serve, we invite you to consider a gift toward current projects that support our mission

- Estimate \$205,200. Fall Festival proceeds and Sound System donations total \$152.101. We received a \$5,000 donation in March. The remaining balance of \$53,099 will be paid through additional donations and parish savings. Installation is scheduled for the week of April 28th. Rectory Generator - Cost Estimate \$20,000
- Church Organ Repairs Cost Estimate \$3,700
- Church Portico & Main Entrance LED Conversion Cost Estimate \$2.800

#### FAITH DIRECT"

It's easy to make the change to online giving. Visit faith.direct/TX603 or text "Enroll" to 281-767-4313.

Second	2025	Offertory: March 2025		YTD Actual	YTD Budget		
Collection	Campaign	Actual	Budget	(July-March)	(July-March)		
The 2nd	Goal:	Mass					
Collection on	\$150,300	Collections \$94,075	\$96,875	\$720,189	\$751,125		
May 18 <sup>th</sup> is for the	Paid: \$68,358	Faith Direct\$69,049	\$62,500	\$607,403	\$562,500		
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the National	\$80,942	\$163,124	4 \$159,375	\$1,328,222	\$1,313,625		
Shrine of the	170 Donors/	<b>Over (Under)</b> \$3,749		\$14,597			
Immaculate	4.7% of parish	7% of parish milies 2nd Collections: Black & Indian Missions \$4,214   Catholic Relief Services \$5,072					
Conception	Tamilies						

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## PARISH LIFE

### MEET OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastoral Council serves to represent the parishioners of St. Edward as a council of advisors to our Pastor. Our Pastoral Council members regularly engage their fellow parishioners through active participation in parish ministries and organizations, and present the wants and needs of the parish to our pastor in monthly meetings. Look for our council members to greet you in the narthex following all weekend Masses. Your ideas and feedback are valuable to shaping the future of our parish.

### RESPECT LIFE MEETING

The respect life team would like you to join them in helping to promote a culture of life within our local and greater community. If you are interested in participating, please join us for our monthly **4th Tuesday meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Annex/SEED room** to help us promote dignity from conception to natural death. All are welcome.

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### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING TODAY

We invite all boys and girls in 3rd grade or higher who have received their First Holy Communion to join us for the upcoming altar server training. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and serve at the altar.

Training will take place on Sunday, May 25th, following the 11:30AM Mass, from 1:00–2:00PM.



### **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 jwhite@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	May 26	8:30AM	†	Nemecio Vazquez	<b>Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest</b> Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tues	May 27		† †	Connie Vazquez Marie Braun	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wed	May 28			Alfredo Martinez Abid Haskell	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thurs	May 29	8:30AM	†	Lucia Perez	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
Fri	May 30		† †	Ephraim Daniel Isaac Fred White	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20- 23
Sat	May 31	8:30AM 5:30PM	† †	Carol Black Jennie Kovacevich	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Sun	June 1	7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM 5:00PM	† † LV	Robert Castiglione Ulrich Family Adam Herrera People of St. Edward	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12- 14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Simon Joseph, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra and Family, Seth Auzenne, Nanda Havemann, Ernie Millo, Rhonda Faust, Ann Beasley, Ralph Schneider, Tim Falco, Johnnie & Diane Roberts, Karen Hutchens, Mary Brett, Clara Bielamowicz, Maurice Ebelt, Alvin & Bobbie Clark, Mike & Sharon Mellert, Julia Bellam, Monica Ellegood, The Finney Family, Chris Cieslak, Chris Rigsby, Lajuan Meister & Family, The Brandl Family, Terry Estepp, Lynn Burnett, Alfredo Tulod, Floyd Dierschke, Mary Baumhoer, Deanna Bashinski, Geoff Gribble, Rich Laboda, Linda & Alan Turner, Munive Family, Jennifer Donaldson, Shane Telfer, Fr. Charles Samperi, Maria Simmons, Wayne Bonette, Clyde Neck, Nancy Gallegos, Christine Chauvin, Wanda Blasingame, Melissa Zahn, Brandon Michael DeCicco

Jr. 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

## SENIOR SAINTS

All those 50 years of age and young at heart are invited to join us for the June Senior Saints Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 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!

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

### SHINING HIS LIGHT: NEW BELL TOWER SPOTLIGHTS

We are thrilled to share that the St. Edward Bell Tower now shines brightly each night, thanks to the generous donation of new spotlights. This beautiful addition illuminates the tower as a beacon of faith and hope, a nightly reminder of Christ's presence for all who pass by. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the donors who made this possible-vour generosity helps us shine His light for our community to see.

#### MEET OUR COUNCILS

#### **Pastoral Council**

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

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## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

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Sunday, June 1 5 pm Mass & Reception Please RSVP



#### First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Do you have a child or teen who desires to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist? Interviews for the 2025-2026 preparation process will happen in the summer and are for children and teens who meet the following requirements:

- Baptized Catholic
- At least 7 years old
- At least in second grade during the 2025-2026 formation year
- Actively participated in formation (parish, Catholic School, or Catholic homeschool program) during the 2024-2025 formation year
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Scan QR Code to sign up for an interview!





Tuesdays 6:00PM-8:00PM \$35 includes food, refreshments, and materials













July 25-27

> INCLUDES ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS, DNFERENCE SESSIONS, CTIVITIES AND MEALS. INCLUDING: OUTGOING SENIORS INCOMING FRESHMEN

Praise & Worship Tuesdays from 7:00PM-9:00PM Scan the QR code below!



## ST. EDWARD PARISH WEEK AHEAD

May 26th: Memorial Day, Parish office is closed

May 27th: 7:00PM-8:00PM Respect Life Meeting



May 28th: 7:00PM-8:00PM Communal First Saturday **Ministry Meeting** 

May 29th: 9:15AM-11:00AM Blue Army Group 5:30PM-6:30PM Confessions 7:00PM-8:00PM Holy Hour

May 30th:

May 31st: 7:00AM-8:00AM

Lectionary Based **Bible Study** 1:30PM-4:30PM VBS Work Day 4:00PM-5:00PM Confessions

June 1st: 1:30-4:30PM VBS Work Day 3:00PM-4:45PM Renewal Retreat Team Meeting 5:00PM-6:00PM Graduate Mass during the 5PM Mass 6:00PM-7:30PM Graduate reception

#### EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL ST.



The St. Edward Athletic Department is thrilled to announce an exciting lineup of summer activities for our community, and the best part is-they're completely FREE! We invite everyone to join in on these summer sports, but we kindly request that you register prior to participation. Here are the details:

Soccer for Rising Kindergarten through 8th Graders When: Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Where: St. Edward Soccer Field Dates: June 11th, July 9th

Open Gym for Rising 4th-8th Graders and 9th-12th Grade Alumni When: Wednesdays from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Where: St. Edward Gymnasium Dates: June 11th, June 18th, June 25th, July 9th, July 16th, and

Baseball for 1st-6th Graders When: Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Where: St. Edward Baseball Field Dates: June 12th, June 26th, July 10th, July 17th, and July 24th

#### Cost: Absolutely FREE!

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Briana Cuellar bcuellar@stedwardschool.org. We look forward to seeing you



www.stedwardschool.org/ registrationinformation



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