

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
*The Son of Man
Will Come*

+ 30 NOVEMBER 2025 +
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Pastor: Fr. Christian Bui

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Thomas Joseph

Deacons: Bill Pitocco, Nick Thompson, Dominic Romaguera, Stuart Neck, Fernando Martinez, Mark San Miguel

MASS, CONFESSION, AND ADORATION TIMES

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday at 8:30AM; additional Mass on Tuesday-Wednesday at 6:30AM, and Friday at 12:10PM

Weekend Mass: Saturday at 8:30AM and 5:30PM; Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, and 5:00PM

Confessions: Thursday from 5:30-6:30PM; Saturday from 4:00-5:00PM; or call the Parish office to request an appointment

Rosary: Monday-Saturday at 8:00AM; Friday at 11:30AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Holy Hour is every Thursday at 7:00PM; First Friday Adoration begins with Mass at 8:30AM on the first Friday of every month, ending with Benediction at 5:45PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30AM-4:30PM*, 6:00-9:00PM**

Saturdays: 9:00AM-12:00PM

*Please note that the office closes for lunch from 12:00-1:00PM during weekdays.

**The office is also closed on Thursday evenings.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the holy season of Advent, the Church invites us to slow down, refocus, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent is far more than a countdown to Christmas—it is a sacred journey that shapes our Christian life in profound ways.

- Advent is a Season of Hope: Advent reminds us that God enters our world not only in history, but also in our daily lives. We are called to look for signs of His presence with renewed hope.
- Advent calls us to Conversion: The purple color of Advent symbolizes repentance. It is a time to examine our hearts, seek forgiveness, and allow God to reshape us from within.
- It helps us to grow in Expectation: Just as Israel longed for the Messiah, we learn to long for God's will in our own lives. Advent teaches us to wait with patience, trust, and joyful expectation.
- Advent deepens Our Prayer Life: Through quiet reflection, Scripture, and the lighting of the Advent wreath, we enter a rhythm of prayer that strengthens our relationship with Christ.
- Advent helps us prepare a Place for Christ: Advent challenges us to prepare not only our homes for Christmas, but our hearts. The best gift we can offer the Lord is a life open to His love and ready to serve others.

May this Advent be a season of grace for all of us—renewing our faith, deepening our hope, and filling our hearts with the peace of Christ who comes to save us. Let us journey together toward the true light of Christmas with watchful hearts and joyful expectations.

Peace and joy,

Father Thomas



GOALS AND GIVING

END OF YEAR GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to prayerfully consider how your generosity can make a meaningful impact. There are many ways to support our parish—through your regular offertory via ParishSoft Giving or envelopes, a contribution to the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), or by making a gift of stock or an IRA distribution.

For more information on these and other ways to give, please visit our website: www.saintedward.org/giving.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping to strengthen our parish community!

2025 DSF Campaign

Goal: \$150,300 | Paid: \$121,001

Difference: **(\$29,299)**

229 Donors or 6.25% of 3,664 registered

Parish Families have given to DSF.

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Offertory: October 2025

	October Actual	October Budget	YTD Actual (July-Oct.)	YTD Budget (July-Oct.)
Mass Collections	\$ 64,989	\$ 74,962	\$ 279,636	\$ 326,832
ParishSoft Giving (Online)	\$ 63,729	\$ 67,465	\$ 256,370	\$ 269,860
	\$ 128,718	\$ 142,427	\$ 536,006	\$ 596,692

Over (Under)

(\$13,709)

(\$60,686)

Second or Special Collections:

Loaves & Fishes - \$2,946

Propagation of the Faith - \$5,548

Military Services - \$4,202

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sun	November 30	7:30AM † Fred Silva 9:30AM † John Gillotti, Jr. 11:30AM † Clay Hamann 5:00PM People of St. Edward	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Mon	December 1	8:30AM † Aida Pulvinar	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tues	December 2	6:30AM † Ronald Ohnoutka 8:30AM LV Fr. Florentin Concepcion	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed	December 3	6:30AM † Devin Hernandez 8:30AM † Regina Schuster	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15:29-37
Thurs	December 4	8:30AM † Purfy & Amy Brasseaux	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	December 5	8:30AM † Irvin Gettelfinger 12:10PM † Tanes Koakowski	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sat	December 6	8:30AM LV Edward Geddes 5:30PM † Harry & Elaine Bailey	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Infant Baptism

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, contact Eileen Hubbard at ehubbard@saintedward.org at least four months before due date or before desired baptism date.

Marriage

Interested in getting married here at St. Edward? Contact Jane White at jwhite@saintedward.org at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Catholic Initiation and Confirmation for Adults

Are you ready to begin your journey of becoming Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who was never Confirmed? Contact Matthew Crews at mcrews@saintedward.org.

Anointing of the Sick

To request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gregory Auzenne Family, Deanna Bashinski, Lilia Bautiste, Charles Brossman, Kathy Brown Family, Yvonne Carrabine, Fr. Joseph Doan, Jennifer Donaldson, Rhonda Faust, Nancy Gallegos, Grace Garber, Ruiz Gudino Family, Nanda Havemann, Simon Joseph, Rich Laboda, Martha McCleney, Amanda Millford, Lajuan Meister & Family, Mike & Sharon Mellert, Teresa Kim Phuong, Chris Riggsby, Leigh Rucker, Charles Rybarski, Heidi & Thomas Schmidt, Howard Spitzenberger, Daranee Teapthong, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra & Family, Melissa Zahn, Brandl Family, and the Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families.

To request a Mass Intention or add a loved one to the prayer list, please contact us at info@saintedward.org or call the Parish Office. **Please note that the prayer list is refreshed every 8 weeks.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon., 12/1	Tues., 12/2	Wed., 12/3	Thurs., 12/4	Fri., 12/5	Sat., 12/6	Sun., 12/7
8:30AM Mass	6:30AM Mass	6:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass	7:00AM Lectionary Based Bible Study	Loaves & Fishes 7:30AM Mass
10:00AM Bereavement Group	8:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass	9:15AM Blue Army Prayer Group	9:30AM First Friday Adoration	2:00PM Girl Scouts	9:30AM Mass
6:00PM K of C Meeting	9:30AM Great Adventure Bible Study	9:00AM Senior Saints Meeting	12:10PM St. Edward Homeschool Co-Op	12:10PM Mass	4:00PM Confessions	10:00AM OCIA Catechumenate Session
6:30PM Cub Scouts	6:00PM CDA Officers Meeting	6:00PM Advent Family Mission	5:30PM Confessions	5:30PM Benediction	5:30PM Mass	11:30AM Mass
7:00PM K of C Vocation Rosary	6:30PM Feast Day Festival Committee Meeting		7:00PM Holy Hour		9:15AM Anointing of the Sick	12:45PM Infant Baptisms
Boy Scouts	7:00PM Adult				9:00AM K of C Food Drive	2:00PM St. Edward Run Club
Choir Practice	6:30PM Confirmation Formation Session				9:15AM Anointing of the Sick	3:30PM Family Faith Formation Gathering and Parent Formation
Great Adventure Bible Study	Teen Confirmation Formation Session				9:00AM K of C Food Drive	5:00PM Mass
8:00PM Youth Band					9:15AM Anointing of the Sick	OCIA Breaking Open of the Word (Children/Teens)
					9:30AM Communal First Saturday Devotion to Mary	
					St. Edward Run Club	
					K of C Basketball	

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

THIS SUNDAY, 11/30

Join us for an afternoon of praise and worship, reflection, prayer, and adoration. This session is open to teens (6th grade and up) as well as for parents/adults.



Advent Family Mission

Wednesday,
December 3rd
6:00-7:30PM



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Advent Parish Mission

Wednesday,
December 10th
7:00-8:30PM



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ADULT MINISTRY

Do you know any adults who are considering becoming Catholic?

Do you know any adults who are interested in being Confirmed?

We offer a year-round formation process for adults who are looking into Catholicism, considering being baptized, or who are interested in finishing their initiation process by being Confirmed.

Interested?

Contact Matthew Crews at mcrews@saintedward.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Join us in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, December 13th after the 5:30PM Mass and on Sunday, December 14th after all Masses for festive photos with Santa—perfect for your children or the whole family. Donations are warmly welcomed and will directly support our Youth Ministry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. Edward Christmas Program

All children are invited to take part in our Christmas Program during the 4:00PM Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord!

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PARISH LIFE

Upcoming Mass Times

We invite you to gather with us at our upcoming Masses as we celebrate our Blessed Mother and the Nativity of the Lord with joy and reverence.

Celebrations of the Blessed Mother

**The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8th
8:30AM & 7:00PM

**The Feast Day of Our Lady
of Guadalupe**

Friday, December 12th
8:30AM & 12:10PM

Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil: December 31st | 5:30PM

Holy Day: Thursday, January 1st | 9:30AM

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00 & 7:00PM

The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 25th
12:00AM (midnight, with carols
starting at 11:15PM), 7:30 & 9:30AM

Knights of Columbus Presents

Las Posadas: Journey to the Inn

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | Immediately following 5:30PM Mass

We invite you to join us in this annual Advent celebration offering scripture readings and a procession in the courtyard, ending in the PLC with dinner and fellowship.

To volunteer, please contact
Jack: 832-296-5011

NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

Toy Drive

Tomorrow, December 1st, is the **LAST DAY** to deliver donated toys to the church. After that, all donations must go directly to NAM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE



On Saturday, December 6th, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting non-perishable packaged food items like canned meats and vegetables, rice, beans among others. We will also be accepting cash and check donations. Please make all checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 14512".
Items will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

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Tamales for the Holidays

Online sales are still being accepted through 12/07/25.
No extras will be ordered.

Tamales are \$20/dozen
* Pork * Beef * Chicken * Bean & Cheese *

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PICK UP AFTER MASS ON 12/13/25 & 12/14/25 - SATURDAY 5:30PM, SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:30AM, AND 11:30AM




Please join us in welcoming the newest families in our community!

Cortez Family	Noski Family
Derr Family	Reyes Family
Garcia Family	Ukpong Family
Griffin Family	Waight Family
Marcha Family	Washington Family
Mavuleti Family	

WELCOME

Senior Saints

Join us for the December Senior Saints Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, in the Parish Life Center. We'll begin with coffee, donuts, and fellowship at 9:30AM, followed by a 10:00AM meeting with updates on upcoming activities and outings—then stay for some fun Bingo! For questions or more information, contact President Jim Dechene at jim.dechene.stedsrst@gmail.com or text (630) 235-4751.



<p>Pastoral Council</p> <p>Regina Charpentier, Maimy Payan, Jim Caldwell, Ruth Hutyra, Anthony Enechukwu, Aarti D'Souza, Helene LaVire, Robert Rios.</p>	<p>Finance Council</p> <p>Aaron Lange, Michael Hancock, John Williams, Jonathan Wasielewski, Cheryl Stolarski, Rudy Gonzalez</p>
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RALLY FOR LIFE

Rally for Life 2026 will take place in Austin on Saturday, January 24th. The Knights of Columbus are generously sponsoring a charter bus for all who wish to attend. To learn more and reserve your spot, simply scan the QR code.




<p>Building & Grounds Committee</p> <p>Michael Bratton, Richard Egan, Jeff Parker, Charles Gustavo, Sergio Salazar, Dcn. Dominic Romaguera, Kirk Geohegan</p>	<p>School Advisory Council</p> <p>Alexis Wall, Norma Alaniz, Susie Brito, Alicia Lopez, Margarita Massens, Kirk Geohegan, Wesley Lovell, Raquel Ruuge, Shayla Mullee, Veronica Cantu</p>
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