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+ 21 DECEMBER 2025 + FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Pastor: Fr. Christian Bui

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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.*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Advent draws to its final days, the Scriptures lead us into the heart of God's promise. Isaiah announces that a sign will be given for all generations: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." This ancient promise echoes through the ages and comes to life in today's Gospel, where Joseph learns that the child Mary carries is the fulfillment of everything Israel has longed for. What begins as uncertainty for him becomes a moment of deep trust, as he welcomes God's plan with a quiet, steady courage.

The Psalm invites us into that same readiness, urging us to open wide the gates of our hearts so that the King of glory may enter. And Paul reminds the early Christians—and us—that the One who comes is the long-promised Savior, the source of grace and peace for all who belong to Him.

Throughout these readings is the thread of love made visible: God drawing close, and human hearts responding with faith. Mary's "yes" and Joseph's obedience reveal that saying yes to the Lord often happens in the gentle rhythm of daily life. We make room for Christ when we allow God to guide our plans, when we practice patience, choose forgiveness, create space for prayer, and serve others with quiet generosity.

As Christmas approaches, may their witness shape our own response. May love be the posture of our hearts, and may Emmanuel find us open, willing, and ready to welcome Him.



In Christ's Love,
Father Christian

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!

<p>2025 DSF Campaign Goal: \$150,300 Paid: \$124,116 Difference: (\$26,184) 234 Donors or 6.4% of 3,664 registered Parish Families have given to DSF.</p>	<p>God calls each of us to be His hands and feet. When you give to the Diocesan Service Fund (DSF), you empower life-changing ministries that touch thousands. Make an impact—offer your gift today.</p>
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Offertory: November 2025

	November Actual	November Budget	YTD Actual (July-Nov.)	YTD Budget (July-Nov.)
Mass Offertory	\$ 78,693	\$ 88,455	\$ 358,329	\$ 415,285
ParishSoft Giving (Online)	\$ 66,378	\$ 67,465	\$ 322,748	\$ 337,325
	\$ 145,071	\$ 155,920	\$ 681,077	\$ 752,610

Over (Under) (\$10,849) (\$71,533)

Second or Special Collections:
Loaves & Fishes - \$4,289
Retired Priests - \$7,217
Campaign for Human Dev. - \$4,398
Mission - \$11,132
School Maintenance - \$4,236

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sun December 21	7:30AM † Michael Ledwig 9:30AM LV John & Sheila Williams 11:30AM † Kathleen McMillian 5:00PM People of St. Edward	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Mon December 22	8:30AM † MaryLee Mulvihill	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Tues December 23	6:30AM † Walter Davis 8:30AM LV Fr. Victor Munar	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wed December 24	4:00PM † Linda Gonzalez 7:00PM † Heather Varosky	The Nativity of the Lord <i>Vigil Mass</i> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:18-25
Thurs December 25	12:00AM LV Agholor Family 7:30AM All Souls in Purgatory 9:30AM People of St. Edward	Mass During the Night <i>(Midnight Mass)</i> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Mass During the Day Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Fri December 26	8:30AM † Devin Hernandez 12:10PM † PFC. Mark Carrabine	Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sat December 27	8:30AM LV Tulod Family 5:30PM † Robert Smith	Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gregory Auzenne Family, Beverly Barresi, Deanna Bashinski, Lilia Bautiste, Charles Brossman, Kathy Brown Family, Yvonne Carrabine, Fr. Joseph Doan, Rhonda Faust, Nancy Gallegos, Grace Garber, Ruiz Gudino Family, Nanda Havemann, Bryan Haynes, Simon Joseph, Gloria & Kuba Kiszkiel, Ron & Karen Kralik, Rich Laboda, Hung Le, Martha McCleney, LaJuan Meister, Amanda Millford, Teresa Kim Phuong, Chris Rigsby, Barbara Robertson, Leigh Rucker, Charles Rybarski, Heidi & Thomas Schmidt, Daranee Teapthong, Virgil Tumbaga, Vicki Wieszkowiak, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra & Family, Melissa Zahn, Brandl Family, and the Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES

For the Family of Emeterio Ortega-Diaz

To add a loved one to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office. Please note that the prayer list is refreshed every 8 weeks.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

The parish office will be closed from December 24th through January 3rd for the holidays. We will reopen on Monday, January 5th. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mon., 12/22	Tues., 12/23	Wed., 12/24	Thurs., 12/25	Fri., 12/26	Sat., 12/27	Sun., 12/28
8:30AM Mass	6:30AM Mass	4:00PM Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord Mass	12:00AM The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Night	8:30AM Mass	7:00AM Lectionary Based Bible Study	7:30AM Mass
7:00PM Boy Scouts Choir Practice	8:30AM Mass	7:00PM Children's Christmas Program	7:30AM The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Day	12:10PM Mass	8:30AM Mass	9:30AM Mass
	6:00PM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	11:15PM The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Night Carols begin	9:30AM The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Day		4:00PM Confessions	CLOW
					5:30PM Mass	11:30AM Mass
						5:00PM Mass

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Infant Baptism

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

ehubbard@saintedward.org

Marriage

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

jwhite@saintedward.org

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.

PARENT SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Sunday, December 21st
3:30-4:45PM | PLC

Managing Stress During the Holiday Season

This gathering will offer a peaceful space to pause, reflect, and receive practical guidance for navigating the busy season with greater balance, faith, and gratitude. All are welcome—come be encouraged and supported as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH BAND

Our St. Edward Youth Band is looking for singers and keyboard players. Teens currently in middle and high school are encouraged to visit the Youth Band during rehearsals on Monday nights in the Acutis Room from 8:00-9:00PM. Those interested in joining the band officially are welcome to scan the QR code to sign up for free!



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!

Be a shepherd, sheep, angel, or one of the many special roles that help bring the Nativity to life.

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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.

The Nativity of the Lord
(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 (carols starting at 11:15PM)
7:30 & 9:30AM

Celebration of the Blessed Mother

Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Vigil: December 31st | 5:30PM
Holy Day: Thursday, January 1st | 9:30AM



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Thank you to everyone who supported the 13th Annual Chili Cookoff benefitting the American Wheelchair Mission! Through your generosity, the event **raised \$24,084.50, with an additional \$275 in donations, totaling \$25,359.50—enough to provide 169 wheelchairs** for those in need.

50/50 Winner:

Janet Ryan – \$320 (Winning Ticket: 1221439)

Grand Prize Winners:

Golf Outing (Cypresswood GC): Royce Molitor
Kids Electric Scooter (6–12): Yogi Ybarra
Adult Electric Scooter: Jeff McIntyre
One-Hour Massage: Chuck Gauer
Pellet Grill: Diana Arakitchie
Power Washer: Randy Czaplewski
Smart 55” TV: Bill Pitocco
Wagon of Spirits: Jeff Parker

Thank you for making a difference and supporting Council 14512 and the American Wheelchair Mission!

DSF Cry Out with **JOY TO THE LORD!**

As we journey through Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ—not only in prayer, but also in acts of charity. One meaningful way to do this is by supporting the Diocesan Service Fund (DSF). Your gift to the DSF directly supports ministries that bring hope, healing, and the love of Christ to countless people throughout our diocese. From faith formation and outreach to pastoral care and charitable services, your generosity makes a profound difference. As you reflect on the blessings God has given, please consider making a contribution to the DSF this Advent season. The 2025 contribution deadline is December 31st. Together, we can share Christ’s light with those who need it most.

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT

RALLY FOR LIFE 2026

Rally for Life 2026 will take place in Austin on Saturday, January 24th. The Knights of Columbus are generously sponsoring a charter bus (with TWO stops at Buc-ee’s!) for all who wish to attend. To learn more and reserve your spot, simply scan the QR code

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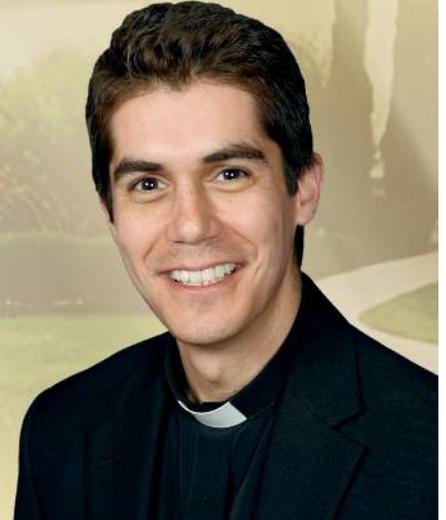
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