

WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH -BIENVENIDOS A LA IGESIA DE ST. EDUARDO

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Duodécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Celebration of the Eucharist - *Celebración de la Eucaristía* Sunday/ *Domingo* Mass Times

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| Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm | Bilingual |
| Sunday | 8:00am | English |
| | 10:30am | |
| | 12:30pm | Español |

Weekday Masses-*Misas entre Semana*

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| Tuesday | 6:00 pm | English |
| Wednesday | 12:00 noon | English |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Español |
| Friday | 8:00 am | English |

Reconciliation/ *Confeciones*

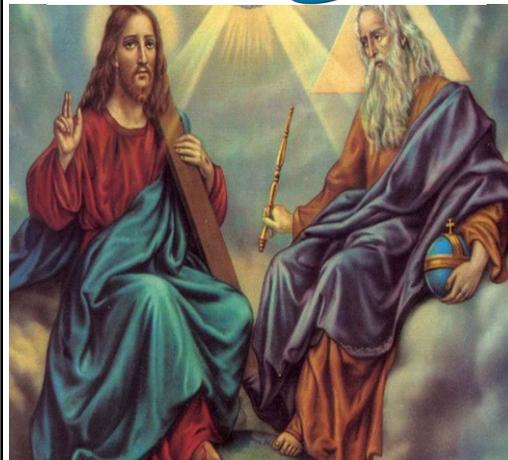
- Tuesday 5:00-6pm @ Historic Campus
- Wednesday 5:00-6pm @ SEEM
- Thursday **No confessions**
- Friday 8:30-9:30am @ Historic Campus
- Saturday 4:00-5pm @ Historic Campus

Church office hours—Horas de oficina
Monday/ Lunes -Friday/Viernes 1:00pm—5:00pm

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Happy FATHERS Day



The Spirit of truth will testify to
me, says the Lord;
and you also will testify.

El Espíritu de verdad dará
testimonio de mí, dice el Señor,
y también ustedes serán mis
testigos.

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Mission Statement

Through the teachings of Jesus Christ and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we, as Catholic Christians, strive to teach our youth, evangelize our community and renew our faithful. We will promote the principles of the Catholic Church through Scripture, Sacraments, prayer, almsgiving and penance — helping each other to seek eternal salvation with God in heaven.

A través de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo y con la guía del Espíritu Santo, nosotros, como Cristianos Católicos, nos esforzamos por enseñar a nuestros jóvenes, evangelizar nuestra comunidad y renovar a nuestros fieles. Vamos a promover los principios de la Iglesia Católica a través de las Escrituras, los sacramentos, la oración, la limosna y la penitencia - ayudándonos unos a otros a buscar la salvación eterna con Dios en el cielo.



Jun 21, 2020



OUR PASTOR 'S PAGE

Short Autobiography of Seminarian Christopher Orajiaka

My Name is Christopher Orajiaka, My parents, Mathias and Margret Orajiaka, are both devout Catholics, as well as my siblings. I have eight siblings, five sisters and three brothers. My parents raised us in a home founded on God's word and on the teachings of the Catholic Church. My parents ensured that at an early age, the role of religion and spirituality was embedded in me and my siblings. We attended Mass regularly, and I was taught from an early age to pray the rosary and be dedicated to praying.

Growing up, I had a few close friends, but I was particularly close to a childhood friend, Rowland Oparaocha. We were neighbors, attended the same school, played basketball together, and created lovely memories together. Now, these memories are the only thing I have of him. He passed away during a road accident on June 10th, 2016. His death brought a realization to me that our lives do not belong to us, and that we can be called at any time. Over the years, I have made other friends that have had a meaningful impact on my life. We all live in different countries now, but we still do make out time to communicate and encourage one another in our different fields.

I went on to study engineering at the University of East London, where I had amazing lecturers who dedicated their time and effort to teaching us. As a student, it was imperative for me to attend classes, study, and work on my school projects. I work hard at getting my projects done, and I tend to be a team player when assigned a group project. I always do my best to make the best of every situation and learn positive things from my environment, doing everything possible to keep the bad habits away. I have never really been an extrovert, and due to this, I am often found in my house or with a few friends discussing work, sports, or politics. I graduated from the University of East London in 2013 with a degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

While in school, with the consent of the Parish Priest, Fr. Danny, and with the assistance of my friends, we founded a group called Catholic Student Fellowship, which was primarily focused on ensuring that as young Catholics we continued to engage and find our identity in Christ. This group grew swiftly from a group of 5 persons to over 30 youths, and it was a delight, as by the grace of God we got more young persons to become engaged in the Church, participate in charitable works, and deepen their faith. We grew to become a family.

During part of my university years and afterwards, I was fully active in the family business, and I headed the Business Development Department, which was successful in generating huge monetary turnovers for the company. It was a wonderful time as it allowed me to harness the potentials of the mind and imagination. I headed the project that provided the first mobile digital solutions to the former Prime Minister of Malaysia during his campaign, as well as other projects. During this period, my brothers, who are the CEOs of the different companies owned by the family, were my motivation. Their achievements and dedication were remarkable. Their drive to make things better and their caring heart for every member of the staff made me realise that it is easier to respect your superior, but it is even a greater thing of joy to respect those under your employment.

Despite my success with my career, there remained this persistent yearning for a deep call to the religious life that I had borne alone since 2012. So, I sought out the Spiritual Director (Fr. Anthony Njungu) in a Diocese in Kenya who I met in the confessional, and I journeyed with him in discerning what path to follow by spending time praying and doing my best to listen to God's word and what He wants for me. In that process, God's call for a higher purpose and my desire to serve were made clear to me beyond doubt.

My desire to become a priest is underlined by the fact that only in giving of myself to this call by God will my life be truly fulfilled. The desire to serve and journey with others to Christ has been a great attraction, because the smiles on their faces are a reflection of the joy in my heart. Above all this, is the personal desire to know Christ deeply, to build a relationship with Him, to be His, and even in my weakness to know he still loves me by giving me a chance to serve in His Holy place. It is a gift I am not worthy to have, but it is a gift that would allow me to journey with the faithful and by His grace make eternal life.

I have always tried to promote the faith by not just saying the words, but by living it, and this was why I came together with few other friends to begin the Catholic fellowship, to help encourage a more spiritual encounter and dedication to the teachings of the Church. I always do my best to help those in need, and I do my best to improve on my discipline and be docile to formation. I do my best to be a team player and ensure it's about the team and not myself. Sometimes, I tend to ask people to repeat themselves or explain better to me, as I might not have fully understood them initially, but my ultimate goal is to do my task with little or no supervision as a servant doing his job.

I do hope to do my best in contributing in my little measure by serving the people and the community. I look forward to growing spiritually and academically and someday to become a priest who lives a life of love for the glory of God and to the service of humanity. God bless.

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you." - John 15:16

Sincerely,
Christopher Orajiaka

PARISH NEWS/*NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA*

Catholic Charities-Diocese of Tyler Nurse Hotline

During this time, Parish Registered Nurses are available by phone to help parishioners in the diocese address any health issues, not just virus related. Please call Catholic Charities (903) 258-9492 ext. 108 to leave a message for a nurse call back.

Durante este tiempo, las enfermeras registradas de la parroquia están disponibles por teléfono para ayudar a los feligreses de la diócesis a abordar cualquier problema de salud, no solo los relacionados con el virus. Por favor llame a Caridades Católicas (903) 258-9492 ext. 108 para dejar un mensaje para que una enfermera le devuelva la llamada.



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St. Edward's Catholic Gifts
Tienda de Regalos de St. Eduardo
Office 903.675.2509 weekday



FAITH FORMATION NEWS/*NOTICIAS DE FORMACION DE FE*

San Edward (Historica)

Saturday June 20

5:00 pm Acolyte: Michael Garner
 Altar Server: Emanuel Gutiérrez—
 Alexandro Guerrero— Cristóbal Garcia
 EMHC— Open
 Maiden/Altar: Jolet Garcia —Camila Pulido
 Reader: Denise Garner— Florentino Guerrero
 Usher: Castulo Morales— Miguel Morales—
 Diego Hernandez

Sunday June 21

8:00 am Acolyte: Ron Williams
 Altar Servers: Marcos —Mariano Velasquez—
 Brendan Carney
 Cantor: Cindy Carter
 EMHC — Kathi M-B
 Maiden /Altar: Abby—Yarely Ortega
 Reader: Donald Carney
 Usher: Zoila Hunt-Ellen Bailey-Joyce Williams

St. Edward (SEEM)

10:30 am Acolyte: Juan Martinez
 Altar Servers: — David Rondan—
 Miguel Angel Reyes— Santiago Gutierrez
 EMHC: OPEN
 Maiden/Altar: Jessica Reyes-Joselyn Trejo
 Reader: Tiare McGee
 Usher: Sergio Perales— Mary Waddell—
 Gabriel Martinez
 Incienso: OPEN

12:30 pm Acolito: Erasmo Mota
 Acomodador: Maria & Lino Garcia(I)
 Antonio Miranda — Rigoberto Hernandez(S)
 Monaguillos: Giomar Miranda—Santiago Garcia—
 Jayce Marks
 Cantor: Dani Garcia
 EMHC—
 Lector: Jaime Garcia
 Servidoras :Alexia Cruz-Kimberly Miranda
 Incienso: **Open**

If you wish to have a Mass said for a loved one for a get well, birthday, anniversary or any other special occasion, please contact the parish office. Mass stipend is \$5.00 each.

Si desea que se diga una misa por un ser querido para que se mejore, cumpleaños, aniversario o cualquier otra ocasión especial, comuníquese a la oficina de la parroquia. La donacion es de \$5: 00 cada una.

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VISIT, SEND A CARD, OR OFFER A PRAYER FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS IF OTHERS IN YOUR PARISH ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE.

VISITE, ENVIE UNA TARIETA, U OFRESCA UNA ORACION POR LOS QUE NO NOS PUEDEN ACOMPAÑAR A LA SANTA MISA. SI HAY PERSONAS UN NUESTRA PARROQUIA QUE NO PUEDEN ASISTIR A MISA Y LES GUSTARIA RECIBIR LA SANTA COMUNION POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.

MASS INTENTIONS -INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. †Gerald Vololek—Lori Scott

10:30 a.m.†

12:30 a.m. †Daniel Pinedo -Yanuel Fernandez

Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wed. 12:00 noon

Thurs. 7:30 p.m †

Friday 8:00 a.m.

Daily Readings/Lecturas del día

Mon: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tue: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31; 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wed: Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Fri: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4

Sat: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR- FLORES PARA EL ALTAR



If you are interested in giving donations for the weekly flower arrangements for the Altar in memory of a special occasion of a loved one, please contact the church office. The price for the flowers is **\$60**. If you request a special type of flower, there is an extra fee.

Si usted esta interesado en dar una donación para los arreglos florales semanales del Altar, en memoria de una ocasión especial o de un ser querido, comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia. El precio para las flores es **\$60**. Si quiere un tipo de flor especial, tendrá un costo extra.

Commissions, Councils & Ministries

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| Bereavement | Jim & Patti Curtis | 903-670-1031 |
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| Faith Formation | Zoila Hunt | 903-675-2509 |
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| Society of St. V. De Paul | Robert Fletcher | 903-515-1028 |
| Ushers | Wally Mahmoud | 903-286-2429 |
| Youth Group | Carmen Delgado | 903-675-2509 |

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If you would like to share an event or have information for the bulletin, please submit it as you would like it to read to bulletinstedward@gmail.com.
No later than noon on Wednesday.

Si le gustaría compartir un evento o poner información en el boletín, por favor envíelo como le guste que diga al correo electrónico a bulletinstedward@gmail.com.

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Second Collection/Segunda Colecta

May 10, 2020—Monastery of the Infant Jesus

May 21, 2020—Feast of the Ascension

+ Please remember St. Edward's Parish in your Will +

For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation at 903-534-1077 x 200 or visit www.etclegacy.org.

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Concerns about the conduct of Church personnel can be directed confidentially to Rev. John Gomez, Promoter of Justice, 1015 ESE Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701;

Phone 903-266-2159; Email promoter@dioceseoftyler.org

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ALL PLEDGE FUNDS(CASH OR CHECK) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE RED/WHITE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT BOTH ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH.

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