

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23rd, 2025



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From Fr. Mike's Desk

At the end of Chapter Three in the Book of Genesis, we read that after Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, God expelled them from the Garden of Eden. As it is written, *"The Lord God therefore banished him from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he had been taken. When He expelled the man, He settled him east of Eden; and He stationed the Cherubim and fiery revolving sword."* This account tells us how sin entered the human family and how humanity was expelled from Paradise.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, *'Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'* What an answer to a prayer, but this is not just an answer for the repentant thief, but for every prayer uttered by humanity. By these words and by the actions of our Savior, God removed the great obstacle which sin placed between God and humanity. God destroyed sin, spiritual death, and the darkness that comes from them, and the Church, with the singing of Alleluia, replaces the sneers of the rulers at the foot of the Cross. Jesus the Christ, the King of Kings, has saved us, and He did it from the throne of His Cross. He opened the gates of Heaven and bade us to enter a place far greater than the Garden of Eden. Now the Kingdom of God is open to all who acknowledge Jesus as king of their heart and soul.

Keep in mind that our King does not oppress anyone or treat us like slaves. Our King does not force Himself on us; no, He allows us to choose life with Him. He is indeed a king who wishes to be in a personal relationship with us, even allowing us to call the one who sent Him, Abba/Father.

This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, and it is indeed fitting that we end the year with this acknowledgement of Jesus as our King and the total focus of our lives. As we end this year (just as we do with the end of the secular year) let us look at how far we have grown in the practice of our faith and in our relationship with God. Have

we served God with all our heart, soul, mind, and in our very being? Have we put ourselves in service to our brothers and sisters? Have we tried our best to avoid sin, have we sought forgiveness of those we have hurt, and have we offered forgiveness to those who have hurt us? After we answer these questions, we will next Sunday, the First Sunday of the year, which is the First Sunday of Advent, start the cycle all over again. We hope that in starting again, the New Year will be better, and we will have grown. As we light the First Advent Candle, we seek to get closer to the world's true light, Jesus our King.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

First Day of Advent

November 30, 2025

First Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading - Romans 13:11-14

Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44

Next Week's Gospel Question

In Matthew's Gospel we listen to Jesus tell His disciples to be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man. On that day, people will be going about their business, and ***"one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake!"*** He was telling them to be prepared, ***"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."***

None of us know the day or hour when our Lord will come, so how prepared are you?

“Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love...”

Mass Intentions

11/24 - Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

9:00 am Raymond Monack

11/25 - Tuesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Joseph Nemecek

11/26 - Wednesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Luigi Graceffa

11/27 - Thursday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Sheila Leidle

11/28 - Friday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Loraine Valenti

11/29 - Saturday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Linda McMurray

5:00 pm Gina Hoda

Thomas Weppner

Frances Rotolo

Ronald Swierski

Barbara Buscaglia

Richard Marschean

11/30 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Phillip Incantalupo

9:30 am Carmelo & Antonetta Sessa & Gina DeMarco

11:30 am Paul Zakhary

Thomas Wallace

6:00 pm Christina Angelo

The church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

Pray for the Sick

Kathy Rooney Kevin J. Frobey Renata Sorace

Ron Gagliardi Mary Pieper Ashley Benkin

Paul Cannizzaro Angela Trivits

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of November 23 - November 29, 2025

Is Given in Loving Memory of

All Veterans who served our Country

By: Knights of Columbus

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of November 23 - November 29, 2025

Is Lit in Thanksgiving for

Our St. Edward's Parishioners

By: Fr. Mike & Parish Staff

Military List

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

Lt. Cmdr. Jameson Adler, U.S. Navy

Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps

SPC. Ryan D. Donadio, U.S. Army National Guard

Lt. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy

2Lt. Patrick Dunleavy, U.S. Army

Lt. Lauren Ehrhard, U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps

Cpl. Spencer Gliner, U.S. Marine Corps

SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army

Lt. Amanda Hine, U.S. Navy

Sgt. Christopher Hofer, U.S. Air Force

Maj. Christian Kapey, U.S. Marine Corps

Sr. Airman Michael LiBretto, U.S. Air Force

Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army

2Lt. Richard Martin Prestegaard, U.S. Army

2Lt. Aidan McCabe, U.S. Army

Petty Officer Sean T. Sattler, U.S. Coast Guard

Lt. Brian Shields, U.S. Coast Guard

SSgt. Paul Smith, U.S. Army

Maj. James Tom, U.S. Army

CPT. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army

Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

“If you know of any military personnel listed above who are no longer in the service, please call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030 to have their name removed.

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Please feel free to contact any council member, at any time, regarding your “needs, feelings, hopes and reactions.” All council members can be reached through the Rectory Office at: 516-921-8030

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	516-921-8030 ext. 150
St. Edward Confessor School.....	516-921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	516-921-8543
Finance Director.....	516-921-8030 ext. 132
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Bereavement Ministry.....	516-921-8030 ext. 137
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PSM/Pantry.....	516-921-8030 ext. 140
Music Ministry.....	516-921-8030 ext. 150
OCIA.....	516-921-8030 ext. 150
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	516-218-7837

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open during the following times:

Mondays - Thursdays: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Fridays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Closed for Lunch M-F: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Saturdays - Sundays: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Church

You may also make an appointment by calling the rectory at: 516-921-8030.

Protect Our Children Hotline

If you or someone you know has experienced an incident of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please **contact law enforcement and the diocesan's Office for the Protection of Children and Young People.**

The Diocese maintains a special phone number to report these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Sat., Nov. 29 5:00 PM Fr. Mike

Sun., Nov. 30 7:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth
9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann
11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann
6:00 PM Fr. Jude

Weekly Offerings

Dates	<u>11/15 - 11/16</u>
Collections	\$ 11,381.00
# of Envelopes	178
Auto. Transactions	\$ 5,730.00
# of Transactions	63
Weekly Total	\$ 17,111.00

Thank you for your patience and all who support our Parish!

Fr. Mike

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org

School: www.stedwardconfessor.org

Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com

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St. Edward's Mass is Online -

The St. Edward's 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and are available for viewing at any time.

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To watch the Sunday Masses on your smartphone, just scan this QR code.



From Death to New Life



Rosa F. Zanotelli

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

“Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey. They must have the Passion of Christ deeply embedded in their minds and hearts, because only from it can they derive peace, grace, and truth.”

St. Anthony of Padua

Bulletin Submissions

All submissions are due to be received by the Bulletin Editor no later than noon on each Monday preceding the bulletin date. See the dates as listed below. Submissions are to be sent by e-mail to:

BulletinEditor@ST-EDWARDS.ORG

Submitted materials are to be in MS Word or Google Doc file format, and must be limited in size. **Please do not submit material which will require a full page.** If you have materials which you cannot edit or reduce in size such as PDF or image files then contact the Bulletin Editor prior to the submittal date to discuss the situation.

Please note that submitted materials do not require pre-approval by the Pastor. Materials received after the cutoff time as shown below **will not** be published in the next bulletin. **There will be no exceptions** to this procedure, so please be mindful of the submittal dates.

Bulletin Date	Submittal Date
Sunday, November 30 th	Monday, November 24 th
Sunday, December 7 th	Monday, December 1 st
Sunday, December 14 th	Monday, December 8 th
Sunday, December 21 st	Monday, December 15 th

You Are Not Alone - Reach Out

If you are having thoughts of **suicide**, survived an attempt, know someone who did or are worried about someone who might, need a support group, or are in crisis, alone with nowhere to go, reach out.

Call or text 988, or text TALK to 741741.

Someone will be there for you, to listen, connect, support and guide you in a better direction.

The Saint Joseph Prayer Group



The St. Joseph's Prayer Group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm in the Church. Prayer pamphlets for how to pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be made available to everyone. These powerful prayers are gifts from Heaven, and we should believe in their great promises.

Adult Bible Study at St. Edward's

The Adult Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Cenacle Room. Fr. Hyacinth lead's this group.

All are welcome to attend.

Care for Our Common Home

Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. Once the human being declares independence from reality and behaves with absolute dominion, the very foundations of our life begin to crumble, for “instead of carrying out his role as a cooperator with God in the work of creation, man sets himself up in place of God and thus ends up provoking a rebellion on the part of nature”. Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' - Care For Our Common Home (2015) Sec. 117



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

A Service of Readings and Music
for the Advent Season

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:00 p.m.

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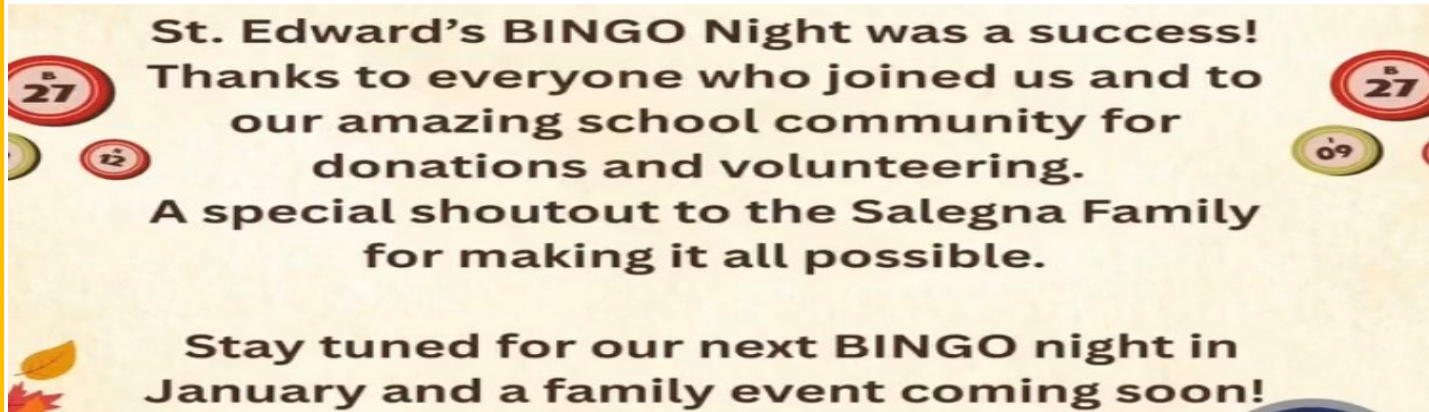
Parish Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction



Pope John Paul the second wrote, "The Eucharist is this secret of my day. It gives me strength and meaning in all my activities of service to the church and to a whole world... Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek Him without tiring, welcome Him without reserve, love Him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever." [33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, p.54]

Dear Jesus, You are the healer of my soul; take the blindness from my eyes, the deafness from my ears, the darkness from my mind, and the hardness from my heart. Fill me with the grace, wisdom, and courage to do your will in all things, Amen.

Thank You from St. Edward's School



Pasta Night at Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Holy Name of Jesus invites you
to Pasta Night

Please join Fr. Mike, Msgr. Bauhoff and Deacon Chris
Monday, December 15th at 6:00pm



PLEASE RSVP WITH THE RECTORY BY
DECEMBER 10TH

Parish Social Ministry



Tel: 516-921-8030

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday and
2nd Saturday of the month

The Next Monthly Collection - December 6th and 7th

Items Needed:

Food: Coffee, Tea, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Jello, Pudding, Chips/Snack Bags, Brownie Mix, Ramen Noodles, Hot Chocolate, Oatmeal, Beef Stew, Chef Boyardee, Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Yams, Shelf Milk, Salad Dressing, Crackers

Personal Grooming: Shampoo, Soap, Razors, Deodorant, Toothpaste

Cleaning Supplies: Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper

We are collecting new socks for men and women living in the homeless shelters as well as any travel size toiletries. Gift bags are being made for the holidays.

Donations can be dropped off during pantry hours or left in the vestibule inside the brown box on the left hand side. Please don't leave a donation outside the pantry or office door. We appreciate any and all donations.

If you are a veteran or know a veteran who would like to receive a homemade meal please contact Robert Ryan at telephone 516-639-5432 or rjpr4444@gmail.com

Thank you for your Support!

With gratitude,
Donna Zaino
Outreach Coordinator

St. Edward The Confessor School CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!

- **Wreaths:** **\$35**
- **Grave Blankets:** **\$60**
- **6-8 ft Trees:** **\$100**
- **9-10 ft Trees:** **\$125**
- **12 ft Trees:** **\$200**

Sale starts Nov. 28th

Wed-Fri 5:30-8:30pm

Sat & Sun 9am-8:30pm



Did You Know...

This week there are three things you should know as to what is going on in St. Edwards:

First, the results of last week's Rosary sale amounted to nearly \$500 in proceeds which we have donated to St. Edward's Church. Our thanks to all that contributed. Our next Rosary sale will probably take place sometime in the early spring of 2026.

Secondly, after great response from many parishioners regarding the Medjugorje presentation that was held on October 29th, it has been decided that we will offer a second presentation of the same information and more in mid-February. Additional, it is most likely that a new group will be able to go to Medjugorje sometime in April of 2026. More information will follow in our upcoming Church bulletins.

Lastly, we would like to invite you to a presentation of the true Christmas Story which will be given by Monsignor on Monday, December 14th at 7:00pm in the Church. This will be primarily given for all of our youth to get a better understanding of the true story of Christmas but all are invited!

Advent Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 9, 8:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, marking the beginning of the winter season and the sacred period of anticipation. This traditional service weaves together scripture, choral music, and prayer, guiding us into a spirit of quiet reflection and hopeful waiting.

All are welcome.

PRE SALE



14" DECORATED WREATHS: \$35
DECORATED GRAVE BLANKETS: \$60
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CONTACT:
ST. EDWARD SCHOOL
516.921.7767

PRESALE ENDS: 11/17
PICK UP: SAT 11/29
AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

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St. Edward's Crown Club



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all remaining monthly drawings

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St. Edward's continue with our many ministries assisting
the people of the parish and community.***

We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Please complete and return the entry form along with your check by mail or drop off at the rectory

ST. EDWARD'S CROWN CLUB

Enclosed is my check # _____ for \$ _____ for _____ ticket(s) in St. Edward's Crown Club.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

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Good Luck and Thanks for Playing!

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CHURCH
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

WINTER COATS, BOOTS & ACCESSORIES COLLECTION

- Children & Adult Sizes -



November 22 - 23, 2025

**Parish Social Ministry is collecting new and gently used
clean winter coats, boots, mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves.**

Children's sizes are especially needed.

Please bring items to weekend Masses.

St. Edward the Confessor Church - 205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, NY

Thank you for your support!

St. Edward's Christmas Lights of Peace, Hope & Remembrance 2025

Dear Parishioners, School Families, and Friends,

We are excited to announce the continuation of a cherished tradition: *The St. Edward's Lights of Peace, Hope & Remembrance Christmas Tree Field*. Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus – Council #5091, this initiative offers you a heartfelt opportunity to embrace the Christmas spirit while helping us raise funds to support those in need within our community.

By sponsoring a tree, you can honor a loved one or symbolize peace, hope, and remembrance during this festive season. Picture the joy you will feel as you visit your beautifully lit display of lights. In December, over 100 illuminated Christmas trees will grace the church lawn surrounding the crèche, wishing a Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, hope, and peace to all. Each tree will be a fresh-cut 5 to 6-foot Balsam tree, adorned with lights and a personalized placard.

Sponsorship Details: Your generous donation of **\$150.00** per tree includes the tree, lights, setup, and placard. With your support, we can ensure that *St. Edward's Christmas Lights of Peace, Hope & Remembrance* is a successful fundraiser, benefiting both our parishioners and our neighbors.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony: Join us for our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on **December 6, 2025** following the **5PM** Mass.

Order Your 2025 Tree: To participate, please return this form no later than **December 1, 2025**.

- ☐ Our Family _____
(Family Name Only to Appear on Plaque - Please Print Clearly)
- ☐ My Business _____
(Business Name to Appear on Plaque - Please Print Clearly or submit Business card)
- ☐ In Memory _____
(Name to Appear on Plaque - Single Name, Husband & Wife, or Family Name Only)

Enclosed is \$ ____ (Donation of \$150 per tree. Please make checks payable to **Joseph J. Gorman Council #5091**.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please note that all the trees will be lit in white by the council. No additional lights or modifications may be added by the donors.

Please return this form with payment to the: **St. Edward's Rectory Office, or mail to Knights of Columbus Syosset P.O. Box 26, Syosset NY 11791**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Together, we can light up this holiday season with peace, hope, and remembrance.

Warm regards,

Joseph J. Gorman Council #5091




YOUTH in GRADES 6-12 are invited to share their time, **GIFTS & TALENTS** as part of the **SEC Youth Ministry** by participating at the 6:00PM Sunday Mass and at our monthly meetings/community service events. Meet new **FRIENDS** and earn **COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDITS** for participation while helping the community.

YOUTH GROUP/VISION NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS:


COME FIND OUT ABOUT THE YOUTH MINISTRY 25-26 PROGRAM— See the **REGISTRATION FORM** below, Visit the **YOUTH GROUP TABLE** Before or After **SUNDAY 6PM MASS**, **EMAIL US @** youth@st-edwards.org and **FOLLOW us on INSTAGRAM @stedwardsyouth**

Sunday, Nov. 16, 23&30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21&28 6:00PM MASS: Teen Volunteers needed at 6PM Mass—please arrive by 5:45PM in Church Vestibule&earn community service credits.

Sunday, Nov. 23 &30 & Dec. 7 5:30PM: CHURCH VESTIBULE— SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS DRIVE - Sorting & Organizing Donations Collected

 **Sunday, Dec. 7th FELLOWSHIP** – **COOKIES/TREATS** provided at end of 6PM Mass in the Church Vestibule Courtesy of the Youth Group

Sunday, Dec. 14th YG MEETING/COMMUNITY SERVICE & CHRISTMAS PARTY in Youth Office -Lower Level of School– **FUN & GAMES & SNACKS** will be served

 **Sunday, Dec. 14th 7:00PM: CHURCH— TEEN VISION CHOIR's CHRISTMAS CONCERT** (Immediately following the 6PM Mass & Refreshments Served After Concert)

Wednesday, Dec. 24th 6:30PM CHURCH— TEEN VISION CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

VISION TEEN CHOIR: JOIN US-PRACTICE (5PM) & SINGING EVERY SUNDAY 6PM MASS -TEENS WE NEED YOUR VOICESContact: msena@st-edwards.org

2025-2026 REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION:

There are many ways to get involved at the Sunday 6PM Mass— Indicate your **INTERESTS:**

SING:VISION TEEN CHOIR__LECTOR/READ __ GREET__ COLLECT OFFERING__

BRING UP GIFTS__ALTAR SERVE__ ADULT VOLUNTEER__YG/ COMMUNITY SERVICE__

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION : YOUTH NAME GRADE/PARENT CONTACT



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BABY/FAMILY DRIVE

November 16 - December 14, 2025

Please Donate NEW:

For the Babies: Boy & Girl Baby Clothes-12 months to 4T, Unscented Wipes, Diapers- Newborn thru Size 6, Teethers, Baby Shampoo, Wash & Lotion, Baby Bottles, Sippy Cups & Wash Cloths

For the Siblings of the Babies: Barbies, Crafts, Football, Soccerball, etc.

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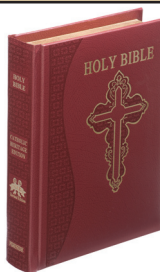
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