

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."*



Palm Sunday

April 13th, 2025

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jude Mensah, in Residence
Rev. Msgr. Donald McE. Beckmann, Sunday Priest
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Mrs. Cecilia Hayden, Family Mass Choir

St. Edward the Confessor School

Mrs. AnnMarie LoManto, Principal
Ms. Fabiola Cormican, Secretary

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	516-921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....	516-921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	516-921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	516-921-8543
Finance Director.....	516-921-8030 ext. 132
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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 5:00 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., Apr. 19	7:30 PM	Fr. Mike
Sun., Apr 20	7:00 AM	Fr. Jude
	8:15 AM	Fr. Hyacinth (GYM)
	9:30 AM	Fr. Jude
	10:00 AM	Fr. Mike (GYM)
	11:00 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	12:30 PM	Fr. Hyacinth
	2:00 PM	Fr. Mike

Weekly Offerings

Dates	4/5 - 4/6
Collections	\$ 13,774.00
# of Envelopes	242
Automatic Transactions	\$ 2,345.00
# of Transactions	35
Weekly Total	\$ 16,119.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 3,510.00

We thank all who support our Parish!

Fr. Mike

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org

School: www.stedwardconfessor.org

Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com

Facebook: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)

Instagram: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.instagram.com/stedwardsyosset)

Formed: formed.org

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.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

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



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

Mass Intentions

4/14 - Monday of Holy Week

9:00 am Robert Warnock

4/15 - Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am Ann Sloane

4/16 - Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 am Maria Rossi

4/17 - Thursday of Holy Week

9:00 am Morning Prayer

4/18 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

9:00 am Morning Prayer

4/19 - Holy Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

4/20 - The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday

7:30 am Maria Conte

8:15 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Peggy Murphy

10:00 am Happy Easter to All

11:30 am Dominick Gallo

Joan Mosca

Sheila Leidl

Luigi Graceffa

12:30 pm Mary Floresta

2:00 pm Rosemarie Zaberto

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	Mary Simon	Renata Sorace
Ron Gagliardi	Kevin J. Frobey	Ashley Benkin
Paul Cannizzaro	Mary Pieper	Angela Trivits

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of April 13 - April 19, 2025

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Bettina Leone

By: Tina Bullaro

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of April 13 - April 19, 2025

Is Lit in Memory of

Edward Greeley

By: Janet Greeley

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

Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy

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

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

Sgt. Brian H. McCabe, U.S. Army National Guard

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.

Pastoral Council

Fr. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor

Deacon James Murphy

JoAnn Bonasera

John J. Cleary

Chris Coschignano

June DeMarco

Mary Fay

Sr. Theresa Kelly

John O'Connor

Brianna Zaino

Donna Zaino

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

From Fr. Mike's Desk

"Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers and the people and said to them, 'You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So, he has committed no capital crime'...But all together, they shouted out, 'Away with the man! Release Barabbas to us!' Again, Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus but they continued their shouting, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'"

We sometimes read this account of Jesus' Trial and Passion, and we may say to ourselves, why did the people in the crowd call for the release of Barabbas, and demand Jesus' death? Well, there is probably some truth in the idea that Barabbas' supporters, who on that day included the Jewish leadership, shouted louder than the supporters of Jesus, but there is much more to this than we can ever imagine. There would have to be, because some in the crowd were the very same people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with palm branches and were shouting, *"Hosanna and blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"* What made them stop believing in Him? After all they saw everything, he did and listened to everything He said, and they were still swayed by the Scribes and the Sadducees and lies that the Priests told about Jesus. The leaders convinced the people that it was better for them to forget about Jesus, for He was not the promised one. Since the people's faith was weak, they had no problem walking away. The leaders also convinced those gathered to demand Jesus' death, for it was better for one man to die, than for Rome to come and destroy all the people!

How could the people be taken in by the leaders so fast? We may wonder and we may say, *"If I were there, I would never have given in!"* Well, that was true for many who were there on that first **Good Friday**, as the Gospel tells us that crowds lined the way to **Golgotha**, crying and some even trying to help Jesus. Even though the Apostles fled out of fear for their lives, they eventually came back to their senses and allowed their faith in Jesus to grow. So, neither you nor I would have weakened, but there is also the possibility that we could.

On this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we should ask ourselves how many times in this life have we denied Christ, and how many times have we called out for today's equivalent of Barabbas? I am sure that if we look at our lives, we can find at least one time, but do not get upset, because even the Apostles denied Him and ran away, and Our Lord forgave them. Jesus would not let this stand in the way of them being with Him and allowing them to serve Him. For as we have seen in the past few weeks, Jesus forgives us constantly and He does it all by the Wood of His Cross, which is our focus on the Sunday. Of course, next Sunday we will focus, with boundless joy, upon the empty tomb.

And this leads us back to the statement of the High Priest, when he said it was better for one man to die for the sake of the people. He was correct, but not for the reason he placed before the people. He was correct because in the Divine Truth of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, it is not one nation that is being saved, it is all nations. Nations that are not being set free from the slavery of Rome, but nations and generations being set free from the slavery to sin and spiritual death. Yes, all of this was accomplished by the death of one man, and the only person who could do this was/is the Messiah, the Son of God, who took on our humanity.

Soon we enter the holiest week of the Church's Year, and during this week, we will retrace the last moments of Jesus' life, and we will remember His death on the Cross on Good Friday. On Holy Thursday, we will recall the Institution of the Priesthood and The Eucharist and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Family Room. On Monday, we will hear Confessions from 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM on Diocesan *Day for Confessions*. Please note that on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Morning there is no 9 AM Mass since Mass is not allowed on these days, but we will have Morning Prayer at 9 AM.

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

The Resurrections of the Lord

April 20, 2025

First Reading - Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalms - 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel - John 20:1-9

Next Week's Gospel Question

In John's Gospel we hear that Mary of Magdala, having gone to the tomb and seeing that Jesus was missing, ran to Simon Peter and the 'other disciple whom Jesus loved', and reported that *"they have taken the Lord"*. Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb, and believed that Jesus had been taken to an unknown place, which weighed heavily on them and the other disciples.

We know that this Gospel passage has a different ending. We also believe that Jesus is the living Christ and always near to us. **Why then do we often despair at our circumstances, and feel far from Jesus and His loving embrace?**

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

April 14th - Monday of Holy Week:	9:00 AM - Mass 3:00 to 9:00 PM - Confessions
April 15th - Tuesday of Holy Week:	9:00 AM - Mass
April 16th - Wednesday of Holy Week:	9:00 AM - Mass 7:30 PM - Tenebrae*
April 17th - Holy Thursday:	9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Deacon Barry) 8:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Fr. Mike)
April 18th - Good Friday:	9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Deacon Jim) 12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross (Deacon Jim) 3:00 PM - Passion of the Lord (Fr. Hyacinth) 8:15 PM - Stations of the Cross (Youth Choir)
April 19th - Holy Saturday:	9:00 AM - Morning Prayer with Blessing of Food and Blessing of OCIA people (Fr. Mike) 7:30 PM - The Easter Vigil (Fr. Mike and Concelebrants)
April 20 - Easter Sunday:	7:00 AM - Mass in Church (Fr. Jude) 8:15 AM - Mass in Gym (Fr. Hyacinth) 9:30 AM - Mass in Church (Fr. Jude) 10:00 AM - Mass in Gym (Fr. Mike) 11:00 AM - Mass in Church (Msgr. Beckmann) 12:30 PM - Mass in Church (Fr. Hyacinth) 2:00 PM - Mass in Church (Fr. Mike)

* **Tenebrae** - "Watch and pray," Jesus tells his apostles in the garden of Gethsemane, "that you may not enter into temptation." He invites them to pray for courage and strength as they will be confronted with His betrayal, arrest, false condemnation, passion and crucifixion. We, who are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, also hear His call, especially in Holy Week, to watch and pray as we commemorate these most sacred and life-giving days in our own lives and in the history of the world.

The major liturgies of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Good Friday Service and the great Easter Vigil are our principal ways of prayerfully commemorating the events that won our salvation. But our Tradition also offers other ways to watch and pray during these holy days. The Liturgy of the Hours is prayed with great intensity and beauty during Holy Week. Many of you join the Office of Morning Prayer which our parish celebrates on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday mornings.

As we did last year, we will again be praying an evening office in the ancient Christian **tradition known as Tenebrae**. The word is Latin for darkness. The office commemorates the growing darkness enveloping Jesus as he faces the betrayal and arrest that lead to his passion. As the psalms are prayed and the scriptures are read, the candles of the church are extinguished one by one until the church is left in darkness. A loud thunder sound is heard. One lit candle remains, hidden away, as a sign that the darkness cannot completely overcome the Light, that the Cross leads to Resurrection.

Tenebrae is one of the most moving services of Holy Week. It offers a wonderful opportunity to "watch and pray" as we enter into these sacred days. Join us on April 16th, the Wednesday night of Holy Week at 7:30 PM and enter into this great prayer experience.

TENEBRAE

The Hour of Darkness



St. Edward Confessor Church

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 pm

Journey to the Foot of the Cross

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, offers “**10 Things to Remember for Lent**”. The first 8 things were in the last four bulletin. Here are the final 2 things.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It’s about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it’s about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God’s unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves amid our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek Him out, ask for His help, join in His suffering, and learn to love like Him.

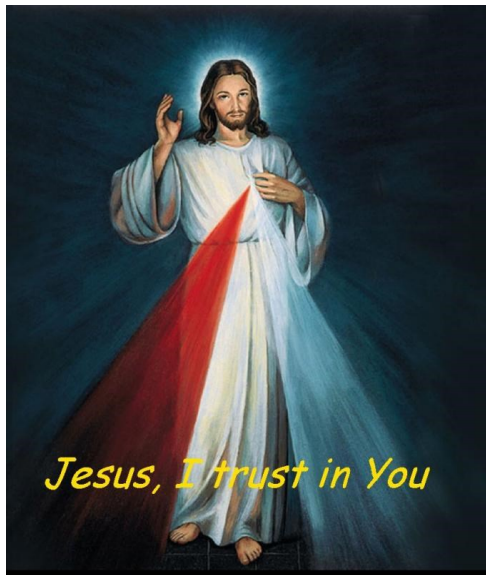
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

As we enter into Holy Week, please hold our OCIA Elect, JULIA AUGELLO, SAMANTHA AUGELLO and RACHEL CICIO, in your prayers as they eagerly approach the Easter Vigil when they will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

We also ask that you please keep in your prayers our candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation NICOLE RAMPANELLI.

As we journey together to the Easter Vigil, our Elect and our Candidate will look to us for an example of Christian renewal. May they find in each and every one of us compelling signs of unity and God's generous love.

Divine Mercy Sunday



"The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."

These requests of the Lord given to Sr. Faustina between 1931 and 1938 can be considered the beginning of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion in the new forms.

On Sunday, April 27th, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will gather in the church at 3 p.m. to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the request of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us as we pray for peace for our families, our country and our world.

St. Edward's Youth Choir Presents - Living Stations of the Cross

STATIONS
of the
CROSS

ON GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025 @
8:15PM IN THE CHURCH
PLEASE COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

From Death to New Life



Shirley Jane Patterson

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

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.

Reconciliation Monday 2025

Monday - April 14th

2:00 - 4:00 PM

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

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

Adult Bible Study is now offered at St. Edward's every **Wednesday** from **7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the Holy Family Room.

Now is the time to bring your Bible and your questions to a place where we can have meaningful discussions and where Father Hyacinth will officiate. Doors will open at 6:45 PM.

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, April 20 th	Monday, April 14 th
Sunday, April 27 th	Monday, April 21 st
Sunday, May 4 th	Monday, April 28 th
Sunday, May 11 th	Monday, May 5 th

Prayer for Vocations

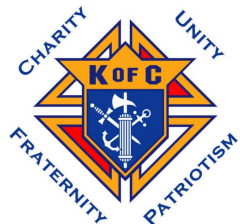
God our Father,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



**A vocation is all about
love...that comes from God.**

Knights of Columbus - Mission of the Family Video Series



Men with a Mission

*A Catholic Brotherhood
Changing the World*



As we get closer to Easter the Knights of Columbus are encouraging families in the Parish to attend the Good Friday Liturgy here at St. Edwards. Putting faith into action, the Knights have produced 5 short videos making up the **Mission of the Family** series. The Knights encourage participation and educating everyone on the vital importance of our faith. The Lord's passion and death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us. **Watch with your family members and spread the word!**

These short videos can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Mission-of-the-Family>

Or you can just scan this QR code and watch the videos on your phone ►



Pope John Paul II referred to the Knights of Columbus as the **“strong right arm of the Church”**. Our mission is simple. Whether it is the pastor, a bishop or the pope who needs our help, the Knights respond. We do this because we are first and foremost **men who love our church**.

Show up. Set your own schedule. Be an example of what a CATHOLIC MAN is supposed to be!

Contact: Russell Kendall, Grand Knight / **Email:** RusselDD12@gmail.com

The KofC Council #5091 has faithfully served the St. Edward's Parish since March 14, 1961

The St. Edward's Women's Guild

This month the meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd in the Holy Family Room at 6:30 pm, and we have many things planned for 2025. Anyone that is interested in joining please just show up or call: Mary Fay - 516-364-2601 or Ciel Hayden - 516-457-4697

Please note that, for reasons beyond their control, the St. Edward's Women's Guild **postponed the FUNdraiser** which was to be held on Saturday, 30th, 2025. They are in the process of rescheduling and finding a new location. Once the details have been finalized, the new information will be announced. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

St. Augustine on the importance of Palm Sunday - “The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.”

Parish Social Ministry



Tel: 516-921-8030

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

This Weekend Our our Monthly Food Collection - May 3rd and 4th

Items Needed -

Food: Rice (white, brown and flavored), Refried Beans, Canned Chicken and Parmalat Shelf Milk, Coffee, Baked Beans, Lentils, Tea, Egg Noodles, Salad dressing, Jar Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Ketchup and Mustard

Personal Grooming: Deodorant, Baby Wipes, Razors, Toilet Paper, Shampoo

Cleaning Supplies: Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent Any kind of Cleaning Supplies

Donations can be dropped off during pantry hours or left in the vestibule inside the brown box on the left hand side.

Thank you for your Support!



SPECIAL INVITATION TO 5-12 GRADERS

St. Edwards Youth Ministry & VISION Choir Needs YOU!

GOOD FRIDAY - 2025 LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS PROGRAM

We are in need of greeters, readers, singers & actors in Grades 5-12. Join with other teens & earn 10 community service hours as we relive Jesus's journey to the cross on Good Friday!

Commitment:

Wednesday, April 16th 5pm-9pm (Meet in Church)

Good Friday, April 18th 4pm-9pm (Meet in School/Performance 8:00pm Church)

Dinner & Dessert will be provided both nights!

Use the Link to Sign Up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe677sgyDy_bFdfx0POSe9pPk19SGhYDv95CTxh2303diHbPg/viewform?usp=sharing

Please contact youth@st-edwards.org with any questions.

Teachers Needed



St. Edward the Confessor School is seeking teachers for the **2025-2026 school year** in the following areas:

- **Kindergarten**
- **Grade 1**
- **Middle School ELA/Social Studies**
- **Middle School Science**
- **Part Time Spanish Teacher**
- **Part Time Italian Teacher**

You must be certified or working toward your certification. If you are interested, please send your resume via email to the school's Principal -

AnnMarie LoManto

alomanto5571@stedwardconfessor.org

**St. Edward the Confessor Drama Club Presents:
Annie Jr. | May 16-17, 2025 | 7:00 PM**

Shout Outs & Advertisements for CAST & CREW!
Send a personal message to your favorite thespian, crew member, or director! Please also consider *advertising your business in this year's Playbill!*

NEW THIS YEAR!! **Pre-Orders of red floral bouquets and/or mylar balloons are available for pick-up and to give to your favorite STAR on Opening Night!**

Scan the QR Code to place your order, then simply send your payment to St. Edward the Confessor School
ATTN: ANNIE PLAYBILL

All submissions are due by April 30. Thank you!



**All proceeds go towards offsetting the cost of the show!
THANK YOU for supporting our students.**

**Please contact Dana Basile: dmscafe18@gmail.com
with any questions or to help out the nights of the show.**

Did You Know....?

A brief history of Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Its name originates from the palm branches waved by the crowd to greet and honor Jesus Christ as he entered the city. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week; in Western Christianity, this is the beginning of the last week of the solemn season of Lent, preceding Eastertide, while in Eastern Christianity, Holy Week commences after the conclusion of Great Lent.

In most Christian rites, Palm Sunday is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches (or the branches of other, native trees), representing the palm branches that the crowd scattered before Christ as he rode into Jerusalem. These palms are sometimes woven into crosses. The difficulty of procuring palms led to the substitution of branches of native trees, including box, olive, willow, and yew.

Many churches of mainstream Christian denominations, including Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Anglican, Moravian, and Reformed traditions, distribute palm branches to their congregations during their palms, which are often blessed by clergy, to their homes, where they hang them alongside Christian art (especially crosses and crucifixes) or keep them in their Bibles and daily devotional books. In the days preceding the next year's Lent, known as Carnival or Shrovetide, churches often place a basket in their narthex to collect these palms, which are ritually burned on Shrove Tuesday to make the ashes to be used on the following day, Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent.



Join in the Fun!!

Vacation Bible Camp 2025

Summer Fun Camp for children entering
Nursery through Gr.6 in September.

4 mornings of Bible stories, playtime, music, snacks,
gym time, arts and crafts and fun!

Mon., June 30th through Thursday., July 3rd

4 Mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Tuition for 4 mornings is \$100/child.

Three children or more is \$250/family

All Campers will receive Camp T- Shirt, daily snack & music CD.

Camp Shirt sizes are Youth S, M, L, XL & Adult S, M, L XL.

If interested in registering for VBC Camp, you now have the
option to register and pay online on our website. The link is:

www.saintedwardre.com/vacation-bible-camp-2025/

OR you can complete the form and return it to the Religious
Education Office, School Office or Rectory with fee.

Make check payable to St. Edward Church. If you want to pay
by credit card or need additional info, call 516-921-8543.



Students entering Gr. 7 and up in Sept. can volunteer as assistant counselors.

7th and 8th graders can get Confirmation service hours. Please call the Office at
516-921-8543 or email abraun@st-edwards.org.



Name (Parent) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Cell _____



Name of Child _____ Grade in Sept. _____ Shirt Size _____

Name of Child _____ Grade in Sept. _____ Shirt Size _____

Name of Child _____ Grade in Sept. _____ Shirt Size _____

Name of Child _____ Grade in Sept. _____ Shirt Size _____

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YOUTH in GRADES 5-12 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 APRIL 2025 EVENTS:

Sunday, April 6th -FELLOWSHIP – COOKIES/TREATS provided at end of 6PM Mass by YG

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS/GOOD FRIDAY PROGRAM 4/18 8:00PM

TEENS GRADES 5-12 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MOVING REENACTMENT OF JESUS'S JOURNEY TO THE CROSS ON **GOOD FRIDAY**. 10 COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDITS WILL BE EARNED FOR FULL PARTICIPATION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES & DINNER SERVED:

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH 5:00PM-9:00PM –MEET IN CHURCH VESTIBULE
- GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, 4:00PM-9:00PM –MEET IN SEC SCHOOL CAFETERIA

*****SEE SEPARATE BULLETIN PAGE WITH MORE INFORMATION & THE LINK TO JOIN*****

ALL ARE WELCOME TO EXPERIENCE THE **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** PRESENTED BY OUR YOUTH ON **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH** at 8:00PM IN THE CHURCH-PLEASE JOIN US

VISION TEEN CHOIR NEWS – SINGERS NEEDED Contact: msena@st-edwards.org

TEENS GRADES 5-12 WE NEED YOUR **VOICES** FOR THE **VISION TEEN CHOIR** AT SUNDAY 6PM MASS/PRACTICE 5PM) & **GOOD FRIDAY PROGRAM 4/18 AT 8PM**.



2025 REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION:

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

SING:VISION TEEN CHOIR__LECTOR__ GREET__ COLLECT OFFERING__

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YOUTH NAME & GRADE: _____

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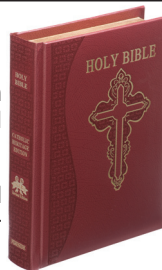


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