St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



Second Sunday of Advent December 7th, 2025



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From Fr. Mike's Desk

St. Paul wrote in his Letter to the Romans that whatever was written previously was for our instruction. God had it written so we might have endurance and encouragement, and so we may have hope. As he writes, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you might with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul also writes this so that they, and we, will not give in to hopelessness as they/we wait for the Second Coming of Christ! He shares with his audience how Christ first came to the Jews to minister to them and call them to the good news, and how later the Apostles were sent out to proclaim the news to the Gentiles, fulfilling the prophecy, "...I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name." We still proclaim the Good News, and still many more need to hear it. It is in this light that we are still using this Second Sunday of Advent to focus on the Second Coming. Again, as Paul tells us, there is still so much work to be done. However, only the Father knows when He will send the Son to return, but somehow, we get the idea that this is not the time yet, or maybe it is - only God knows.

Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah gives us a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God will be like, how existence will be so much better, and how enemies will be friends. As he writes, "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be filled with knowledge of the LORD." In today's Gospel, John the Baptist comes on the scene, as he will next week also, when he will ask Jesus a very important question. John fulfills the promise that before the Messiah appeared, the Prophet Elijah would reappear. Matthew goes to great lengths to be sure that you see the connection. John is dressed as Elijah would dress, and he speaks to the people, the religious leaders, and the king the way the prophet did. He calls all to repent, and he does not do it politely. John likewise would like the people to know that he fulfills the words of Isaiah when he identifies himself as, "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John tells the people that he is not the Messiah and that the Messiah is greater than he is. The Messiah has his winnowing fan in his hand, and he will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat (those who will be saved) in His barn. The chaff, however, (those who will not be saved) He will burn with unquenchable fire. Again, these are reminders to us about the Second Coming, but today's Gospel and next week's begin the transition to celebrating Jesus' First Coming. Also, as mentioned last week, the whole Advent Season calls us to hear John's call to follow the Messiah in His Third Coming, as we live our lives with Him and do our best to be encouraged to build the Kingdom of God and follow Dramatic Missionary Growth. Please use this season to its fullness and ask the Lord to show us where we need to grow, to change, and serve Him better. Let us ask the Lord to forgive us of our sins both individually and communally, and to sanctify our Church, its leaders, and all its members.

Monday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** We will celebrate the Solemnity tomorrow December 8th, with our usual 9 AM Mass and one at 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM. We will also have the **National Night of Prayer** starting tomorrow night at **9:00 PM and ending at 1:00 AM Tuesday morning.** We will spend time before the exposed Blessed Sacrament praying the Rosary and other prayers, as we pray for the end of Abortion and the taking of all Innocent Life. Please join us for one or all of these hours or something in between.

Happy Second Week of Advent!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

First Reading - Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Second Reading - James 5:7-10 Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11

Next Week's Gospel Question

In Matthew's Gospel we hear that John the Baptist, upon hearing of the good works that Jesus has performed, sends his disciples to Jesus to ask "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus does not claim to be the one, but tells them to "go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

As Catholics you have heard all of this before. **Do** you believe that Jesus is the one, and that He will come again?

St. Edward's Calendar of Advent Events



Mass, followed by Rosary Daily 9:00 am

St. Joseph Prayer Group Thursdays 7:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays following the 9:00 am Mass

Lunchtime with Jesus Fridays 11:30 am-12:00 noon

Evening Holy Hour Fridays 7:00 pm -8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 12:30-1:30pm

Christmas Tree Field Lighting Sat. Dec. 6th following the 5:00 pm Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mon. Dec 8th 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

National Night of Prayer for Life Mon. Dec. 8th 9:00 pm-1:00 am

Lessons & Carols Tues. Dec. 9th 8:00 pm

Mass for Deceased Children Sun. Dec. 14th 3:00 pm

Youth Choir Christmas Concert Sun. Dec. 14th 7:00 pm

Daytime Confessions Mon. Dec. 22nd 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Evening Confessions Mon. Dec. 22nd 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

As you prepare your home for a joyous Christmas with family and friends, allow yourself time to prepare your heart for Christ the Lord. Join fellow parishioners in prayer, liturgy, meditation, reconciliation, scripture and music.

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

Mass Intentions

12/8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Dorothy & James Tymann 12:10 pm The intention of Fr. Hyacinth

7:00 pm People of the Parish

12/9 - Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

9:00 am Socorro Benedicto

12/10 - Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

9:00 am Janet Cox

12/11 - Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

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12/12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am Intention of Patrick & Nancy Lotta

12/13 - Memorial of Saint Lucy

9:00 am Michael & Mary Kelly 5:00 pm Americo Di Siena

Lery I. Rodriguez

12/14 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Miriamma Jacob 9:30 am Robert McGee 11:30 am Kathryn Hampel

Rosa Graceffa Rovis

6:00 pm Thomas A. Brophy

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 Cary Briganti Angela Trivits

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of November 30 - December 6, 2025
Is Given in Loving Memory of
Richard Marschean

By: Carolyn, Nicole and Richie

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of November 30 - December 6, 2025

Is Lit in Thanksgiving for

Our St. Edward's Parishioners

By: Fr. Mike and 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"

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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

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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., Dec. 13 5:00 PM Msgr. Beckmann

Sun., Dec. 14 7:30 AM Fr. Jude

9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann 11:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth 6:00 PM Fr. Mike

Weekly Offerings

Dates	<u>11/20 - 12/1</u>
Collections	\$ 10,568.00
# of Envelopes	192
Automatic Transactions	\$ 5,625.00
# of Transactions	53
Total	\$ 16,193.00

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

Fr. Mike

Websites / Social Media

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YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

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



From Death to New Life



Sarah Mazzarella Peter Anthony Blasucci

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

Welcome to the Parish



The DeLuca Family

Anthony, Gina & Sebastian

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:

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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, December 14 th	Monday, December 8 th
Sunday, December 21st	Monday, December 15 th
Sunday, December 28 th	Thursday, December 18 th
Sunday, January 4 th	Friday, December 26 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 leads this group.

All are welcome to attend.

Care for Our Common Home

In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change. The Australian bishops spoke of the importance of such conversion for achieving reconciliation with creation:

"To achieve such reconciliation, we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart".

Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' - Care For Our Common Home (2015) Sec. 218



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

A Service of Readings and Music for the Advent Season

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 8:00 p.m.

St. Edward Confessor Church 205 Jackson Avenue Syosset, New York 516-921-8030

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.

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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.

The Real Christmas Story



You and your family are invited to a presentation of the Real Christmas Story which will be given by Monsignor Beckmann in the church on:

Monday, December 15th at 7:00pm

This presentation, meaningful for all, but especially instructive for our youth, is to provide them with a better understanding of the real meaning and spirit of Christmas. Come, listen and enjoy!

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

Next Monthly Collection - December 6th and 7th

Items Needed:

Food: Coffee, Tea, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Hot Chocolate, Oatmeal, Shelf Milk, Salad Dressing, Crackers, Chips

Personal Grooming: Shampoo, Soap, Razors, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Diapers sizes 5&6

Cleaning Supplies: Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper

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.

Thank you for your generous Thanksgiving food donations! 41 families received a turkey with all the trimmings and 24 families received a chicken with the trimmings. Thank you for all the coat donations. We were able to provide a coat for every family member.

Thank you for your Support! With gratitude, Donna Zaino

Christmas Lights of Peace, Hope & Remembrance 2025



This past week the Knights of Columbus were assisted by the Squires, from both St. Edwards and St. Pauls, in setting up the 100 Christmas trees on the front and side lawn of our church. This annual fundraiser for the church has been a great success in the past, and is a great way to honor a loved one and to show your support for our church.

The lighting of these trees will take place on - Saturday, December 6th after the 5:00 PM Mass.

If you haven't done so already, there is still time to sponsor one or more trees. For a donation of \$150 you can sponsor an individual, family or business, and your tree will be receive a placard in their name. Sponsorship forms are available in the back of the church and in the Rectory. Don't miss out!

St. Edward's Crown Club Winners

Congratulations to our lucky Crown Club Winners for November!



Prize	Ticket #	Winner
\$1,000	068	Marylou Dunbar
\$500	027	Gil & Francine Cosenza
\$350	201	Barbara Goldrick
\$150	003	Robert Landherr



Do you want to be a winner? You can still join! Flyers available in the Rectory.

There are five drawings remaining (through the end of April 2026).

As a reminder, winning numbers go right back into the tumbler and are **eligible to win again** at each drawing within the cycle.

Celebrating the Lives of Our Deceased Children

On Sunday, December 14th^h, at 3:00 pm a Mass will be celebrated in memory of those children who have predeceased their parents and rest in happiness with Our Lord. There is no distinction between a young or adult child in a parent's heart. Family, friends and those who share this loss are invited and encouraged attend this special celebration. If you know anyone who has lost a child, please extend an invitation to them as your guest. It is a wonderful gift to help those who have suffered such a loss.

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<u>Sat & Sun</u> 9am-8:30pm



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

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Good Luck and Thanks for Playing!



👣 St. Edward the Confessor Giving Day Tuesdays 🎁

This December, we're coming together as a school family to make a BIG difference!

Every Tuesday this month, we invite our amazing St. Edward community to support our Giving Day initiative.

Any donation—big or small—will directly help us revamp the heating system in our gym, creating a safer, warmer, and more comfortable space for our community.

Let's kick off the season of giving by investing in our children and their school! Thank you for your generosity and support.

https://stedwardconfessor.org/donate-to-st-edwardconfessor-school



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 DECEMBER EVENTS:

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

<u>Sunday, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 6:00PM MASS</u>:Teen Volunteers appreciated at 6PM Mass—please arrive by 5:45PM in Church Vestibule & earn community service credits.

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

Sunday, Dec. 7th & 14th 5:30PM: CHURCH VESTIBULE—SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS DRIVE Sorting & Organizing Donations Collected

Sunday, Dec. 14th 4:30-5:30PM: YG MEETING/COMMUNITY SERVICE & CHRISTMAS

PARTY in Youth Office -Lower Level of School— FUN & GAMES & SNACKS will be served.

RSVP TO: youth@st-edwards.org

Sunday, December 14th 7:00PM VISION CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Immediately following 6PM Mass): Teens are invited to participate or listen with their friends and family to the Teen Vision Choir in their Christmas Concert (Approximately 30 minutes – REFRESHMENTS will be served after.)

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 VOICES Contact: msena@st-edwards.org

2025-2026 REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION: It is never too late to get involved EMAIL US @ youth@st-edwards.org and make a difference!



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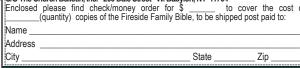
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