

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3rd, 2021

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
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Deacon Barry P. Croce



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Ms. Mary Calabrese, Director of Confirmation
Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Not registered? Please stop by our Rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family!

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	921-8543
RCIA.....	921-8030 ext. 135
Administration.....	921-8030 ext. 136
Bulletin Editor.....	921-8030 ext. 137
Facilities Scheduler.....	921-8030 ext. 137
St. Vincent De Paul Society.....	516-218-7837
PSM/Pantry.....	921-8030 ext. 140
Music Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Youth Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 127
Pastoral Center Offices.....	921-8030 ext. 132

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

When Attending Mass

While attending Mass during the coming weeks please remember to wear your face mask at all times and to maintain social distancing. After Mass has ended you are requested to depart from church immediately afterwards, and not congregate in the gathering area. Thank You.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday:	9:00 AM	In the Church
Saturday:	5:00 PM	In the Church
Sunday:	7:30 AM	In the Church
	9:30 AM	In the Church
	11:30 AM	In the Church

Our Weekly Offering

December 27, 2020	\$ 6,533.00
# of Envelopes	122
Automatic Trans.	1,164.00
Total	\$ 7,697.00
Christmas (as of now)	\$ 78,834.00
# of Envelopes	172

We thank all who contributed to the support of our Parish!
Fr. Mike

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 9	5:00 PM	Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, Jan. 10	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	11:30 AM	Fr. Mike

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 for these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org
School: www.stedwardconfessor.org
Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com
Facebook: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)
Twitter: [stedwardsyosset](https://twitter.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 Sunday Mass is recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and is available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset
Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

“Lord God, be my refuge and my strength.”

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 1/4 - Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 am James W. Tymann

Tues. - 1/5 - Memorial of St. John Neumann

9:00 am Our St. Edward's Parishioners

Wed. - 1/6 - Wednesday after Epiphany

9:00 am Charles E. Frake

Thurs. 1/7 - Thursday after Epiphany

9:00 am Andrew DeNatale

Fri. - 1/8 - Friday after Epiphany

9:00 am Anthony Tymann

Sat. - 1/9 - Saturday after Epiphany

9:00 am Josita Mirija Alie

5:00 pm Anna Nemecek

J. Thomas Fierro

Veronica Prush

Anthony Lembo

Sun. - 1/10 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am Peter Lorillard

9:30 am William J. Caputo

11:30 am Maria Palma Aviles

7:00 pm No Mass

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

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of January 3 - January 9, 2021

***Is Given in Loving Memory of
August Munst and Franz Fischer***

By: Milly Frohnhoefer

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of January 3 - January 9, 2021

Is Lit in Loving Memory of

All Those Who Died in 2020

By: Fr. Mike and 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 SEAL
Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force
Pvt. John J. D'Amico, U.S. Army Airborne
Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. Joseph Evola, Jr., U.S. Army
SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army Special Forces
Petty Officer 3rd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy
Lt. John Hagerman, U.S. Navy
Pvt. Gary Harris, 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
Cpl. Erik Liebergall, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army
Seaman Liam Pieper, U.S. Navy
2nd Lt. Richard Martin Prestegaard, 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
2nd Lt. John P. Trainor, U.S. Marine Corps
1st Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army
Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

Pray For The Sick

Joseph Kempton	John Lamb, Sr.	Christiana Cheng
Kathy Rooney	Robert Philipps	Julianna Key
Michele Wesch	Renata Sorace	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	John Hynson	Alexandra Reuter
Frances Genovese Wangberg		

Death to New Life



Eva-Maria Vetrano

Leo Roseo

The Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1 - Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading 2 – Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

From Fr. Mike's Desk

Friday, January 1st, we ushered in the new calendar year as we wished 2020 goodbye, something I believe everybody wanted to do. 2020 was a year which was beyond disbelief. Anything that could go wrong, appeared in 2020. As we welcome 2021, I am sure we all hope and pray that this year will be better. I would say how can it be worse, but in the world, we are living in today, who knows? While we are praying for an end to COVID19, at least as it was a year ago, and return of the jobs so many lost, thanks to the pandemic, we hope for peace and true justice for all people in our country, and that this year still will be better. I say that because I think we have learned a great deal more about ourselves, we have done so much to help others, and we have learned a new normal. But also, I hope that throughout the ordeal we have learned more about our relationship with God.

When we celebrated the Birth of Jesus we also celebrated our new spiritual life, we allowed the newborn king to enter our hearts and souls and change how we look at things (even if it was just for a little while). We ask Our Lord to help us make better decisions in this year and to help us grow closer to God and one another.

On Friday we celebrated in the Church the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, the Presentation at the Temple of the Baby Jesus, and the World Day of Peace promulgated by His Holiness Saint Pope Paul IV. All of these are important Christian ways to mark the beginning of the secular year, as they remind of us of the Christmas mystery of the Incarnation. the mystery that reminds us how much God loves us that He became one of us in the person of Jesus. He wished to share His peace with the whole human race. We see this in today's Feast of the Epiphany in which the divine glory of the Christ Child shines forth for all to see. The prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled as all eyes look upon Israel and all nations flock to her. The great wealth she gains is not silver or gold, but the knowledge that she has been the instrument of service to

God. Through her faithfulness all people will be called to salvation. This is worth more than any precious metal or material treasure.

The Magi brought costly gifts to Jesus, but even they knew that their gifts were pale in comparison to the great gift God gave humanity. Their coming from foreign lands, reminds us that this gift was indeed for every human being.

We close with words from today's Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer:

*Father, all powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere
to give you thanks. Today you reveled
in Christ your eternal plan of salvation
and showed Him as the light of all peoples.
Now that His glory has shone among us
you have renewed humanity in
His immortal image. Now with angels
and archangels, and the whole company of
Heaven we pray, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...*

*Happy New Year
and
Merry Christmas*

*Fr. Mike, the Priests, Deacons
and Staff of Saint Edward's*

Next Week's Readings

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalms - 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Second Reading - Acts 10:34-38

Gospel - Mark 1:7-11

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 41 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to Sunday celebrating The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

Merry Christmas, yes, Merry Christmas even in this time of corona fun. I am sure that we all thought we would be over with this, if not now, at least by the end of January, and yet we are not! Now we are told about a new strain coming from England, which is probably here already. Are we to lose hope? Not at all, especially in this season of Life and New Hope. All of this is given to us by the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are not just celebrating an event which happened 2021 years ago, no, we are celebrating an event which is happening here and now. Christ's birth should always help us to have a change of heart, particularly when things seem so dim and even dangerous.

We see this lived out in the feast day we celebrate on Saturday December 26th. This day after Christmas is the Feast of Saint Stephen, who was one of the first deacons and the first martyr of the Church. Stephen, like the other first deacons, was ordained by the Apostles to take charge of the physical needs of the Church. However, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he expanded his ministry to include the preaching of the Gospel. Stephen preached with such power and zeal, that the leadership of the Temple wanted Stephen silenced. As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, Stephen was arrested under the orders of a certain Saul of Tarsus, who the Sanhedrin commissioned to deal with the Christian problem. At his trial, Stephen, who was ordered to renounce Christ or die, gave, indeed, a most dramatic testimony of his love and faith in Jesus Christ. He ended his testimony with, "You stiff-necked people uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always oppose the Holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors'...when they heard this, they were infuriated...But he, filled with the Holy Spirit looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God...' They threw him out of the city and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul."

Saint Stephen, faced with such danger, did not lose his faith, and knew that Jesus was the source of his light, life, and peace. This is one of the reasons why we celebrate the feast of the first martyr right after we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Stephen's life and his willingness to give up his life for his belief in Christ is a reminder of why God became one of us. So, we will not lose heart, courage, or faith. Allow Stephen to be an example for us now.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who worked so hard to decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas. Many people were involved, and we thank them all. I would especially like to thank Donna and Brianna Zaino, Jo Ann and Michael Bonasera, Jack Vitucci, and other volunteers from Parish Social Ministry. We also want to thank June DeMarco for help and her continued care of the plants. We also want to thank the members of the Joseph J. Gorman Council of the Knights of Columbus for putting up the trees and the wreaths and the Nativity scenes both inside and outside the church. We could not have done this without their help.

God bless you always and have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the Child who is the Light!

Fr. Mike

Christmas Flowers Donated in Memory

Victor V. Allegretti
Nina, Joseph and Emma
Anastasio
Vito & Gaetana Ancona
& Phil Doria
Henry Joseph Anderson,
Anderson & DeCicco
Families
Cristina Angelo & Gregory
Colonna
Josephina Avena
Helen & Joe Beghin, Ed
DeVincentis & Ida & Joe
Mernone
Arthur & Alice Berry &
Kevin Berry
Ann C. Beyer, Anna Busch
& Otto Busch
Catherine & Joachim
Borowik, Helen Borowik
& Anna & Maurice Walsh
Vito & Dominick Brancato,
Zigrida McDermott &
Stephen Canoiloro
Brasen & Regina Families
Cannizzaro, Sahl & Becht
Families [Deceased]
John & Helen Carbone &
Johanna Baresic
Peter T. Carnesi & Jurow
& Sonoski Families
Lindolfo & Victor Casagrande
Sib-Catanuto
Joseph & Kenneth Cavanagh
Carmela Cefalu & Rose
Cefalu
Mr. & Mrs. George Cherpock,
George R. Cherpock, Mr. &
Mrs. Frederick Varacchi,
Barbara & Fred Varacchi
Caroline & Alfred Ciappa,
Aurora & Pasquale Gatti
Cirello and Lonigro Families

John V. Cirello, Jr. & Our
Parents, Sister & Friends
Coconato & Diconso Families
Josephine R. Cohen & Victor
V. Alleggretti
John P. Collins & Charlene M.
Kuhl
John M. Conroy
Johnice Dancy, Wilson
Mastrandrea & Charles
Silverstein
Nicholas Dannenhoffer &
Charlotte Schaae
Belinda DeFilippis, Arthur
DeFilippis, & Arthur C.
DeFilippis
Desoffy & Moran Families
Maggie DiNunzio, Ron
Thuma & Maria Rose Galta
James Docherty
Marge & Pat Driscoll, William
Driscoll, Patrick J. Driscoll,
Jr. & Frank & Kitty McKenna
Family & Friends
Farraday Family (Deceased)
Robert J. Ferlauto, Edward
Amato, Marie Scarfone &
Josephine Amato
Mary & Carl Ferraro, The
Philbin Family, Anoinette &
Dominick Ferraro & The
Quirk Family
Angelo Galta, Joseph
DiNunzio, Mr. & Mrs.
Dominick DiNunzio, Sr.
& Dominic DiNunzio, Jr.
Caroline Giannino, Robert
Giannino & Leonaro
Giannino
Rizzo Graceffa & Family
Samuel & Nancy Griffin
Joseph & Frances Grillo
William H. Grim
Eleanor Haake

Edward R. Higgins & Denise
E. Higgins
Joseph & Gina Hoda, Max
Theresa & Helen Hoda,
Antonio & aria DiCenso
Herbert R. Hynes, Robert A.
Duca, MD & Diana B. Duca
Antoinette Isidora, Frances
Ramer, Rose Ramer &
Marvin Joseph Hill
Melpo Kaltsas, Louis Tabone,
George Kaltsas & John A.
Tabone
George C. Karpus, John J.
Karpus
Kenneth & Grace Kempton,
Grace Baruccheri, Eugene &
Joanne Kempton
Jane Klingler, Mary Dunn,
Marie Klingler & Grace
Klingler
Anne & Joseph Labriola
Georgelaliotis
Michael Lassig
Lauth & Rottkamp Families
Henry G. Lefler
Louis Lombardi
Daniel Lunde, Rose & Sal
Anzalone, Lisa Jo Speranza
Matthew J. MacKenzie, Alan
(Bud) MacKenzie
Giovanni Malandruocolo
Manfredonia & Hayes
Families
Mrs. Helen McHale
Joan M. McIntosh
Raul Mendez, Drs. Marko &
Vera Nyitray
Maggie Decicco, Domano
Decicco, Jerry A. Merola
& Lucy Merola
M/M Moran, Mr/Mrs
Boeggeman

The O'Connell Family
Jack O'Shaughnessy &
Mike & Florence Ferri
Our Families
Passero & Polese Families
Paterson & McCarthy
Families
Sr. Eleanor Peters, Gladys
& William Vogel, Rita &
Arnold Barnett & Our
Grandchildren
Felix & Patricia Portelli, Joe
& Josephine Bortko
The Presogna & Baker
Families
Ragno Family & Sabatino
Ruggiero
Roman & Emelia Kwarta
Rinaldo, Peter, & Lisa
Nicoforo
Saverio V. Rizzi & Marillyn
H. Rizzi
Sarah T. Roche
Pamela Rosica
Maria & Josef Ruenbacher,
Betty & Chet O'Brien, Rita
& Curt Lubitz & Wayne
Watanabe
Catherine Scanlon
Theresa Spina, Philip Spina,
Phillip M. Spina & Peter A.
Spina
Dorothy Stannish, Rose,
Nicholas & Alexander
Stannish & Johanna &
John Bauer
William J. Sweeney
Tiso Family & Congemi
Family
Vincent & Marie Tricomi,
Jack Schantz & Edwin A.
& Gertrude Schantz
John Uftring, Rose & Albert
Uftring & Mary & Joe Urso
Fred Varacchi
Angela Vasile

Antonina & Giacomo
Vernace & Leo & Mary
Scally
Vincent Virzi & Giovanni
Donatich
Antonia Vittti, Teresa
Montanano, Angelo
Vizzaccaro & Giuseppe
Vitti
Thomas Walsh, Gloria Rossi,
Lucille Walsh
The Wesch and Wikstrom
Families
Gina Farniello Wilson &
Cavagnaro & Wilson Family
Members (Deceased)
Rita & George Wulforst
Mary Jane Zuvicic & Mr/Mrs
Magasic

Frances & Peter DeCarlo &
Lorraine & Frank O'Brien
Robert E. Geber
Gerald Gisonny
Ronald Graeber
Robert & Marie Haynes &
Jerome & Elizabeth
Schroeter
Richard LaMendola & Family
Montanaro Family
Pablo & Aurelia Lozada,
Robert J. Frohnhoefer,
Jeffrey Ford & Joseph
Heredia
Francesco & Margherita
Manzi, Gino & Ida
Casali, Angelina & Franco
Casali
McGlone & Quinn Families
Theresa & Nino Polimeri
Patricia & Allen E. Murray
Giuseppina & Antonio
Sebastiano, Pasquale &
Assunta Rosina
Rosetta Wade

Daniel J. DeFelitta

Fleming Family
Daniel Kelly
Anthony Lanci
Anthony Lembo
Thomas Leonard
Mry Piccolo
Grace Salerno
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Seymour
Elizabeth Sturz
Mary Beth Todary, Mary
Tannazzo, Biagio Variseo
Josephine Variseo
Vedderr Family

Parish Social Ministry



516-921-8030

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday

Food: Mayonnaise, Jelly, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Shelf Milk, Oil, Jar of Tomato Sauce, Egg Noodles, Chili, Salad dressing, Ketchup, Mustard

Personal Grooming: Diapers size 5& 6, Shampoo & Conditioner, Mouthwash, Deodorant, and Bar Soap

Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, any Cleaning Supplies

Paper Products: Paper Towel and Toilet Paper

Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't help others without your help. Please only put non-perishable food and toiletries/cleaning products in the collection box in the church vestibule. If you have any fresh or frozen products drop them off at the pantry.



Parish Purl Ministry: Prayer shawls are available by request at both the Rectory office and the Parish Social Ministry office. We also have lap blankets for anyone in a wheelchair.

Be a Giving Angel this Christmas!

We have the gift cards ready for you to purchase. Let us make it easy for you to help others in need to have a little brighter Christmas this year. A volunteer from parish social ministry will be happy to assist you with your purchase, before and after each of the Masses. We accept cash, check (made out to St. Edward Church) or credit card. Each gift card is \$25.00 however any and all donations are appreciated.

Ancient Order of Hibernians



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If you are Irish or of Irish descent and want to share more about your heritage and current Catholic issues the Ancient Order of Hibernians is looking for you! The AOH is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the America. For further information, please call, text or email

Warren Scullin - Cell: 917-751-1661

Email: arthurscullin@gmail.com

The Sounds of Christmas

A recording of the 2005 Advent Lessons and Carols is now available on YouTube and Facebook. Sr. Jackie is always in our hearts as are so many other lectors and choir members who have gone home to the Lord.

A recording of this year's Christmas Midnight Mass will also be posted on YouTube and Facebook.

See the front of the bulletin on how to find our YouTube and Facebook pages.

We Need Your Help

We have **good news** and **bad news**... The **good news** is that we are starting to see a slow but steady increase in the number of people who are coming back to Mass on Sundays. We are so happy to see you again and we look forward to having everyone back together as a faith community. Now the **bad news**... the Federal Communication Commission is phasing out the 600 MHz frequencies currently in use by many Church congregations including St. Edward's. What this means is that our current sound system will not be able to comply or function with the new required frequency. Our sound system, which has served us well until recently, is the same system originally installed when our church was built, and includes the Holy Family Room and Auditorium. It has become antiquated and has failed several times. Replacement parts are virtually nonexistent. As a result of this and the FCC regulation, we must replace our sound system for the church, Holy Family room and Auditorium. Unfortunately, this does not come without a considerable cost. The best estimate we have received is approximately \$40,000. This could not have come at a worse time. Although we are blessed by your kind generosity, our weekly collections are lower than anticipated and as you know our fundraisers have been cancelled because of the pandemic.

So, we need your help! I am asking you to consider being a donor to help defray the cost of this system. I know times are tough for many and we are experiencing the need to tighten our belts as well, but the sound system is imperative for our liturgical services and school functions.

Please consider helping the parish out. Thanks and God bless!

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated by the Catholic Church on January 1st, the Octave (8th) day of Christmastide. Each Sunday, after the 11:30 AM Mass has ended, a group of Parishioners remain in the church to prayer the Rosary. Following the recitation of the Rosary, additional prayers are said, some of which include the following:

Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen)

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy, Our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.
Amen.

Memorare (Remember)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who
fled to your protection, implored your help
or sought your intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you
I come, before you I stand, sinful and
sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy,
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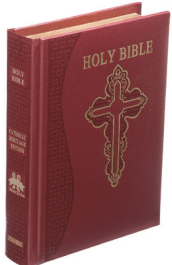
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