

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The First Sunday of Advent *November 29th, 2020*

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
Msgr. Donald McE. Beckmann, Sunday Priest
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Mrs. Cecilia Hayden

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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!

Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday.....9 AM - 5 PM
Friday.....9 AM - 3 PM
Closed for Lunch.....1 PM - 2 PM

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: 1:00 PM to 2:00 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

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 5	5:00 PM	Fr. Celestine *
Sunday, Dec. 6	7:30 AM	Fr. Mike *
	9:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth *
	11:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann

* - Deacons to preach

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

Our Weekly Offering

November 22, 2020	\$ 11,076.00
Envelopes:	179
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 1,654.00
Transactions:	33
Total:	\$ 12,730.00

We thank all who contributed to the support of 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)

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. - 11/30 - Feast of Saint Andrew

9:00 am Paul Zakhary

Tues. - 12/1 - Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

9:00 am Anne Labriola

Wed. - 12/2 - Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

9:00 am Antonino and Rosa Barreca

Thurs. 12/3 - Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier

10:00 am Elizabeth Guarascio

Fri. - 12/4 - Friday of the First Week of Advent

9:00 am Marija Krsulic

Sat. - 12/5 - Saturday of the First Week of Advent

9:00 am Fran and Dave Plimley

5:00 pm

Jay O'Neill
Carol Balewski
Eileen O'Connor
Salvatore Mancuso
Edith Boisi
For Our Parishioners

Sun. - 12/6 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Terrence Ullrich

9:30 am Thomas Vollo

11:30 am Intention of Mary Adams

Kitty O'Malley
Arthur (Chris) English

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 November 29 - December 5, 2020

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Peter Paterson

By: Cathi, Ron, Brian & Sean Reis

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of November 29 - December 5, 2020

Is Lit in Memory of

Paul Zachary

By: The Zachary Family

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
Cpt. Connor J. Dunleavy, U.S. Army
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	Anthony Lembo	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Renata Sorace	Alexandra Reuter

Peace in the Soul

During his morning Mass this past Tuesday Pope Francis spoke about how Christians can prepare for Christmas by building peace in one's soul, in the family and in the world through humility. Advent, therefore, is the time to prepare ourselves by being at peace with ourselves, our soul, that is often in **anxiety, anguish and without hope**. For this, one needs to start with oneself. Peace, the Pope said, starts with the soul, and after making its journey of peace, returns to the soul. Making peace is a bit like imitating God. When He wanted to make peace with us and forgave us, He sent His Son to make peace, to be the Prince of Peace.

The Readings for The Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 - Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm – 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Reading 2 – 1 Corinthians 3:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel – Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”



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

"You, Lord are our Father... Why did You let us wander, O Lord, from Your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear You not?" These words from the Prophet Isaiah express the frustration the Prophet and the people in exile had when it came to their relationship with God. He is asking why did You make us in Your image and likeness, and allow us to fall into such a terrible situation (this may certainly seem familiar to us as we still go through COVID19, and ask God why). Isaiah also asks God to help them out of the situation by rending the heavens, showing Himself, and coming down to them, so they could be saved.

Indeed, this is what God did and this is what we remember as we begin this Holy Season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting, and we are waiting for the two comings of God's answer to the people, Jesus Christ. We are waiting for His first coming at Christmas and as we begin this season we are waiting for His second coming on the Last Day. How many times have you asked God why did You allow us to sin and harden our hearts against Your will? How many times have you looked at your life and the actions you have taken or have failed to take and asked God, why did You let me do that or why God do I do these things? How many times have you asked God to show Himself or to give you a sign and you will know what to do, and how you will be able to change your life?

Isaiah understood, as he was asking God these questions, that God would show Himself in His own time. We, of course, should realize that, as we have an advantage over the people who lived in exile. For as mentioned above, God did show Himself to His people and He did this through the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And it is this same Christ who shows Himself to us now through the working and grace of the Holy Spirit. This should be a source of comfort to us when we have some doubts or ask these and other questions.

A question that many have is, do you really believe Christ will come again, and if so when will this happen? The answer is what is written above: **Christ will come again in His own time.** So this means we are to follow what Jesus tells us to do in today's gospel. We are to watch and be ready. We are not to be asleep when He comes back, which means we are to be active in spreading and

living out the gospel. We are not to be like the night watchman who just patrols the property and waits for dawn, following the same routine, nor are we to be idle or passive. While it seems like a long time between the two comings, we still do not know the hour or the day and we should always be aware that it could happen tomorrow, after all 2021 years is just a drop in the bucket for the eternal God.

God bless you and Happy Advent!

Fr. Mike



Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalms - 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 36 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

This coming Thursday is one of America's favorite holidays, Thanksgiving Day. While tradition has it observed one year after the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth, and George Washington declared it a holiday, it was not officially established on the calendar until the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. He established this amid the Civil War (or as our Southern brothers and sisters would say the War of Northern Aggression or the War Between the States). He declared this day to be officially celebrated as a remedy to what was happening in this divided country.

While the Civil War was indeed the worse era in American History, as brothers fought against brothers, we are facing a similar situation as there is much uncertainty in America and the whole world. There are still tensions between groups of people and we are fighting a war against an enemy we cannot see with the naked eye. No, Thanksgiving this year will not be the same, the Macy's Parade will be shortened, Santa will not appear in person in the main store, or he will be behind plexiglass in some places. And of course, this year we are given numbers as to how many we can join with, and some people are planning to do something other than what they usually do.

As I have mentioned before, the whole point of this day is to give thanks to God. For God is here always, He knows our pains and uncertainties, and He is not letting go of us. Do not lose sight of this and do not allow the outside world or the virus to take you down. On Thursday we will celebrate the greatest act of thanksgiving, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 10AM (please note that there is no 9AM Mass on that day). Keep in mind that the word Eucharist means thanksgiving, and that is what we do every time we celebrate the Mass. As we gather to hear the Word of God and receive the Body of Christ we are acknowledging the saving action of the Cross and the Resurrection, and we are remembering His promise that He would be with us always even until the end of the age.

On behalf of Fathers Hyacinth and Celestine, Deacons Jim and Barry and the entire staff of Saint Edward the Confessor, I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very prayerful Advent Season which follows.

God Bless You

Fr. Mike

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

We are grateful for your extraordinary contributions to the Poor Box during these critical times since it helps to fund our mission. But with a rising need, a second collection will be held this weekend to help us help our neighbors in need. You can use the envelope in the packet that you receive in the mail. Envelopes are also in the pews this weekend.

We appreciate your generosity, which allows us to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that we may bring them God’ love.

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at: (516) 218-7837.

Parish Social Ministry



516-921-8030

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

Monthly Food Collection Next Weekend 12/5 & 12/6

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.

Spreading Christmas Cheer!

WE ARE TEAMING UP WITH HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH
TO SEND CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY CARDS TO OUR FRIENDS LIVING AT
COLD SPRING HILLS, WHITE OAKS & EXCEL AT WOODBURY NURSING HOMES.

THE THREE NURSING HOMES HAVE 700+ RESIDENTS.
WE NEED A LOT OF CARDS!



How can you help?

- ✉ Purchase or create a card.
- ✉ Add a note inside.

(Some ideas: Hello Friend... Thinking of you... You are loved... Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!)

- ✉ Write either Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays or Happy Hanukkah on the envelope, so the cards can be easily divided among Christian and Jewish residents.
- ✉ Please don't seal the envelopes.
- ✉ No postage necessary. Cards will be hand delivered to the nursing homes.

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CARDS IN THE BOX LOCATED IN
ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH VESTIBULE BY DECEMBER 13, 2020**

Help Support Our Local Business During the Holidays

During the upcoming Christmas Season please remember that many of our local businesses have assisted St. Edwards over the years, contributing both time and funds to help support us, and now during the pandemic they need our help. Look through the advertisers in the back of each weekly bulletin and see if there isn't something you can do for them, such as order a take out meal, bring your vehicle in for a state inspection or service, or pick up a gift certificate that you can pass on during the holiday. Need more ideas about patronizing local businesses, then please visit the website of the Syosset Woodbury Chamber of Commerce at www.SyossetChamber.com and look through the directory which lists more than 100 businesses by category. As they have supported our many events here at St. Edwards over the years, let's show them that we are thankful and we care.

CHRISTMAS MASS SURVEY



As we approach Advent, we must turn our attention to Christmas Masses and how to accommodate all who wish to attend.

Due to social distancing, the main church cannot hold more than 200 parishioners at a time. Pews have been roped off and markers are on available pews to allow for social distancing. Other overflow locations will be available for Mass at the same time, as needed. Parishioners will be directed to these other locations when the main church is reaching capacity.

In order to accommodate everyone safely this Christmas, we are collecting information about your family's plans for attending Christmas Eve/Day Masses at St. Edward the Confessor. Please complete the following survey to help us provide for all of our parishioners' safety. You can also complete this survey on our website (www.st-edwards.org).

THIS IS NOT A RESERVATION SYSTEM. SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

Family name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please indicate which Mass your family is most likely to attend:

____ December 24, 4:00 PM

____ December 24, 6:00 PM

____ December 24, 8:00 PM

____ December 25, 12:00 AM
(Midnight Mass)

____ December 25, 7:30 AM

____ December 25, 9:30 AM

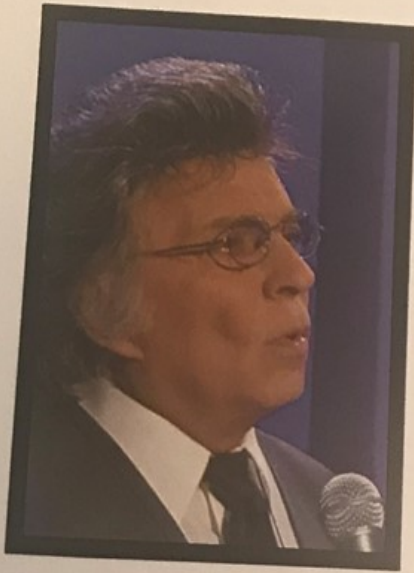
____ December 25, 11:30 AM

____ December 25, 1:00 PM

How many family members will be attending this Mass? _____

Please understand that this is NOT a reservation system and seats will be available, at the ushers' direction, on a first-come basis.

You may return this form to an usher or to the Rectory Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory at (516) 921-8030 ext. 150.



Al Barbarino
will be with us at:
St. Edward the Confessor
Monday, December 14th - 7³⁰ pm

Advent Presentation... "Is Christmas,
Still Christmas, As You Once Knew?"
... In these very confusing days of restrictions
& division - we NEED to focus our Energies
for the Coming of Christ! We need Him!

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal,
(Fr. Benedict Groeschel's Community) and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.
(The Late)

Throughout the years in this apostolate, he has recorded CDs/Videos and traveled around the world. He speaks on our faith in a most practical, everyday level. Through all the support of his recordings, he helps the Franciscans at their homeless shelters, Croatian Relief (International Outreach) and for the poor, wherever he sings.

Al has worked in the NYC prisons for incarcerated youth as a counselor.
He has many stories to share!



2020...What a year! Most of us have experienced some hardship related to COVID-19, the virus that has caused our lives to be up-routed. **Who would have imagined...**

No Church

No restaurants

No sports

School in a virtual setting

No afterschool activities

No outings to parks, movie theaters, stadiums, etc.

Some families have also experienced financial burdens. No money to pay for essentials like gas, electricity, and even food. This Christmas season may not be as fruitful at some houses as in the past.

STEPS FOR PREPARING YOUR SHOEBOX

1) FIND A SHOEBOX

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

2) GIRL OR BOY? WHAT AGE?

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy.

Which age category? 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

3) FILL WITH GIFTS

Select a medium to large "wow" item, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Think of what you liked best during those years in your life. A suggested gift listed is attached.

4) PRAY

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note or Christmas Card.

5) LABEL AND SECURE THE BOX

Be sure to label your box indicating Boy or Girl and the age group you chose.

Secure the lid with a rubber band (no tape please)

6) DROP YOUR BOX OFF

Bring your completed box to school during the week of December 7-11, 2020

Consider having your friends and neighbors bring in a box too!



*The Parents' Association of
St. Edward the Confessor presents our 2nd
Annual Poinsettia Sale*

*ON SALE NOW THROUGH &
INCLUDING DECEMBER 5*

*We are offering beautiful 6.5inch poinsettia pots
to our parish and school families & friends in the
following color choices:*

RED, WHITE, PINK, or JINGLE BELL (red & white speckled mix)

*****Price: \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00*****

*Pick-Up Information: Saturday, December 5 from 10:00am-12:00pm at SEC in the Holy Family Room
(If you are unable to pick-up on this date, we are able hold plants for you)...ONE DAY SALE on 12/5 as well!*

PAYMENT & ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED by Friday, December 4.

Please send order forms: ATTN: Dana Basile, Poinsettia Sale

Forms may also be mailed to: SEC School; 2 Teibrook Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791

SEC Poinsettia Order Form All proceeds benefit SEC PASE

Please return or mail this form with your payment no later than December 4. THANK YOU!!

Checks can be made out to PASE...THANK YOU!!

Name: _____ Best Contact Number: _____

E-mail: _____

QUANTITY	COLOR	PRICE
	RED	
	WHITE	
	PINK	
	JINGLE BELL	

Total: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____

All plants are cultivated and cared for by Borella Nursery:

www.borellanursery.com



Parish Social Ministry

Christmas Giving Angel

Christmas is coming! This year the Parish Social Ministry is looking to provide our families in need with gift cards for each family. Our Giving Angel Christmas Tree, located in the vestibule of the church, has paper angels just waiting for you to adopt. Each angel has the name of a store printed on it and a suggested donation of \$25.00. You can select a Giving Angel and donate a gift card. This enables the recipients to choose the right size, color, and style of gifts for their family members.

The Giving Angel Christmas Tree will be in the vestibule of the church from November 29th – December 20th. For your convenience, our volunteers will be in the vestibule at each of the Masses, to assist you with the purchase of gift cards. We accept cash, check or credit card (see below). You are also welcome to purchase the gift card yourself and either drop it off at the rectory or the pantry. The families receiving your gift are most grateful for your generosity.

Be a Giving Angel this Christmas and help us to help others in need to have a little brighter Christmas! Thank you!

Please fill out the form below and either mail or drop off the rectory in an envelope attn.: Parish Social Ministry

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Amount _____

Visa MasterCard American Express

Cardholder Signature: _____

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!

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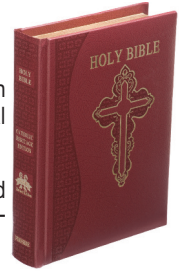
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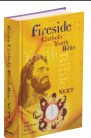


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