St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18th, 2022



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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
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Music Ministry	921-8030 ext. 150
RCIA	921-8030 ext. 150
St. Vincent De Paul Society	516-218-7837

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 24	4:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Fr. Mike - Church Fr. Hyacinth - Gym Msgr. Beckmann Fr. Hyacinth
Midnight Mass	12:00 AM	Fr. Mike
Sunday, Dec. 25	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Fr. Celestine Fr. Mike Msgr. Bechmann 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 to report these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

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

Our Weekly Offering

December 11, 2022	\$ 13,167.00
# of Envelopes	212
Automatic Transactions	\$ 2,090.00
# of Transactions	40
Total	\$ 15,257.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,889.00

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

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St. Edward's Mass is Online -

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

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.



"Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."

Mass Intentions

12/19 - Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Benny Danisi

12/20 - Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Jerry Higgins

12/21 - Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Fred Varacchi

12/22 - Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am William Peter Fleig

12/23 - Friday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Deceased Members - Fay Family

12/24 - Saturday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Deceased Member - Kempton Family

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Church Paul E. Pepe Jr.

Charles J. Orrico Patricia Iwuno Jeremiah Corbett

Pater Paterson - Auditorium

6:00 pm Robert, Anne & Edward Geber

8:00 pm John Florio

12:00 Midnight Lindolfo & Victor Casagrande

12/25 -- Christmas Day

1:00 pm

Aida Maffeo

7:30 am Catherine and George Assmus

9:30 am Philip Caputo
11:30 am Dorothy Stannish

Christina Angelo

Paula & Anthony Lembo Peter Gibson

Peter Gloson

Danielle Thurston & Angela Phair

Frank Lo Pinto Deborah O'Connor

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.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of December 18 - December 24, 2022 Is Given in Loving Memory of

Fred Varacchi

By: Claire and Tom Drennan

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of December 18 - December 24, 2022

Is Lit in Loving Memory of

Dolores Weber

By: Janet Greeley and 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 Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force SPC. Ryan D. Donadio, U.S. Army Nat. Guard Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy Lt. Lauren Ehrhard, U.S. Air Force Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps LCpl Spencer Gliner, U.S. Marine Corps SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army Petty Officer 2nd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy Lt. John Hagerman, U.S. Navy 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 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 1st Lt. 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. In this way we can accommodate new names".

Pray For The Sick

Kathy Rooney Katie Harris Renata Sorace Catherine Frake James Connors Kitty McGarry

Death to New Life



Frances T. Balducci

Henry C. Roge

John Cristando

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 - Isaiah 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm – 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

Reading 2 - Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Next Week's Gospel Question

In next week's Gospel for the Masses during the day, it says that John the Baptist was sent by God to "testify to the light", and that "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." This light is Jesus, and for those (people) who have accepted Him, He gives the power to become children of God. If we have accepted Jesus, and He has given us the power to become God's children, are we using that power to develop a relationship with God, and if so, what does that mean to you?

Next Week's Readings

The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2022

First Reading - Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Second Reading - Hebrews 1:1-6 Gospel - John 1:1-18

From Fr. Mike's Desk

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name we call Emmanuel." Over these four weeks of Advent, we sang the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," it is one of the mainstream hymns for this season, and it reflects what we have been waiting for: the end of time, and seven days from now we will begin our Christmas Celebration, at the end of this fourth week of Advent.

In fact, we are so close to Christmas, that today's Gospel Reading gives us Matthew's account of Jesus' birth, but not quite. Today we just have a preview, as we listen to the story of St. Joseph's dream. As we read, Joseph, when he found out about Mary, and the child she was expecting, was beside himself. He being an upright man, decided he could no longer marry Mary. Even though our dear Blessed Mother told him about the angel's visit, Joseph found it just too hard to believe. He decided that he was going to divorce her quietly, because he did not want Mary shamed or physically hurt. Now comes the part where God shows Himself at work. As we read, "...the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary, your wife, into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that the child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins... Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel, which means God if with us." Joseph did as the angel commanded, and God's plan for our salvation went full steam ahead.

The name given to the Christ Child was/ is Jesus, which means God saves His people, and name Emmanuel means God is with us. This is what we will celebrate in seven days. Moreover, we will continue the celebration until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. Please make the most out of this

season, use it to grow more in love with each other, and to grow in love with the Father who sent His only Son to save us and restore us all to eternal life.

Our Christmas Eve Mass Schedule is as follows: 4 PM Mass in the Church and the Auditorium/Gym (If COVID permits the Christmas Pageant and Children's' Choir to sing at 3PM in the Church), 6PM Mass, 8PM Mass, 12 Mid-Night Mass. All these Masses will be in the Church unless marked.

Our Christmas Day Masses are as follows: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30AM, and 1PM. All Christmas Day Masses are in the Church.

On behalf of Father Hyacinth, Father Celestine, Msgr. Beckmann, and Deacons Jim and Barry, Deacon Tom Connolly our Director of Administration, Miguel DeLeon our Finance Director, our Director of Religious Education Rosemary Pettei, our School Principal Vincent Albrecht, our Music Directors Jeff and Marilyn Fox, Cecilia Hayden our Children's Choir, Michelle Sena director of our Youth Choir and the entire Staff of Saint Edward's we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year.

Fr. Mike

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.



Christmas 2022

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, and in a non-judgmental spirit of mercy, humility and charity, I invite everyone who will be present at our Christmas Masses, or watching our Christmas Masses via the Catholic Faith Network or CBS, or not present at all: If your life has been far from the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist, I invite you with Pope Francis to return.

I invite you to experience the power and liberation of Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and to cross the bridge into the full practice of your Catholic Faith through a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass and an ever-deepening love for the Holy Eucharist.

Perhaps you are not a Catholic and yet have some mysterious attraction to the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist.

You are not alone! Many saints – I think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the pioneering American Catholic educator and convert – had the same experience and were drawn to enter the Church through their intuitive experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our parish churches! Be open to the Eucharistic movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Our celebration of Christmas 2022 occurs this year as every Catholic diocese, every Catholic parish, every Catholic hospital, university, and institution in the United States is engaged in an evangelizing *Eucharistic Revival*.

What do we mean by the phrase "Eucharistic Revival" and why is it so important for our celebration of Christmas?

What does a love for the Eucharist and an openness to being a 21st Century Eucharistic missionary have to do with our celebration of Christmas 2022?

Pope Francis points out the relationship between the Birth of Christ and the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. The very word Bethlehem means "house of Bread."

Pope Francis states: "Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. There God, in the *house of bread*, is born in a *manger*. It is as if he wanted to say: 'Here I am, as your food.' He does not take, but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. To us, who from birth are used to taking and eating, Jesus begins to say: 'Take and eat. This is my body.' (Matthew 26:26) The tiny body of the Child of Bethlehem speaks to us of a new way to live our lives: not by devouring and hoarding, but by sharing and giving. God makes himself small so that he can be our food. By feeding on him, the bread of life,

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we can be reborn in love, and break the spiral of grasping and greed. From the 'house of bread,' Jesus brings us back home, so that we can become God's family, brothers and sisters to our neighbors. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. The Lord knows that we need to be fed daily. That is why he offered himself to us every day of his life: from the manger in Bethlehem to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Today too, on the altar, he becomes bread broken for us; he knocks at our door, to enter and eat with us (cf. Revelation 3:20). At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life."

Eucharistic Revival, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, is a rediscovery of "Eucharistic Amazement" and Eucharistic Devotion.

Eucharistic Revival means that we understand deeply that every Mass has a cosmic significance, and every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the world – the Altar of Ukraine and every war torn and injustice-ridden area of our world.

Eucharistic Revival is an effective catechesis of the theology and spirituality of the Catholic Mass that moves the hearts, minds, souls and imaginations of the People of God.

Eucharistic Revival in our Catholic schools means the cultivation of a radical fidelity to the Sunday Catholic Mass on the part of our teachers, our staff and our families.

Eucharistic Revival is a rekindling of Pope Benedict XVI's insight that every period of Church reform and effective Catholic evangelization and mission throughout history can be traced to a rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.²

As we celebrate the birth of Christ and his rebirth in our hearts and families at Christmas, we pray for a renewal of our faith in Christ's Eucharistic presence.

We pray that each of us could be Divine Mercy instruments of bringing many, many people back to a full fidelity to the Eucharist and the Catholic Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are being called to be intentional, compassionate, understanding and listening Eucharistic missionaries.

Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the love of the Christ child and the love of the Holy Family light your remaining steps on earth and light your path to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

Joh O Barres

Pope Francis Homily for Midnight Mass, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018.

² See Pope Benedict XVI's 2017 Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis 6: "Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people."



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them".



All are welcome to come and pray the **Rosary** and **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** with **The Saint Joseph Prayer Group** every Thursday night at 7:30 PM in the church. There are no commitments, and all are welcome to attend. During this season of Advent come and pray for healing in the world, and for your own special intentions. As is stated in Matthew 18:20, Jesus promises His presence among us, and with us, when we gather to pray.

Prepare for His coming this Christmas, and pray.

RCIA - Right of Christian Initiation for Adults







- * Do you know someone who is looking to become a Catholic?
- * Do you know a baptized adult Catholic who has never been catechized that is, never participated in the Church or received First Holy Communion?
- * Do you know someone who was never confirmed baptized and made First Holy Communion, but never continued learning about their faith?
- * Do you know someone who is aching to belong to a loving church community?

Perhaps they belong in the St. Edward's RCIA process! Contact the St. Edward's parish office and ask for an RCIA team member: 516-921-8030.

Catholic Ministries Appeal - Your Help Today Is Needed

We are coming to the end of another calendar year and with that, we will be completing our 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign. For many years now St. Edward's has always achieved the quota given to us. It is so important to fund the wonderful work of the many ministries of our diocese. Thousands of people, every year, count on the help given through your kind donations and that of many others. This year we are so very close to our parish goal. As of this week we are only 8.5% short of our annual goal. Another \$9,400.00 will put us over the top. Not only is this important for the work of the diocese but if we achieve our goal, we will receive a rebate of some of that money, which is so dearly needed for our own parish. Your benevolence has always been so overwhelming and greatly appreciated. To date, 213 parishioners have generously donated to this year's Appeal. We are a parish family of nearly 2,400 families. We know things are very difficult for everyone right now because of inflation. As hard as it is for us, imagine the plight of those who depend on our support!

If you are financially able, please consider making a contribution to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you are unable, we ask for your prayers for the people the diocese serves and for the success of the campaign.

Thanks and God bless!

St. Edward's Class of '78 - Where Are You?



On June 16, 2023 the Class of '78 will be celebrating the 45th Anniversary of our graduation from St. Edward's!

If you were a member of that class (or know the whereabouts of one or more of your fellow classmates), please email:

Kevin F. Moran (Class of 78' Graduate) at: kmoran1564@gmail.com
I look forward to hearing from you.

In the Words of St. Augustine

"Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand."

Are You Looking to Help - Become an Usher



St. Edwards is in need of Ushers for this Christmas Season and during the course of 2023 for all masses! Anyone that is interested in supporting our Church, please call:

Jim Asmus at (516) 661-7860.

Masses are held on Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Sundays at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 6:00 pm.

We thank you for your continued support!

Care for Our Church and Respect for Fellow Parishioners

As mentioned during the past month when attending Mass you are asked to leave all drinks, including coffee, juices and water outside the church, and food as well. Those with medical conditions or caring for infants are excluded from this requirement.

Also, please place your vehicles in the designated parking spaces. Do not park in the Fire Lane, or in front of the dumpsters, as access is needed 24 hours a day and may create a safety hazard.

When leaving the church, please remember to take all of your possessions.

Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons.

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an **Evening of Prayer and Discernment** with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question. There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS -

PREPARED - to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT, to DISCERN where God is calling you!

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS**.

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10—St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street
7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11—Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue

7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

with an EARLY WEEKEND OPTION to be held at

1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue

RSVP by Friday, January 6th, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to <u>diaconateformation@drvc.org</u>

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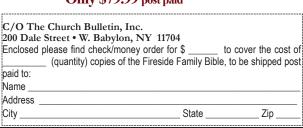
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