

**SANCTUARY LAMP-** For the week of February 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> the Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the special intention A.M. Kean. If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a deceased relative or friend or for a special intention, contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK -** Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, aging and in need of our prayers, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through their faith. We pray for John Power, Michael Grace, Ashley White, Lorraine Hearn, Brendan Grace, Jenny Hickey, Delores Smith, Tony & Linda Grace, John Tucker, Greg & Madonna Connolly, Steven Gibbons, Ronald Hickey, Rose Mackey, Pat Neville, Frank Walsh & Bernadette Hobbs. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please call the parish office.

**Beginning of Lent**

Dear Parishioners, Lent begins this year on Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a special time of preparation for adults being baptized into the Church and for all the baptized, through penance and prayer, to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. Some things you will note during the Mass in Lent is that the altar is typically not adorned with flowers, except for Laetare Sunday, Solemnities, and special feasts; the Alleluia is not sung; and the Gloria is omitted except for certain days.

**Fasting and Abstinence -** With Lent approaching it is fitting to recall our Catholic practices of fasting and abstinence, both during Lent and throughout the year.

**Fasting:** The law of fasting requires Catholic from the beginning of their 18th year through the end of their 59th year to reduce the amount of food eaten on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one meatless meal each day. If necessary, two smaller meals are permitted, which if added together would not exceed the main meal.

**Abstinence:** The law of abstinence requires all Catholics age 14 and older to abstain from meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence; however, Catholics in Canada are permitted to substitute a special act of charity or piety in place of abstaining from meat.

\*those who are sick, pregnant or nursing infants, or who are unable for other serious reasons are excused from fasting and abstinence.

**The Eucharistic Fast:** In addition to fasting and abstinence, the Church requires all Catholics to fast for one hour from all food and drink (except water and necessary medicine) before receiving Holy Communion. \*The sick and their caregivers are not obliged to observe the full one-hour Eucharistic Fast.

While the above laws are the bare minimum, we are encouraged to freely take on additional penitential practices, especially during Lent. May God bless us all as we begin preparing for the holy season of Lent and Easter.

**SPECIAL SEMINARIAN STUDIES COLLECTION: February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** -We are blessed to have a young man, Evan Chafe, studying for the priesthood at St. Augustine’s Seminary in Toronto, and to have several other men seeking to discern whether God may be calling them to a priestly vocation. The annual academic costs paid by the Archdiocese for each seminarian studying in a seminary are in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). To assist in covering seminary education costs, a special “Seminarian Studies Collection” is being taken up in all the parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes marked “Seminarian Studies Collection” are available this weekend. Donations can also be made online at [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) (click on the “donate” header and in completing the donation form; indicate that your donation is to “Seminarian Studies”). Your financial assistance in paying the costs of preparing men for the priesthood in our Archdiocese is greatly appreciated.

**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY RETREAT –** St. Edward’s Parish is offering Stage One of the Hearts Afire Program, 33 Days to Morning Glory retreat beginning **Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. The group will meet once per week on Saturday at 10:30 am to 12 noon. This is a parish-based program from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception that will include readings, a video and a group discussion. 33 Days to Morning Glory prepares for consecration to Jesus through Mary, and the consecration will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. For further information about 33 Days to Morning Glory can be found at <https://marian.org/mary/devotion>. To register contact St. Edward’s Parish office – 709-834-9481 or Marguerite Greene – 709-773-1237.

**ALPHA PROGRAM OF FAITH FORMATION -** St. Edward’s Parish is exploring the possibility of offering the Alpha Program of Faith Formation.

Website: [alphacanada.org/catholic-context/](http://alphacanada.org/catholic-context/) A popular 11 week series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith in a relaxed, open environment, it is perfect for anyone curious about life, God, and Jesus, regardless of their background or beliefs. It is also open to non-parishioners. For one evening a week participants gather for a meal, a video, small group discussions, and some social time in a safe space. The Alpha Program has proven its effectiveness over the last 50 years. It does, however, require a significant number of leaders, who will be trained in how to offer the Program. We would like to gauge your interest in involvement either as a leader, or participant. If you would like to be involved please contact the office at [Stedwardsparish@outlook.com](mailto:Stedwardsparish@outlook.com), phone (709) 834-9481, or email – Tony Tilley - [tonytilley865@gmail.com](mailto:tonytilley865@gmail.com).

<b>MASS SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>February 10 - 15</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Tues. Feb. 10 (St. Scholastica)	10am	+James Keels - +John Tobin - +Madonna Ryan
Wed. Feb. 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)	10am	SI –Michelle Martin – SI –Kyle & Ruth Canning SI –Mabel Dwyer
Thurs. Feb. 12	10am	+Ian Walsh -+James Robere - +Ann Marie Broderick
Fri. Feb. 13	7pm	+Tom Greene/Krista Haines -+John Handrigan-+Hilliard Felix
Sat. Feb. 14	4pm	+Raymond & Mary Walsh -+Lorraine Lawlor-+Dermot White
Sun. Feb. 15 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	10:30am	All Parishioners

**Note: + = Deceased S.I. = Special Intentions**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

**Confession times will be as follows:**

Wednesdays 10:30am – 11:30am                      Saturdays: 2:15pm–3:45pm  
Sundays: 9:30am–10:00am  
**Adoration every Wednesday – 10:30 – 11:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month 10:30 -8pm**

<b>PARISH COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>January 31<sup>st</sup>/February 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday offering env.	\$3,117.00	\$425.25	\$3,542.25
Initial offering env.	\$ 5.00		
Ash Wed. env.	\$ 45.00		
Maintenance off. env.	\$ 619.00		
Dues	\$ 55.00		
Rosaries	\$ 25.00		
Food bank env.	\$ 25.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,891.00</b>	<b>\$425.25</b>	<b>\$4,316.25</b>
<b>Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.</b>			

**There are still a few collection envelopes to be picked up in the Quiet Room.**

**INFORMATION ON “PLANNED CHARITABLE GIVING” - FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

More than ever, parishioners are needed to help ensure that our parishes continue to thrive for generations to come. Edward Martin of Caritatis Wealth Management will be hosting a presentation for St. Edward Parish, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Ed will help us understand how you don't have to be a millionaire to make a difference. This will include valuable insights on planned charitable giving and ways to maximize tax benefits. Please come join us for this informative presentation on how anyone can leave a financial legacy to St. Edward' Parish. Please RSVP to the parish office (709 834-9481 or [Stedwardsparish@outlook.com](mailto:Stedwardsparish@outlook.com)) so we can plan accordingly for seating.

**OCEAN RANGER MEMORIAL** – Gonzaga High School will be holding its annual Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service to remember those who lost their lives in the tragedy 44 years ago. The service will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm at The Basilica of St. John the Baptist**. The service will be livestreamed and the link will be posted to the church's website:

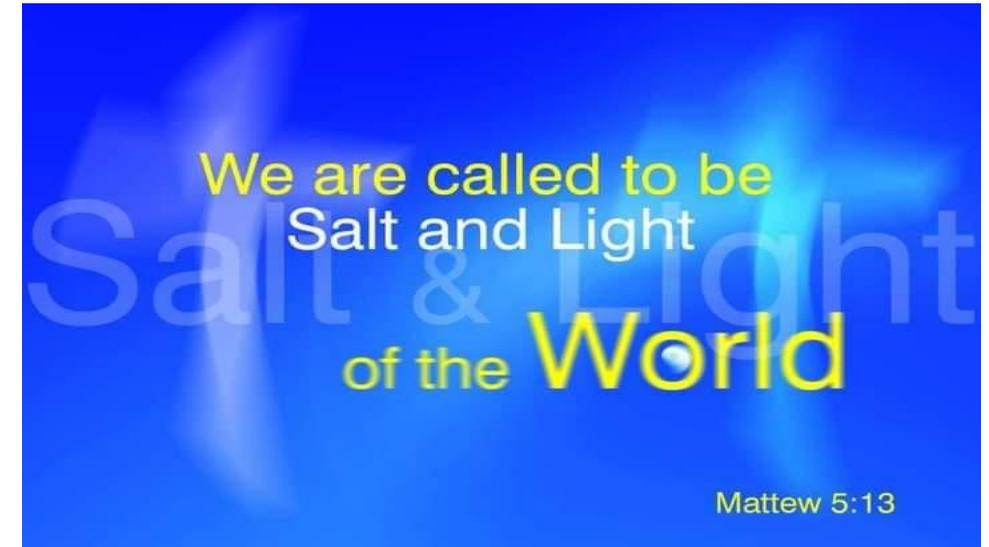
<https://www.youtube.com/@BasilicaHeritageFoundation>

**UPCOMING MEETING** - Liturgy Committee - Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

**MINISTRIES:**

<b>Saturday, Feb. 14</b>	-	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday, Feb. 15</b>	-	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> R</b>	-	Lori Ann Harris	<b>1<sup>st</sup> R</b>	-	Carol Barron
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> R &amp; IP</b>	-	Trudy Strowbridge	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> R &amp; IP</b>	-	Doreen Dray
<b>Usher</b>	-	M. Ryan – B. Wakeham-Murphy	<b>Usher</b>	-	Len Furlong – Jerry Hynes
<b>OFF</b>	-	Catechetical Program	<b>OFF</b>	-	Catechetical Program
<b>EM</b>	-	Daisy Carroll	<b>EM</b>	-	Gertie Kielly
<b>S</b>	-	Anne Petten	<b>S</b>	-	Myrna Power

**2025 RECEIPTS** – available for pick up on the table at the entrance to the church.



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**Parish Priest – Fr. James Fleming  
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Liturgy Committee Chair – Monika Behr  
Finance Council Chair – Paul Kelly**

**OFFICE HOURS  
Monday – Friday – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Closed daily 12 -1pm**

**Parish office will be closed Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEASE NOTE** - the Parish has a new email address – [Stedwardsparish@rcsj.org](mailto:Stedwardsparish@rcsj.org)