

SANCTUARY LAMP- For the week of December 7th – 13th the Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the special intention of Colby Chipman. 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 per week.

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 Grace, John Tucker, Greg & Madonna Connolly, Steven Gibbons & Ron Hickey. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please call the parish office.

OCIA and Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

I am pleased to share that this year we have six people seeking to be received into the Catholic Church through our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly known as RCIA) program at St. Edward’s Parish. Four are preparing for adult baptism and two more for reception into full communion with the Church from other denominations. We plan for these rites to take place at the Easter Vigil. In addition, two others have joined the OCIA group who were baptized in the Catholic Church as infants but received no further instruction. They are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist as adults. On **Sunday December 14th**, we will have the joy of beginning the Mass with the brief “Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens” for those preparing for adult baptism. Please join me in welcoming the members of our OCIA program to our parish community and keep them, and the program leaders, in your prayers.

Communion-plate - After discussion with our Parish Council and Liturgy Committee, we are planning to re-introduce the use of the Communion-plate at Mass at St. Edward’s Parish. A Communion-plate (or paten) is a round brass plate with a handle that is used by a server during the distribution of Holy Communion to protect the consecrated Host or fragments from falling to the floor. Although these are not widely used today, the Congregation for Divine Worship in 2004 asked for the communion-plate to be retained: “The Communion-plate for the Communion of the faithful should be retained, so as to avoid the danger of the sacred host or some fragment of it falling (Redemptionis Sacramentum, no. 118).” The use of the Communion-plate will not involve significant change to our process of receiving Communion, whether by hand or tongue, but it will be a minor adjustment for everyone. To get accustomed to this, we have started using the Communion-plate at daily Masses and will continue to do so for several more weeks before introducing it to the Saturday/Sunday Masses. Although it will involve an adjustment, I pray this will be a welcome addition as it offers greater care for the Blessed Sacrament and is a sign of our belief and devotion.

Reconciliation Services, December 16th and 17th

Kevin’s Parish will hold a Reconciliation service on Tuesday, December 16th. The evening will begin with Mass at 7pm followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 7:30–8:30pm. Fr. Kolonel and Fr. Fleming will be available for Confessions.

St. Edward’s Parish will hold a Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 17th. This will also begin with Mass at 7pm followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 7:30–8:30pm. Fr. Fleming, Fr. Kolonel, and, hopefully, one other priest will be available for Confessions.

ALL DAY ADORATION, - On **Wednesday, December 10th**, St Edward’s Parish will have all-day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The adoration will begin following the 10am Mass and continue until 8:00pm. During this time the church will remain open for visitation and prayer.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Please help us beautify our Church for the Christmas Season, please pick up an envelope at the back of the church and make a donation to offset the cost of flowers. You can make your donation in memory of a loved one; include their name on the envelope. You may drop your envelope in the collection or to the parish office, deadline Dec.14th. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

A Nativity Narrative & Hymns of Reflection - The Choir and the Catechetical Program invite you to join us for a Nativity Play presented by the young people in the program, hymns and music presented by the Choir on **Sunday, December 14th at 6:30pm**. This is a contemplative evening, as we prepare for the birth of our Saviour. Hymns may be dedicated for a donation (which will support the Parish) and the name of the person(s) will be read aloud. The list of selected hymns will be available in the coming week. The public are welcome. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering for the Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.

<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>		December 8th – 14th	INTENTION
Mon. Dec. 8	7pm	+Meaney/Whiffen family-+Bessie Nugent - (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) +Rosarii Yetman	
Tues. Dec.9	10am	+Ellen Sharpe - +Sean Morrissey --+Raymond Flynn	
Wed. Dec.10	10am	+David Pottier --+Alicia Walsh - +Paul Forsey	
Thurs. Dec. 11	10 am	+Kelly Peddigrew --+Kenny & Coombs family- +Gordon Walsh	
Fri. Dec. 12	7pm	+Bridget Fewer --+Annie, Matthew & George Mercer +Enid Rossiter	
Sat. Dec. 13	4pm	+Valerie Careen – +Mary & Kevin Jardine/Pat Whiffen +Claude Malouin	
Sun. Dec.14	10:30 am	All Parishioners	
(3rd Sunday of Advent)			

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

Confession times will be as follows:

Wednesdays 10:30am – 11:30 am Saturdays: 2:15pm–3:45pm
Sundays: 9:30am–10:00am

Adoration every Wednesday – 10:30 – 11:30 am

Adoration – 10:30 – 8pm – 1st Wednesday of each month

PARISH 50/50 - The winner of the Parish 50/50 was Carmel Trask - #0034. The prize has been claimed.

PARISH COLLECTIONS				
November 29 & 30				
Fund	# of envs.	Amount	Loose	Total
Sunday offering env.	133	\$4,404.00	\$347.50	\$4,751.50
Dues	3	\$ 165.00		\$ 165.00
Maintenance off. env.	3	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
Food bank env.	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Rosaries	4	\$ 175.00		\$ 175.00
Special collections	4	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
Archdiocesan assessment env.	3	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
Donation to Heat Pumps	1	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Garden party env.	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Good Friday	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Holy Thurs. env.	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Easter off. env.	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
Jesse Tree	4	\$ 105.00		\$ 105.00
Christmas off. env.	1	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
Christmas flowers	11	\$ 355.00		\$ 355.00
Totals	173	\$5,904.00	\$347.50	\$6,251.50
November e-transfers Sun. offering		\$920.00		
Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.				

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE- To help your planning for the Advent/Christmas season, please note the following special Mass times and events at St. Edward’s Parish. Regular Sunday and daily Mass times will be noted as usual in the parish bulletin.

Monday, Dec. 8th	7pm	Special Mass for the Immaculate Conception
Sunday, Dec. 14th	6:30pm	Children’s Nativity & Hymns of Reflection
Wednesday, Dec. 17th	7pm	Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, Dec. 24^t	6pm & 10pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, Dec. 25th	10:30am	Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 31st	4pm	Mass for Mary the Mother of God*
Thursday, Jan. 1st	10:30am	Mass for Mary the Mother of God *

*Please note that in Canada both Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God are observed as Holy Days of Obligation.

MINISTRIES:

Saturday, December 13th - 4PM			Sunday, Dec. 14th – 10:30AM		
1st R	-	Brenda King	1st R	-	Doreen Dray
2nd R & IP	-	Dave Kenny	2nd R & IP	-	Doreen Stone
Usher	-	D. Carroll – J. Hutchings	Usher	-	L. Furlong – D. Decker
OFF	-	Catechetical Program	OFF	-	Catechetical Program
EM	-	Gerry Phelan	EM	-	Mona Morrow
S	-	Anne Petten	S	-	Myrna Power

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7TH, 2025**



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Finance Council Chair – Paul Kelly

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

Office Closed – Monday, December 8th