

Monday, December 1
Saint Edward's - Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

First Friday, December 5
Saint Edward's - *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

First Saturday, December 6
Saint Edward's - *Protection for the Unborn*

Saturday, December 6
Saint Edwards' - *John & Emily Rouse +*

Sunday, December 7
Saint Edward's - *Father Paul Fruth +*
Saint Paul's - *Father Ben Hadrich*

Readings for the week of

November 30, 2025

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9,
19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2,
3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, **5a, 6-8**

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12



Prayer for Advent – Arise



Bless God's Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have
become sleepy or despondent. Inspire us with
new visions. Be with us as we climb closer to
You. Amen.

Spiritual Direction

Appointments can be made, no cost,
free donation to the parish if chosen.

Contact Ellen @

763-913-1485



GOSPEL MEDITATION- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. — *Father John Muir*

Hosts with .01% Gluten are available for Holy Communion. Please see an **Usher or the Priest** before Mass if you wish to receive one of these.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question: The prophet Isaiah envisioned a future with no more wars and nations united in belief and worship of Israel's God. What does a world totally at peace look like?

2nd Reading Question: Paul encouraged the Romans to live with a sense of urgency in anticipation of their own salvation. What motivates you to live a moral life?

Gospel Question: Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, so you must always be prepared. How do you plan to use the season of Advent this year to welcome Jesus into your life?

Rosary Apps:

www.schooloffaith.com

<https://kristinscrosses.com/daily-readings/the-rosary/>

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Of course the world is ending. It has been ending forever. And the Son of Man is coming — but don't forget, he was already here, too. And His Spirit, even now, is renewing the face of the earth. "But how?" we ask. "And when? And where?"

Watershed Moments

In every life there are watershed moments.

I think of our time on this earth as resembling, in the beginning, a fine, firm sheet of metal, suspended with perfect balance in time and space. If a drop of water falls upon the sheet, it remains precisely where it lands.

But life goes on. We see things, we feel things, and in the seeing and the feeling, the flat, smooth metal sheet is nicked. The impacts created by those experiences are like BB pellets riddling armor; before long, the surface is pockmarked. A falling drop of water will drain or pool either in one way or the other, its action determined by the closest indentation.

A watershed has been created, a summit or valley that disrupts the smooth flatness of life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the end of the world. I'm no Biblical scholar, but I suspect the topic at hand is the Apocalypse (capital A). The big one. The explosion that upends the sheet itself and sends every drop of water crashing down. But I think, in a smaller way, it's also about all the indentations on the plane: those little apocalypses (lowercase a), the things that felt like the end of the world (or the beginning of a new one).

The loss of a job. The breakup of a relationship. The suffering of a loved one.

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"But how?" we ask. "And when? And where?"

Without the chinks in the armor — without the watershed moments — there is tremendous smoothness, certainly. But there is also no movement.

So look to the watershed moments, these little (and big) apocalypses. In these moments that change us, for better or worse, God is there, working, waiting.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If someone you know is ill, depressed, dying, is in counseling, lonely, is going into a nursing home; anyone who is in need of our prayers, love and care.

Contact the parish office at
218-363-2799



First Friday Mass

St. Edward's

Adoration 7:30 am

Benediction & Mass 8:30am

First Saturday Mass

St. Edward's

Rosary 8:00 am

Mass 8:30 am

Home Visitors Ministry

are privileged to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound or for any reason unable to attend Mass on Sundays. If you know someone in need of this Ministry, please contact Sharon Thole at 763-258-6281

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Regular Meeting:

December 2, 2025

****1 PM @ St. Edward's ****

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. **As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.**

Thank you!



Did you know... that when you say a prayer for the holy souls in purgatory that it also blesses you. Litany for the Poor Souls in Purgatory Cards are available at the entrances to church.

Sunday Coffee

We would love to see new faces in the kitchen for Sunday Coffee at both Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's. This ministry is an important part of our church! Current coffee hosts are willing to help you learn the ropes!

