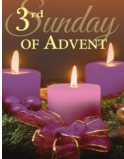




Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Saturday Mass 4 PM @ S.Ed
 Sunday Masses 8.30 AM @ S.Ed
 10:30 AM @ S.P

December 2025

St. Edward's = S.Ed
 St. Paul's = S.P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Gaudete Sunday  Advent Potluck following Mass @ S.P	15 Communion Service 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ S.P Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 AM - 1PM @ S.Ed SAIL 10 AM @ S. Ed	16  MOVED SVdP 1 PM @ S.Ed	17	18 SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed NO Men's Group	19 SVdP Noon Lunch 1 PM @ S.P	20
21 Decorate Churches after Mass @ S.Ed + @ S.P 	22 Daily Mass 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ S.P Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed	23	24 Christmas Eve 4 PM @ S.Ed	25 Christmas Day Mass 8:30 AM @ S. Ed 10:30 AM @ S.P NO SAILS or Men's Group	26	27
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Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ

We extend our hearts and hands in Christian hospitality to you.
 To begin communications with the Parish Office, complete this form You may send it by mail or drop it in the collection basket.

Choose One: **Saint Edward's**

Saint Paul's

☐ New Member Registration ☐ Update Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____/_____

Email _____/_____

Flower Memorials for Christmas



If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for the Christmas Flowers, please fill out an envelope (found by the entrances) and drop in the collection plate. Memorials will be listed at Christmas.

Propane Benefit for St. Edward's Parishioners



St. Edward's Church switched to Ferrell Gas Company this fall for its propane use. All parishioners may also receive the same rate as the church. Please contact Deb in the parish office if you are interested in this savings.

Father Joe's Email: jpfink@me.com

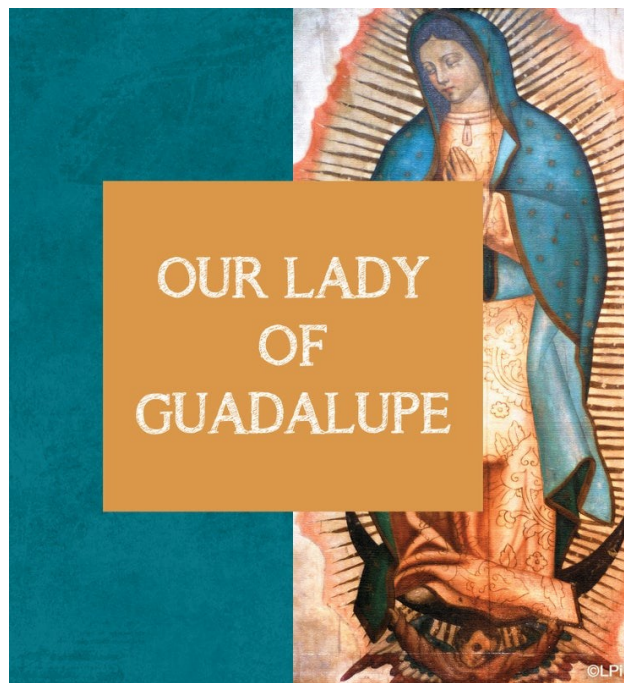
DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!
CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in December 1531, when Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to the Catholic faith, encountered a woman dressed as an Aztec princess on Tepeyac Hill in present-day Mexico City. The woman, who was pregnant, spoke to him in his native language. She identified herself as the Mother of God.

Over the next four apparitions, Our Lady requested that Juan Diego implore the local bishop to build a church on the hill, and performed miracles to prove her identity. Through one of the miracles, she imprinted her image onto Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak; the tilma bearing that image can still be viewed today at the basilica which now stands on the site of the apparition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated as the Patroness of the Americas, and she is beloved worldwide as a symbol of motherhood, faith and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE

Saints or Sinners?

Question: Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?

Answer: Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.

Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, and is a joyous celebration. The date usually falls between December 11 to 17 each year.

The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, and is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: *Gaudete in Domino semper*, or "rejoice in the Lord always."

Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides worshippers with encouragement to continue their spiritual preparation — especially prayer and fasting — for Christmas.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

We are in need of a person for Saturday!

A person that is homebound, also qualifies as a perfect person to complete this mission.

Contact Paula Justen
@ 218-831-2476
Please leave a message

If you have a milestone Birthday or Anniversary date you would like announced in the bulletin, please let us know at the Parish office.

SAIL - -Stay Active and Independent for Life
 Meets every Monday and Thursday from 10-11 AM
 at Saint Edward's

Wire Advent Wreaths
 and candles are available at St. Edward's Church Store. Decorate as you like.



St. Edward's Collection
December 1 - 7, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,121.00
Plate	\$ 154.00
Ministries Appeal	\$ 185.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00

Saint Paul's Collection
December 1 - 7, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,607.00
Plate	\$ 65.51
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Ministries Appeal	\$ 165.00