



Ramblings of a Parish Priest:

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Dear Fellow Disciples,

While many may have taken down their Christmas decorations, today is the last day of the Christmas season. Today as the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord, we bring our Christmas celebrations to a close, but this was not always the case. Before our liturgical calendar changed in the 1970's, the Christmas season lasted until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (AKA: Candlemas), on February 2nd. Traditionally on the Presentation of the Lord we bless candles to be used in Church for the new year, hence the nickname Candlemas. I wish we still celebrated Christmas until February 2nd, but that's ok.

We've lost many cool and fascinating traditions since the Second Vatican Council, however we also picked up many new traditions that are beautiful, too. I will admit though, sometimes I sit back and scratch my head when I hear about what we lost after the council compared to what we gained. On the other hand, we're nowhere near completing everything outlined in the council documents. Many historians have said it takes at least 100 years for a Church council to really take root and begin seeing fruitful changes come about. The Second Vatican Council only ended 57 years ago, so we're just over the half-way mark.

The whole Church (laity, clergy, religious, etc.) continue to read, discern, study, and implement the documents and vision of the Second Vatican Council. All our Holy Fathers since St. Pope Paul VI have convened synods with both the laity and clergy to discuss how the Church should be implementing some aspect of the council. More recently, Pope Francis has called synods on the Family, Youth, and coming up soon a synod on the process of synods, which to me sounds like a meeting to plan a meeting. What becomes frustrating during these long processes and meetings is that we, the people of God, expect some great change to happen. All of us, myself included, have the expectation that once a document is signed or meeting convened by the Pope and/or bishops that something will come out of it right away and that is never the case.

Remember, the Holy Father is the Vicar of Christ and oversees the universal Church. That's no small task. Whenever the Holy Father calls people together, he's calling together the laity and clergy from around the world and they're discussing issues that affect every country. While we in the United States blame the

priest shortage on celibacy and that only men can be ordained, other countries, and even whole continents, have more priests than they know what to do with. Here in the United States, we're fortunate to have religious freedom (even though the government like to challenge that freedom), but other countries have no religious freedom. Bishops and priests need to live in hiding and offer the Sacraments in secret. There's a lot more to administrating the universal Church than we think.

I share all this because I know many of you are concerned with recent documents and promulgations by the Holy Father and even our own Cardinal, especially around the liturgy. Remember, the Church is much bigger than St. Edward, She's bigger than the Archdiocese of Chicago, and She's bigger than the United States. We may be frustrated by what the Vatican and Cardinal Cupich want to focus on and policies they create, but at the end of the day we're still in a very long process of figuring out the Second Vatican Council. Mistakes are going to be made, the evil one is going to confuse bishops and the laity, and not everyone is going to make the right decisions all the time; however, we must trust that the Holy Spirit is at work. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Jesus Christ is fully present in His body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. That's what matters. Don't focus or spend too much time worrying about what happens in Rome or downtown. Focus on what the Lord is doing in your life and here in our local Body of Christ at St. Edward. Trust that Christ meant it when He said the gates of hell will never prevail against the Church. We are the Church, Pope Francis is the Vicar of Christ, and we're called to live in joyful unity together. It's ok to disagree and to challenge, that's part of our discernment as a Church, but we're still called to live in joyful unity even amidst our disagreements and challenges. This is how faithful disciples of Jesus act. If you ever need a model, look to the Cross.

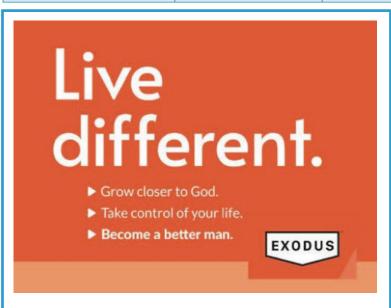
Merry Christmas,

Fr. Dom

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

MASS		PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	SERVERS
Saturday January 15	4:30 PM	Fr. McIlhone	Bob Anderson	Daniella Fuller Marty Ryczek	No Servers
Sunday January 16	8:00 AM	Fr. Clemente	Vince Meno Steve Shear	Kevin White James Bruton Ray Switalla	No Servers
Sunday January 16	9:30 AM	Fr. Kalas	Jerome Lasky Emily Carlson	Alfonso Aguirre	B. McCann
Sunday January 16	11:00 AM	Fr. McIlhone	TBD	Lilia Cruzat Tracy Kennedy Susan Kukan	C. Zimo H. Morgan



EXODUS 90

This 90-day spiritual exercise program is open to all men

of the parish. The program is based on the principals of

fraternity, prayer, and sacrifice/asceticism. It is not easy, but it will make you holier and a better man for going through this journey with other men in our parish.

The journey begins Monday, January 17, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 17.

There will be an informational pre-Exodus meeting on

Sunday, January 16, at 6:00pm in Unity Hall. If you have any questions, reach out to Fr. Dom. You're also encouraged to go to www.exodus90.com for more information.

Youth Ministry Schedule



January 9
Mass & Discussion

January 16
Mass & Discussion

January 23 NET mini-Retreat, 6:00-9:00pm

January 30
Prayer & Discussion (No Mass)

Youth Group meets in the Oratory of the Blessed Trinity and Unity Hall. Any teen in 8th through 12th grade are welcome.

Masks are to be worn inside at all gatherings.

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Knights of Columbus Tonti Council

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Who: Boys and Girls
Ages 10 –14

What: Local Free Throw Championship

When: January 23th, 2022 12pm - 3pm

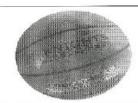
Where: St. Edwards Gym

Buckley Hall · Chicago, IL

Why: It's Fun!

The Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through the local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C Headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year more than 179,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For additional information contact: **Kurt Sedlacek 773·318·3608**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS





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TICKETS \$5 Each or 5 for \$20

NEXT DRAWING

will be

WEDNESDAY January 12, 2022 at 8 pm



Tickets are available after weekend Masses, at O'Donnell's on Elston, the Rectory Office, or online at www.stedparish.org. Online sales end at 9 am on the day of the drawing.

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THE JACKPOT IS GROWING! Congratulations to this week's \$50 winner. Mike Piccolo, with Card #41, the 6 of Clubs, Next tickets for next week's drawing at the rectory, after the weekend Masses, at O'Donnell's, or online at https://stedparish.org/king-of-hearts



Sunday, January 9 -

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Family Fellowship Sunday, 10:30am Unity Hall

Blessing of Newly Baptized and Reception, 12:00pm

Unity Hall

4th Grade Basketball Practice, 3:00pm Buckley Hall

Youth Ministry, 7:00pm

Oratory of the Blessed Trinity & Unity Hall

Monday, January 10

Women's Group Meeting, 7:00pm Rectory Conference Room Scouts BSA Meeting, 7:00pm Unity Hall

Tuesday, January 11

RCIA, 7:00pm Unity Hall

Wednesday, January 12

Legion of Mary Meeting, 9:00am Rectory Hall Finance Council Meeting, 6:30pm Rectory Hall

Thursday, January 13

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 15

Trivia Night, 7:00pm **Buckley Hall**

Sunday, January 16

Hospitality Sunday, after all morning Masses

Unity Hall

4th Grade Basketball Practice, 1:00pm Buckley Hall

Exodus 90 Meeting, 6:00pm

Unity Hall

Youth Ministry, 7:00-8:30pm

Oratory of the Blessed Trinity & Unity Hall

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP **SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS: January 2, 2022** \$3.349.00 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: (against Christmas Budget of \$36,500) \$29,474



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 81

n June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulutan, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2020 CLA Financials

Expenses

Grants and Donations: 83.31%

Program Costs: 6.42%

Allocations—Internal Grants: 6.07%

Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: 2.90%

Administrative Expenses: 1.30%

Total Expenses: \$6,877,734

Total Number of Grants Approved: 358 Total Amount Approved: \$10,851,081

Emergency Disaster Funds: 47.93%

General Pastoral*: 36.41%

Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: 14.22%

Child Protection: 1.44%

*includes evangelization, religious education, and family and other pastoral ministries



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Bus Service begins the weekend of May 1st-2nd

BUS SERVICE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING: 4:30 PM VIGIL MASS Pick-up: 3:10-4:10 pm

Drop-off at 5:30-6:45 pm (depending on the length of Mass)

SUNDAY MORNING: 9:30 AM MASS Pick-up: 8:10-9:10am

Drop-off at 10:30-11:45 am (depending on the length of Mass)

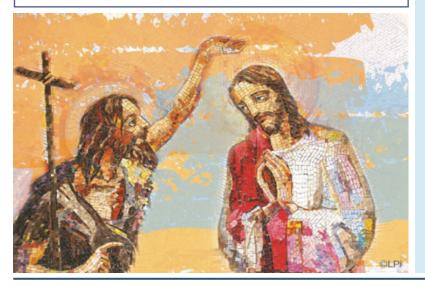
FEAST DAYS: Bus service will also be available for certain feast days and holy days of obligation. Call the rectory office at 773-545-6496 for times and information.

FEES: There is no cost to ride. Donations are always welcome to pay for gas.

GENERAL PROCEDURES:

- Our bus is equipped with an elevator lift and two wheelchair spaces. Please note our church building will not be accessible by wheelchair until the Fall of 2021.
- Anyone who would like a ride to Mass must call the rectory office at 773-545-6496 by 5:00 pm Thursday to reserve their seat for that weekend.
- Because of COVID restrictions, passengers are limited to a max of seven (7) and everyone must wear a mask on the bus at all times. When restrictions are lifted, the passenger capacity is fourteen (14). Spots will be assigned on a first-call, first-served basis each week.

TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS: All our bus drivers have valid and up-to-date driver's licenses and are insured by the Archdiocese of Chicago. All our drivers are volunteers who are sacrificing personal and family time to participate in this ministry, please be understanding and patient with them. If there are any issues, please contact the rectory office.



HELP NEEDED IN LIVE-STREAM MINISTRY

The pandemic, for all its terribleness, brought about a new ministry at St. Ed's where we live-stream all our liturgies on YouTube and Facebook. We have a small, but very dedicated, team of parishioners who run our system daily so people at home can pray and worship God with our community of faith. It is not difficult to learn the system and you will receive plenty of training and shadowing, but we need help! If you have any knowledge of working with a desktop, you are perfect! Please contact Fr. Dom via e-mail at frclemente@stedparish.org to get more information or to sign up and join this important ministry.

Please consider joining this ministry and helping our parishioners at home worship God with our community of faith!

St. Isidor, patron saint of technology, pray for us!

E-MAIL PHISHING SCAM

If you ever receive an e-mail from Fr. Dom, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE ACTUAL E-MAIL ADDRESS IT'S COMING FROM. Fr. Dom's official e-mail is frclemente@stedparish.org. If you receive an e-mail from an e-mail address different from that one, do not respond. Scammers are attempting to scam you by pretending to be Fr. Dom.

Also, please know that Fr. Dom will never e-mail you to ask for gift cards, travel help, or anything else. If Fr. Dom ever needs your help, he will ask you in more personal ways. Please be aware of these scams and pay attention to the e-mail address being used.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We know many are new to St. Ed's and we're happy to have you join our parish family! You can register as a parishioner online at www.stedparish.org if you haven't already done that. Here are some ways you can get involved at our parish.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES TO MEET NEW PEOPLE

MEN'S GROUP

Our men's group meets once a month with the goal of building fraternity, being of service, and growing our prayer lives. Each month is something different from a holy hour with beer after, to a service project, to watching a Bears game. All men of the parish are welcome to join us each month. Sign up to receive e-mails from Fr. Dom by e-mailing him: frclemente@stedparish.org

WOMEN'S GROUP

The women's group meets once a month on the second Monday to build community, pray together, and support one another. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. For more information and to be put on the e-mail list, contact

Mary Ann Dardugno at ma4842@yahoo.com or Marianne Ryczek at marianne.ryczek@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternity of men who serve the Church. Tonti Council meets here at St. Edward and is made up of men from St. Ed's, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Robert Bellarmine, and St. Constance Parishes. The Knights are men of service to the various parishes, fundraise for many organizations, and support vocations. If you are interested in joining Tonti Council, please contact Grand Knight Kurt Sedlacek at kurt_sedlacek@sbcglobal.net

THEOLOGY & CIGARS

This group of men have been meeting for over 30 years on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss various topics on the Church. Men take turn presenting articles and topics for discussion.

"No experience necessary."

Contact Kevin White to be put on the e-mail list:

kwhite@kevinedwardwhiteassociates.com

LEGION OF MARY

Our Legion of Mary meets
every Wednesday morning in
the rectory from
9:00-10:00 am.
They pray together,
do works of charity
each month,
and socialize.
If you would like to join the
Legion of Mary, please
contact Carroll Bourillion at
aunt carey@yahoo.com

SCOUTING KIDS - TEENS

CUB SCOUTS meet in their ranks and at Pack Nights.
Contact Tom Bender at chi.tom@yahoo.com

SCOUTS BSA meet every Monday night in Unity Hall. Contact Jerome Lasky at scoutmaster.troop115@gmail

GIRL SCOUTS meet in their ranked groups. Contact Julie Andersen at ander9696@aol.com or Whitney Minarik at whitneyminarik@gmail.com

These are just some ways to get involved and meet new people.
You can always find more info on our website: www.stedparish.org.
Did you run or were part of a ministry at your former parish that we don't have here?
If you want to start something new at St. Edward, we'd love to help you start!
Contact Fr. Dom at frclemente@stedparish.org

Welcome New Parishioners!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Our St. Vincent DePaul Society does a lot of great work in helping the poor in our neighborhood and surrounding community. They are always looking for more helpers and volunteers to meet with clients and offer assistance. To join this important ministry, please contact Fr. Dom at frclemente@stedparish.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CATECHIST

Anyone who likes to teach the faith, especially to other adults, can certainly be of service in our Family Faith Formation program. We teach parents how to home-school the faith to their children. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact our Director of Faith Formation, Paul Minarik, at paul@stedparish.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD CATECHIST

We're in need of adults who are willing to help with this important ministry for both parents and children. During the 9:30am Mass, we excuse kids who have not yet received their first Holy Communion and teach them about the readings at Mass while their parents get to listen with less distractions during Mass. We will provide resources and training so if you feel called to this ministry please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Paul Minarik, at paul@stedparish.org

SPRED (SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) CATECHIST

This special ministry passes on the faith to young people with various developmental disabilities. If you feel called to support this important work, contact our parish program coordinator, Diane Panico, at dipan1975@gmail.com

GARDEN MINISTRY

Do you have green thumbs and like to spend time outdoors? Our Garden Ministry breaks into small groups and handles a section of our campus. If you would like to join this ministry in caring for our parish campus, please contact Fr. Dom to sign up and be assigned a group/section. frclemente@stedparish.org

GREEN TEAM

This new ministry looks for ways to education and inform parishioners on how we're called to care for God's creation. This group will plan events, provide content for the bulletin, and organize service projects that work to make our parish more Green! If this is something you're interested in, e-mail Fr. Dom at frclemente@stedparish.org

These are just some ways to get involved and be of service. You can always find more info on our website: www.stedparish.org. Did you run or were part of a ministry at your former parish that we don't have here? If you want to start something new at St.

Edward, we'd love to help you start!

Contact Fr. Dom at frclemente@stedparish.org

Contact 11. Dom at hetemente@steapansn.org



Saturday, January 8 Christmas Weekday 8:00AM †Eve Fries 4:30PM †Br. Joel Dolan

†Ursula Strycharz

Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord

8:00AM †Nora Kilcourse

†Mildred Gain †Carol Balough †Elsie Adam

9:30AM TBD

11:00AM †Bobby Spalten

†Marie Lehan

†Alfred Brandstatter †Carolyn Reed

Monday, January 10

Weekday

8:30AM †Anthony Kuzniarek

Sister Mary Helen Widack

Tuesday, January 11

Weekday

8:30AM †John Vega

†Ignacio Mendez †Stanley Zachar

Wednesday, January 12

Weekday

8:30AM †Connie Veach

Thursday, January 13

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:30AM Sister Mary Imdeldis Lubash

Friday, January 14

Weekday

8:30AM John Vega

Saturday, January 15

Weekday

8:00AM †Mariam Elakakatt

63rd Birthday Joan Bernadette Micelli

4:30PM Elsie Adam

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Norma Nodzenski 9:30AM †Stanley Zachar 11:00AM †Joseph Garcia



Pray for the sick of our parish family:

Roger Africa
Mary Lou Agronomoff
Nathan Devan Arceo
Mary Anne Asakura
William Finkenstadt
Fr. Erwin Friedl
Henry Hammersten
Maureen Hughes
Agnes Keresztes
Marianne Kramer
Elizabeth Rose Lyuksemburg
Gloria Mercado
Richard Pasierbowicz

Margaret Pitts Kathy Schreiber Kathy Sugars Lourdes Vidal

And those serving our country:

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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm (Church open at 4:00 pm)

Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11 am (Church open at 7:30 am)

Monday-Saturday: Mass at 8:30 am (Church open at 8:00 am)

Confessions Saturday: 12:00-1:00 pm



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Mon.- Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Sat. & Sun. By Appointment

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MAKING ST. EDWARD CHURCH ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS!

After months of waiting for permits and zoning approval, we are excited that in a few months our church will be accessible to all. Like most construction projects there will be additional costs. Landscaping and parking lot issues, that were not included in the initial estimate, have to be addressed.

If you have not donated to the Elevator Fund and are able to, now would be a good time to do so. Any amount that you can give will help us to reach our goal. You can donate by check or online by visiting the parish website at www.stedparish.org. As the work progresses, we will get you updated.

THANK YOU to all who have already contributed to the Elevator Campaign to date! For more information, contact Fr. Dominic at 773-545-6496 or frelemente@stedparish.org.

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