

Saint Edward Parish
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything else will be added to you as well ..." (Matthew 6:33).

The providential love of God to all His creatures can be seen and felt in the way the universe is ordered and created. In His manifold wisdom He invites us, as we are created in His image and likeness, to be stewards of His creation in the world that we live in. He knows He can trust us to make the right judgment and course of action on how to care, safeguard, use and distribute the goods of the world. As always, we are asked to share in His continued care and refashioning of the world to His eternal plan for the next generation to have a better world for everyone.

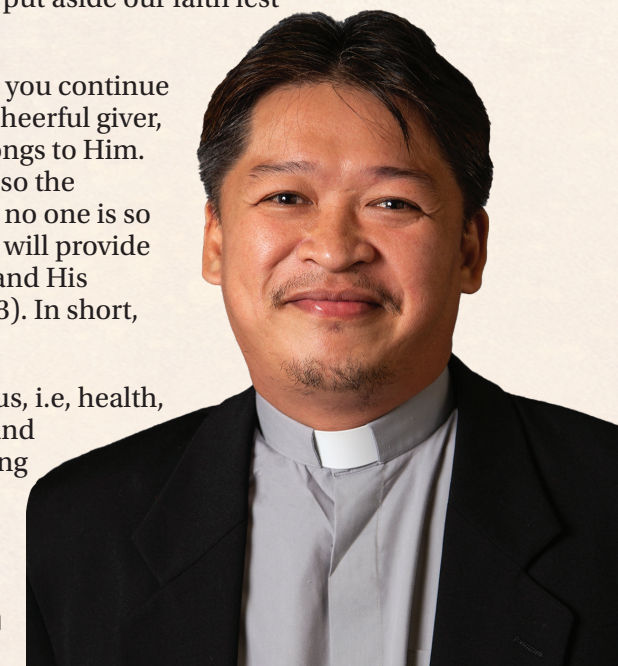
To have a better world, the Lord urges us that it is of utmost importance to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness ..." The necessity of the proclamation of the Word, the life of the Church, its ministries, and sacraments to be performed to bring about the growth of the kingdom of God remind us that we also must take care of the needs of the Church. Progress and development should not put aside our faith lest we fall into ruin and destruction instead of prosperity and abundant life.

I thank all of you for all your support to the needs of the Church, and I hope you continue to do so, not so much as an obligation, but for your own good. God loves a cheerful giver, 2 Corinthians 9:7. God cannot be outdone in generosity, for everything belongs to Him. He only asks us to be grateful and be generous, for the measure we give is also the measure we will receive. No one is so poor that one has nothing to give; nor no one is so rich that one has no need of anything. Do not worry about your needs; God will provide all that you need. He assures you and me that if we "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness... everything else will be added to us as well ..." (Matthew 6:33). In short, He will give us everything we need.

Let us be good and faithful stewards of everything that He has entrusted to us, i.e, health, wealth, personality, natural riches, faith, etc. I pray that God will bless you and your loved ones all the days of your lives and keep you safe. And in everything you do, may God grant you joy and happiness that the world cannot give!

Yours in Christ,

Father Vincent A. Yee Concepcion



Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Edward Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- Altar Server
- Masters of Ceremony
- Adult Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Cantors
- Parish Choir
- Liturgical Instrumentalists
- Resurrection Choir
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Liturgy of the Word Student Aide
- Liturgy Decorating Volunteers
- Friends of Faith Formation
- Offertory Money Counters
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Pro-Life Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Altar Rosary Society
- Parish Office Helpers
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick (Home Ministers)
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Baking or Preparing a Dish for Parish Functions



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Capital improvements during the last three years have included the renovation of Edwardian Hall, which involved new flooring, new lighting, new doors and painting. The St. Edward

School buildings received a complete renovation of the classrooms and restrooms, including new front doors and windows and painting. The parking lot was re-lined at the parish plant, and ten trees were removed. Most recently, the outside buildings of the church and rectory have been restored.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 369,861	\$ 346,208	\$ 392,105
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,518	2,275	3,674
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	40,676	59,768	120,782
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	37,485	23,310	26,252
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	31,664	84,565	51,718
Special Collections	27,794	23,788	36,248
Total Income	\$ 510,998	\$ 539,914	\$ 630,779
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 124,946	\$ 133,673	\$ 122,411
Church	54,699	51,420	62,655
Rectory	18,814	16,788	23,523
Education and Ministry	64,919	67,778	77,547
General Expenses	201,121	205,930	200,559
Special Collections	27,927	23,469	36,982
Extraordinary Expenses	20,183	43,215	114,626
Total Expenditures	512,609	542,273	638,303
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,611)	\$ (2,359)	\$ (7,524)

Our Garden



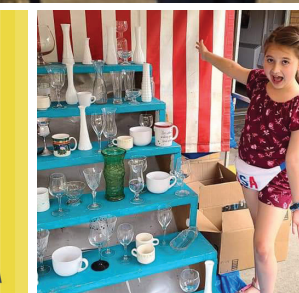
Registered Households
2021: 591
2020: 620
2019: 635

Single Member Households
184

Baptisms
2021: 9
2020: 3
2019: 10

Weddings
2021: 3
2020: 0
2019: 5

Funerals
2021: 22
2020: 15
2019: 22



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners; but it was greatly assisted by online giving and a very successful Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies.

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating. Help us grow the flowers of tomorrow by planting the seeds today:

- St. Eddie Spaghetti Dinner will be held Nov. 7.
- The 100th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Kulick will be celebrated on **October 16, 2022 at 3:00 PM.**

I do want to call your attention to our new initiative, The Kindness Closet, that was organized by Friends of Faith Formation, which is a new ministry here at the parish. The Kindness Closet, which opened on July 7, located in the school building, offers gently used clothing at no cost to those in need in our parish and community. These efforts will go a long way in planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.

Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday - Friday
8:30AM - 5:30PM



ONLINE:
osvhub.com/saint-edward/funds

