

St. Edmond Roman Catholic Church

At the Corner of Mercy and Love

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December 21, 2025

**Fourth Sunday
of
Advent**

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Albert Simien & Keith Patin (Trustees), Chad Gotreaux (Finance Committee Chairman),
Ralph Gaubert, Pastoral Advisory Council Chairman



Online Giving

Now Available!

ACTS Retreats

Contact Fr. Joe.....981-0874

Adoration

Sharron Patout.....988-2467

Altar Servers

Mark Schmuck.....303-7030

Altar Society

Carole Gaubert.....654-6392

Assistance to the Needy

Call the Church Office.....981-0874

Come Lord Jesus Coordinator

Charlene Bernard.....981-4886

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Gina Broussard.....257-1078

Gardening Angels

Paulette Yandle.....278-6065

Knights of Columbus

Mark Caubarreaux.....962-2789

K.C. Ladies Auxiliary

Debbie Caubarreaux.....280-6489

Lectors

Cynthia Thompson.....849-4460

Nursing Home Ministry

Tom Grote.....984-5876

Sacristans

Jim Diaz.....296-3234

Scouting

David McBride.....207-1656

Shut-In Ministry

Coleen Hebert.....258-2909

Stewardship Committee

Lewis Bernard.....981-4886

OCIA/Adult Confirmation

Deacon Frank Cormier.....207-5368

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8:00am-12:00 &
12:30-4:00pm Friday: 8:00am-12:00 Noon

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil...4:00pm, Spanish Mass...6:00pm
Sunday Masses...8:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm
(Interpreted Masses for the deaf-Sunday 5:00pm)

Week Day Masses:

Tuesday & Thursday...6:30am,
Wednesday 12:10pm, and Friday...8:30am

Confessions: 20 mins. before each weekday Mass;
Saturdays: 3:00-3:45pm; Sundays before Mass

Care of the Sick

Our Pastor will be notified immediately upon
request for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the
Sick

Funerals

Arrangements to be made with the funeral home of
choice.

Weddings

Please contact our pastor, Fr. Joseph Campion, at
least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Parish Registration

All parishioners are asked to 'register' with the
parish office or by means of the website.

Ushers

Randal Menard.....501-7080

Welcome to St. Edmond Roman Catholic Church...

We sincerely hope you feel at home and among family and friends. If you are a visitor among us, we are happy to have you and hope you feel welcomed. If you are seeking a Church home, we would be delighted to have you as one of our Church family members. The different church organizations welcome your participation in their activities, which you can enjoy. We hope everyone experiences the meaning of Christ's Body as they are members of St. Edmond. For your convenience, various groups are listed on this page with a contact person and phone number.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hb. 13:8)



Sanctuary Beautification:

Our new tabernacle will be installed very soon. We are deeply grateful that your generosity has helped us pay for the tabernacle, which was \$4500.00. We will be incurring the cost of reinforcing the back altar and installing a quartzite top. Any donations you would like to make will be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Joe Campion

Church Office Schedule for the Holidays

****Closed Tues., Dec. 23, 2025 thru Friday, Jan. 2nd****

****Although the Office Staff will be working in the office, the Lobby will be closed. All phone calls will be transferred to the answering service, only emergency calls will be accepted.**

****The Church Office will reopen on Monday Jan. 5th****

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Twice today we hear the words Isaiah proclaimed hundreds of years before Christ's birth: "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." This Hebrew name means "God is with us," and when Joseph, a devote and righteous man, is visited by an angel in his dream, he recalls Isaiah's prophecy.

We know that God is also with us as we gather here to listen to God's word, and so at this time we allow ourselves to be immersed in God's presence as we actively listen to today's readings.

Pastor's Post



*O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie.
Above the deep and dreamless sleep.
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight*

As Christmas arrives this coming Thursday, this Christmas hymn centered on Bethlehem ought to lift our minds and emotions to the serene and awe-inspiring reality of the Birth of Christ. The Savior is born. We are invited to contemplate the manger scene. "God is with us!" And "God is one of us!"

Bethlehem means "House of Bread." Every Catholic Church is a Bethlehem. Wherever the tabernacle is, there is Jesus—the Bread of Life who dwells with us. Like the shepherds and the Magi, we are invited to bend the knee and gaze upon the Savior of the world.

Our 60 hour devotion will begin on Monday, January 5, 2026. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. We need more adorers committed to visit Jesus for an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Many people have signed up. We need more of you. Please look at the list of adorers and their assigned hours of adoration. The list is in the vestibule of the Church on a tripod. If you haven't committed to an hour yet, please consider doing so. Place your name in the time slot you prefer. Ideally we would like two people in each time slot for the 60 hours.

Make your sacrifice of prayer for your family members who are away from the church or are heavily burdened. The Lord invites you to visit Him. He asks you to trust Him. He says "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened to you."

In the Christ Child of Bethlehem, Fr. Joe Campion

MONDAY 12/22/2025

10:00am Pietra Fitness Class
5:00pm Spanish English Class
6:00pm OCIA
7:00pm Posada
8:00pm Spanish AA

Dowling Hall
Library
Benoit Hall
Church/FC
Benoit Hall

TUESDAY 12/23/2025

6:00am Confessions
6:30am Mass
9:00am Pietra Fitness Class
6:00pm Women's Prayer Mtg.
7:00pm Posada

Church Office Closed
Church
Church
Dowling Hall
Dowling Hall
Church/FC

WEDNESDAY 12/24/2025

Christmas Vigil Masses:
4:00pm, Spanish 8:00pm, & Midnight
(No Confessions Heard)

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY 12/25/2025

Christmas Day Mass:
10:00am (No Confessions heard)

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY 12/26/2025

8:30am Mass
6:00pm Spanish Bible Study
8:00pm Spanish AA

Church Office Closed

Church
Benoit Hall/Lib
Benoit Hall

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

SATURDAY 12/27/2025

9:00am Pietra Fitness Class
10:00am Al-Anon
10:00am Overeaters
11:00pm Baptism
3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass
4:00pm Spanish Choir Practice
6:00pm Spanish Mass
7:00pm Spanish Celebration

Dowling Hall
Family Center
Library
Church
Church
Church
Dowling Hall
Church
Family Center

SUNDAY 12/28/2025

Confessions 20 mins before mass
8:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm Mass
9:00am Coffee & Donuts
4:00pm Boy Scouts
6:15pm "PULSE"

Atrium
Dowling Hall
Youth Room



New Parishioners:

Register on the St. Edmond Church website, click "Resources" then click "Become a Parishioner". Please fill out entire form if applicable, then submit. You may come in the Church Office for a form as well.

Registered Parishioners:

If you have recently had a change of address or phone number, please contact the Church Office so that your records can be updated. Thank you!



St. Edmond Men's ACTS Retreat **February 26th-March 1st, 2026**

St. Edmond parish is hosting our Men's ACTS Retreat Feb. 26-March 1, 2026. Any man 21 years of age or older may sign up

Registration is currently open. Please do not let the cost of the retreat keep you from attending the ACTS retreat. Our parish will provide provisions to help in this matter.



Scan the QR Code and fill out the application today!



"...where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Lk 12

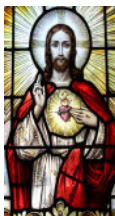
General Collection	\$ 11,588.70
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 4,967.90
Mass Attendance	954

Second Collection this weekend/Retired Religious

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

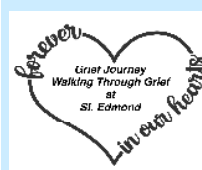
Online Giving

St. Edmond Church offers Electronic giving as a way to automate your offertory donations. Electronic giving is convenient so that when traveling, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.st-edmond.org and locate the Online Giving button located on the Home Page under Resources. Also, you can use the QR code on the front of this bulletin on your smart phone! If you choose this method of electronic giving, and you receive envelopes, please call the office at 981-0874 to cancel the mailing of envelopes!



Sacred Heart Enthronement

Anyone interested in having an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home, please contact the office for more information. Mark & Jennifer Schmuck will be in contact with you.



Save The Date!! God is close to the broken hearted- Psalm 34:18 Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You don't have to walk the grief journey alone. Nine week Support Sessions on Thursdays from 10:00

am until noon beginning January 8th. Videos, group discussions, and tools for coping. For more information contact: Mary Lahey at (337)356-5673 or Susie Roy at (337)280-1646.

Pray, Serve & Give

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 22 Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Dec. 23 (*Saint John of Kanty*), Enrique Herrera Ayala, Frank Ancona, Robert Neef

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Souls & Rosamaria Reyes Silva, & Carlos (L), Paul Bourliea, M/M Louis Constantine, M/M Philip Caubarreaux, Devin, Damon & Tami Constantine, Alan, Patsy, & Tommy Dubroc, Greg Monte, Ronald Roy, May Sebastin

Thursday, Dec. 25 (*Nativity of the Lord*), Celeste Boudreaux, Raymond Perot, Ken & Kay Stout, M/M Thomas Carroll III (L), Ken Bourg, M/M Thomas Carroll, Jr., Glennene & Martin Turner, Rosemary Benoit, M/M Thomas Moore, Bischoff Family, Fontenot Family, Douglas Fontenot, Ed Landreneau, Jim & Elaine Prather, Vickie & Ernest Petitjean, Wilbert & Leola Guilbeau, Corriene Huter, Mark Menard, Janise & Donald Huter, Sr., Adelin Guilbeau, Sadie Guillotte, John Morley, Glenn Landry, M/M Harry McDaniel, Jr., M/M Harold Landry, Frank Ancona, Aurelien Guillotte, James & Bret Fruge, Oliver & Dully Fruge, Sam & Helen Guillory, Chester, Audrey, & Butch Rozas, Carl Guillory, Pat & Betty Connell, Maius & Myra Rozas, Ether & Nestor Goubert

Friday, Dec. 26 (*Saint Stephen*), Poor Souls in Purgatory

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday, Dec. 27 M/M Gilbert Dutel, James, Barbara, Dwayne & Byron Dutel, M/M Altere Fontenot & children, John & Mary Fran Campion, Charlie Thibodeaux, Dylan Terro, Ed Landreneau, Frank Ancona, John Morley, Lillian, Jake, Lillian, Mary, & Castle Meyers, Cleo, Bennis, Shirley, & Ben McLean

Sunday, Dec. 28 Raymond Perot, Jose & Nelson Villanueva (L), Joseph & Sylvia Petro, Stanley & Annie LaPoint, Linda Smalley, Kenneth Gauthier, May Sebastian, Frank Ancona, Sr., JoAnn Lafleur

HOMEBOUND Many of our faithful parishioners who once worshipped with us are now homebound due to physical ailments. We appreciate them offering their crosses for our parish. We also remember them constantly in our prayers. Please pray for:

Gloria Starling, Raymond Boudreaux, Shirley Chastant, Amie Kratzer, Dee Crochet, David Foucheaux, Val Miller, Bonnie Guidry, Larry Guidry, Gina Coscart, Scott Dore, Arline Desormeaux, Terry Stelly, Beulah Hebert, Joyce Johnson, Ashton Leger, Rhena Savoy, Bob Chaney, Richard Dischler, Cal Smith, Janice Elter, Marilyn Vice, M/M Robert Anderson, Gail Guilbeau, Marianne Patin, Dee Foreman

St. Edmond Church has parishioners who bring the Holy Eucharist to our homebound. If you know somebody in need of Holy Communion in the home, but are not on the list, please call the Church Office at 981-0874.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 *Mass during the Night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 *Mass during the Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and

Evangelist 1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Note: Some names may be removed from the Prayer List every six weeks to make room for other parishioners or family members that need our prayers!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lisa Broussard, John & Wendy Broussard, Keanbre Rockett, Kevin Doucet, Kenny Chitty, Jenna Debaillon, Sandra Prejean, Avery Touchet, Jerelyn Debaillon, Lillian & Bobby Joe Picou, Joann Poe, Casey Potts, Arthur Albert, Mitch Benoit, Carolyn Dubroc, JoAnne LeFleur, Judy Breaux, Nita McGoffin, Hebert Family, Emilio Soto, Gwen Fruge, Jessie Tanner, Mike Garrett, Rog Anna Garrett, Oreans I.O.P. Mentally Disabled Group, April McBride, Mark & Debbie Caubarreaux, Daniel & Jana Fontenot, Ethel Soileau, Mary & Gene Landry, William Gron, Coogan Ryan, Beth Becnel, David Dixon, Keith Sabastian Fly, Nicole Foret, Dale Frederick, Teresa Nelson & Dorota, Angelica Gomez, Paul Mire, Michael Hester, Frank Smalley, Sharon Hay, Wayne Conques, Chester Guillory, Susie Trahan, Mary Anne Thibodeaux, Stephanie Davis, Faron Racca, Robie Landreneau, Mary S., Lou Hebert, Loretta & Jonas Richard, Dunice & Jannell Meaux, Gerald Dantin, Kisha Gallet, Fr. Gary Schexnayder, Pam Bouquet, Calab Sharyless (soldier), Emmy Colligan, Roy Family, Shanequa Griffin, Smith Family, Joey Laster, Karen (Skinner) Reaux, Donna Chachere, Jeanette LeBlanc, Algin Holland, Laura Laverigne, Joyce LeBlanc, Scott Durbin, Shelby Elias, Daniel LeBlanc, Phyllis Ryder, Bobbi Durbin, Danielle Willis, Lisa Stewart, Gaele Meyer

News, Events, & Resources

Child Safety During Mass

Children should not go to the restrooms alone!
A parent must always accompany their child and return with them to the pews.

40 Hr. Devotion will be cancelled the weeks of

Dec. 24-26 Christmas

**Dec. 31-Jan. 2 Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Baptism Classes Our Baptism Classes are given privately by Deacon Frank Cormier. Please call the office for an appointment (981-0874)! Parents and God-parents are required to attend such a session before the actual Baptism.

Christmas Flower Donations

Lavender envelopes are at the church entrances on the brochure cabinet. Make your donation for Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones.

Please print legibly! Thank You!



PRAY FOR OUR CLERGY

Mon., Dec. 22	Rev. Michael Dooley, SJ
Tues., Dec. 23	Rev. Dustin Dought
Wed., Dec. 24	Rev. Blake Dubroc
Thurs., Dec. 25	Rev. Wayne Duet
Fri., Dec. 26	Rev. Casey Dugas
Sat., Dec. 27	Rev. John Karol Dugas
Sun., Dec. 28	Rev. Edward Duhon

*Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them! Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.
In Jesus' name we pray.*

ATTENTION!!

If you receive a text or email from the priest asking for money in the form of a credit card or Donation, it is a SCAM. Please disregard the solicitation!

MISSION TO INDIA

Rev. Fr. Singam
St. Leo IV Catholic Church
Robert's Cove
May 03-15, 2026
Cost of the trip Approximately \$5000-\$6000
Per Person (includes all flights and 4 star hotels and etc.)

There are brochures in the church office

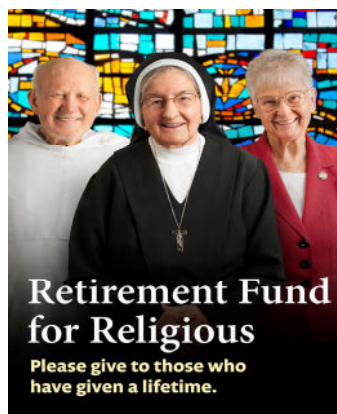
For more information, contact St. Leo IV Catholic Church in Robert's Cove, 337-334-5056

Stewardship Corner

Stewards Obey

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
MATTHEW 1:24

Stewards put our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



**Second Collection
this weekend
Dec. 20th & 21st**

**Your generous
donation is to
support retired
religious Brothers and
Sisters who have
served the church in
the past and deserve
to be cared for in
their later years!**

Coats for Acadiana

It's that time again to clean out the closets of gently used coats, sweaters, scarfs, beanies, and gloves to donate to the less fortunate of Acadiana. Adults, children, & babies sizes. Drop boxes are located at each entrance of the church and the Atrium of the Administration Bldg.
Next Distribution of Coats is this Sat. Dec. 20th from 8:00am-11:00am in the Family Center.



"When I was naked, you clothed Me"

—Jesus

**RUNNING REVS
VS
SLAMMING SEMS**

DECEMBER 30, 2025**TIP OFF 6:30PM**
ST THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL
450 E FERREL RD
LAFAYETTE, LA.

ADULTS \$5

KIDS \$2



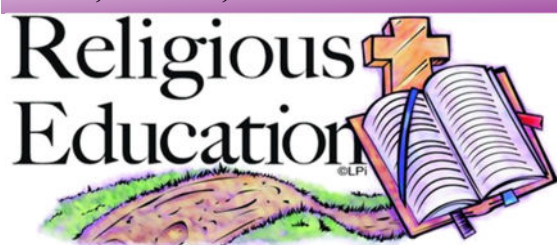
Cheer for our own priest, Fr. Joe
GO! GO! Fr. Joe!!!

News, Events, & Resources

**Adult
Confirmation
Mass
Sunday, Dec. 7th
5:00pm**



Left to Right:
Sponsor-Lani Pham & Candidate-Payne Pham, Decon Frank, Candidate-Gabrielle Bulot & Sponsor-Sophia Fulco,
Candidate-Mary Claire Hemel & Sponsor-



Living In Fellowship & Truth
Open to any youth in grades 6-12
"Youth Nights"

Family Center - 6:00 to 8:00pm

Sun., Jan. 25th B/Ball Challenge 6:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 22nd 6:00pm

Sunday, Mar. 22nd 6:00pm

Sunday, April 19th 6:00pm



Pursuing Ultimate Love through
Scripture & Evangelization

Open to any young adult age 18-25

"Sanctified Sundays"

Youth Room - 6:15 to 7:45 pm

Sunday, Dec. 28th 6:15pm



Please help our CCD students spread
Christmas love and cheer to local nursing
home residents.



You can help by donating blank Christmas Cards/envelopes
for our students to send to residents at nearby Nursing Homes.

Please place your blank Christmas Card donations in the
donation basket located in the church vestibule or bring them
to the Church office. There is also an Amazon Wishlist
featuring items to gift to the Nursing Home residents who may
have no one to give them a Christmas treat (scan the QR code
for the list). Thank you in advance.

DRE-Karolyn Comeaux

Rel. Ed. Dept.



St Edmond Parish will be hosting Welcome Home
Catholics, a program for Catholics who have either left
the Catholic Church for some reason or simply drifted
away due to the busyness of life, you are welcome here.

The program has an extremely small group of volun-
teers, who themselves left the Catholic church but have now re-
turned. If you have been hurt in some way, by the church, we un-
derstand and ask your forgiveness. The Program will not start un-
til November 6th, but we urge you to call and inquire NOW. Call
Deacon Frank in confidence at 337-207-5368.