**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, April 5**
Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 Noon and 4:30 p.m. (Vigil at 4 p.m. on Saturday)
Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

The Parish Seder Meal will be served in the cafeteria following the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
*Share a meal with our faith community, while experiencing the way that our Jewish brothers and sisters observe the Passover meal.*
(Reservations must be made by April 1st)

**Monday—Tuesday, April 6-7**
Masses at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Confession at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 8**
Masses at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
School Stations of the Cross at 8:15 a.m.
Confession at 6:30 p.m.

**Holy Thursday, April 9**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7 p.m.
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow until midnight in the Chapel.*

**Good Friday, April 10**
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 3 p.m.
*Commemorate the death of the Lord and venerate the Holy Cross.*
Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, April 11**
Solemn Morning Prayer at 10 a.m.
Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 12**
Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 Noon
*(No evening Mass)*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

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**Eddy Award Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted for the **2020 Eddy Awards**. These awards, presented at our annual **Founders’ Day Mass on June 1**, recognize those individuals who have contributed in an extraordinary way to the life and success of our parish.

While we recognize that all members of the parish contribute to our community, the Eddy Awards recognize those individuals who, through their diligent efforts in various parish activities, have given in a special way to the community of St. Edward the Confessor.

Anyone wishing to submit a nomination should send a letter describing the activities and contributions of the nominee. Nominees must be a parishioner for at least five years and involved in at least two ministries during that time. The nomination should be signed by three parishioners.

Please submit nomination letters to the Eddy Awards Committee at the Parish Center no later than **Friday, May 1**. For more information, call 888-0703.

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 19**

With the canonization of St. Faustina, St. John Paul II declared, *"The Second Sunday of Easter, henceforth throughout the Church, will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday."* Our Lord told St. Faustina that on that day: *"The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."*

To receive this grace of mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 19**, the following is required:

1) While in a state of grace, you must do one of the following works: in any church or chapel take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of the Divine Mercy OR in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed adding a devout prayer to our Merciful Lord, such as "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You";
2) go to confession within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday;
3) receive Holy Communion while in a state of grace within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday;
4) pray for the intentions of the Holy Father within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday; and
5) have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.

Don’t miss this opportunity!
A great day for a parade! Decorated wagons, carts and costumes of all types rolled through the parking lot as the Krewe of St. Edward tossed beads and trinkets to the eager crowd. Father Kevin and Sister Julia had a great time, along with Mrs. Rhonda Cage, the Grand Marshal. The band and cheerleaders also performed.

First Holy Communion
We are happy to announce that forty (40) of our school and PSR students received First Holy Communion on Saturday, March 21. Sister Julia, Mrs. Cavignac and Mrs. Gass have done a wonderful job preparing the children for this sacred event. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

Social Justice - Respect Life
Join us for our April Respect Life Gathering on Conscience Protection on Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the St. Edward Parish Center. Debbie Shinskie, the Archdiocesan Respect Life Director, will be presenting on Conscience Protection & the Life Issues. Please join us for an evening of prayer, networking, and learning about the issues! Light refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM
Developing Spiritually Adopted Baby
Your baby is quite active in the womb now - although his/her mother won’t feel her for another couple of months. If her mother’s womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch her palm. She is breathing fluid which she continues until birth. Your baby obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

Sacred Heart Home Enthronement
Promises of Jesus for souls devoted to His Sacred Heart:

Fourth Promise: They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.

For more information on enthroning your home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, contact Yvette Fouchi at 874-9225.
Have a Truly Holy Week and Blessed Easter!

Lent is almost over. Don’t let it end without taking time to adore and thank our Lord for His great love for us!

Jesus, Himself, went apart and spent time in the Garden in prayer before His agony and death and was strengthened by angels. “He withdrew from them...and knelt down and prayed.” (Luke 22:41) There he said to His disciples, and thus to us, “Pray, that you may not enter into temptation. (Luke 22:40)

As we try to imitate Jesus, let us follow His example and also heed His advice. Let us take time to come apart and pray. Let us pray to be strengthened to avoid temptation. Let us pray, as He did, to really be prepared to celebrate His Passion and Death. Let us pray and repent for our sins which brought Him to the cross. Let us pray in thanksgiving for so great a love! Jesus is inviting you to come spend an hour with Him. “Could you not watch with me one hour?” (Matt. 26:40)

Our Adoration Chapel is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

We are still seeking another committed adorer on Fridays at 3, 4 and 5 p.m. Please call Sheila Butler at 889-0334 to sign up, or for more information.

Knights of Columbus News

GIVE BLOOD

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the cafeteria. Donors will receive free blood for one year for themselves and three family members of their choosing along with a free t-shirt. Please consider giving the gift of life.

STEAM News

This month’s General Meeting, our last of the year, will be held on Wednesday, April 1 in the cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. As always, dinner will follow the meeting. This is one of our most important meetings of the year as we will elect new officers. Please try to attend and cast your vote in electing our new board.

Our Lenten Fish Fry events were very successful. A special thanks goes out to our Fish Fry Chairman, Daniel Haworth, who coordinated these events. We also thank the many volunteers for their help and support.

STEAM’s Annual Crawfish Cook-off will be on Saturday, May 2 from 5-9 p.m. Join us for crawfish, pizza, vegetables, beer, soft drinks and desserts. Pre-pay for this event online at www.steamevents.org. For additional information, or to enter a team into the Cook-Off, please contact the chairman, of this event, Robert LeNormand, at robert.lenormand@gmail.com.

Summer Reading and Math Clinic at St. Edward School

St. Edward School will again host a Summer Reading and Math Clinic from June 2 to July 3. The clinic will feature certified teachers, pre-testing for placement, and a five to one student-teacher ratio. Students completing Kindergarten through 7th Grade are eligible. For further information or to register, please call the St. Edward School Office at 888-6353 or e-mail Aimee Gardner at agardner@steddy.org.

Cyo News

We will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5, following the 10 a.m. Mass. We welcome donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs. Donations may be brought to the Parish Center.

Our regular monthly social will be on Sunday, April 26, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. See you there!

We are still selling Krispy Kreme cards for $15 each - available at the Parish Center. These “buy one dozen get one dozen glazed free” cards may be used 10 times. It’s a great savings!

Hilltoppers News

The giving spirit of Hilltoppers was once again evident as our members collected over 170 cans and pouches of tuna for our parish’s St. Vincent DePaul pantry.

Our theme for the April luncheon/meeting will be New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Come dressed in your favorite festival gear on April 23 at East Jefferson General Hospital – Conference Room E-3. Socialization begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon. Entrée choices are Lasagna or Fish. The cost is $20. Please contact Evelyn Hudson, 1109 Carnation Ave., Metairie, LA 70001 (504-887-2760) for reservations by Friday, April 17.

We are on the move again with a bus trip and luncheon planned at Ormond Plantation on April 30.

If you are looking for some fun and fellowship, consider joining Hilltoppers. For additional information about us, contact Jay Vallelungo (504) 885-8006.

Ladies Council News

Our April General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Elections for next year, as well as the end of the year drawing, will be held during this meeting, so please join us for this important event. Have a happy and blessed Easter!
Vacation Bible School
At St. Edward School
July 6-10

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs. They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and eat yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Scieny-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through an activity called God Sightings.

VBS is open to all children entering Pre-K4 through 6th grade in August 2020. The deadline to register is Friday, June 5. Forms are available in the school and Parish Offices and online at www.steddyschool.com. The cost is $30 per child (discount for siblings).

Volunteers are vital to the success of our VBS as it is run entirely by volunteer support. High school students can earn up to 20 service hours for their assistance. We are currently accepting adult and high school volunteers. All VBS volunteers must be Safe Environment trained.

Mark your calendar! The fun starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 12 Noon each day from July 6 through July 10. To volunteer or for more information, contact Erin Gass, at 888-6353 or email her at egass@steddy.org.

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil (Saturdays) at 4 p.m.
Sundays at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon and 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Mondays through Fridays at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation follow special schedules. See weekly bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 5 p.m., and by appointment.

THE CONFESSOR
The deadline is 9 a.m. on the first Monday of each month. Send information to Joanna Whitcomb (jwhitcomb@steddy.org).