

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

We are a family of faith-filled disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living the Gospel through worship and service

Church: 1940 Mitchellville Road, Bowie, Md. 20716

Parish Office & Mailing Address: 16304 Pond Meadow Lane, Bowie, Md. 20716

Parish Office: 301-249-9199

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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Scott S. Holmer, Pastor
Deacon David J. Barnes, Permanent Deacon
Angela Cipolla, Pastoral Assistant

OFFICE STAFF:

Margaret Creveling, Bookkeeper
Anne Brennan, Parish Secretary
Phuong Tran, Maintenance

MINISTRY STAFF:

Maureen Curtis, Religious Education Director
Karen Italiano, Youth Minister
Megan Weeks, Music Director

PARISH E-NOTES:

If we don't have your current email address or if you are not yet registered here, please call the parish office.

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.stedwardbowie.com

MASSES FOR THE HOME BOUND:

TheSundayMass.org

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 P.M.
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 A.M.
Tuesday, Thursday - 7:30 P.M.

HOLY HOUR: First Friday—9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.
Saturdays in Advent 4:00-5:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. & by appointment
Wednesdays in Advent: 7:00-8:00 P.M.

INFANT SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Class required. Call the parish office 301-249-9199 to start the process for your child's baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

New couples—contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Couples in civil marriages—contact the pastor for assistance for a validation.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call Fr. Scott for Anointing of the Sick. Upon a parishioner's death, please call us as soon as possible.

School: St. Pius X Regional Catholic School is our shared school of the four Bowie parishes.

Food for Bowie Pantry: Collected in bins at doors every first Sunday of the month.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.	5:30 pm	Pablo Fletcher+
Sun.	7:30 am	Alberto Alessandri+
	9:30 am	Violeta Pogado+
	11:30 am	Terese Welch (liv.)
Mon.	8:45 am	Barry Hoart+
Tues.	7:30 pm	Nancy McNulty+
Wed.	8:45 am	Pasquale & Stella Leopardi+
Thu.	7:30 pm	Msgr. Thomas Duffy+
Fri.	8:45 am	Pat & Ron Dolan (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Sat.	5:30 pm	Joanne Sakraida+

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Bob Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Barbara Fitzurka, Perla Alega, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Florence Zook, Lorraine Washington, Octavia Blake, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, Cindy Sowada, Teresa Fraser, Louise Hooven, Rosemarie Quezada, Maria Xiques, Steve Giant, Marjorie Porter, Dick Bradie, Nicholas Barrett, Susan Zinampan, John Keys, Joni Seith, Drew Snapkowski, Phylis McNamara, Luis Miranda, Dolores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Richard Kuntz, Valerie Seppi Sedwick, Cheryl Henretty, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferrri, Denise Townes, Mike Sullivan, Patty Byrne, Joe Brynes, Christine Leacock, Christine Branche, Rhonda Jackson, Gladys Boluda, Bobby Ose, Jimmy Tomasetti, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan., Rachel Wills, Tim Seppi, Mary DePaul, Vicky & Al Ose, Francis Looney, Margie Price, Kathy Klopfer.

SIMBANG GABI 2018

St. Edward's will host 3 nights of this 9 day Advent Novena Mass, December 15th, 16th and 17th.
7:00pm Rosary
7:30pm Holy Mass.

DANCE WITH SANTA AT ASCENSION: All Kids and Teens Invited!

Come for this fun holiday event at Ascension being hosted by the Fr. Peter C. Boyle Knights of Columbus #12254 of Ascension on Saturday, December 22 in our Bates Hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Have last-minute shopping to finish? Drop your kids off for a merry, rockin' good time! Or if you are looking for a fun holiday event to attend with your children, feel free to stay with them! Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 for a family of four or more. There will be a live DJ, light refreshments, and a photo with Santa! Don't miss out on this opportunity for your kids to enjoy some festive holiday fun! If you have any questions or for more information, please contact: Karl Caton, Grand Knight, at (301) 832-0837.

ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sat.	Dec. 15	Simbang Gabi 7:00pm-Rosary 7:30pm-Mass
Sun.	Dec. 16	CCD-Pre-K During the 9:30am Mass-hall Children's Liturgy-9:30am Mass RCIA-10:30am-12:00pm-office Baptism Class-12:30pm-classroom 6 Youth Group-6:30pm-hall Simbang Gabi 7:00pm-Rosary 7:30pm-Mass
Mon.	Dec. 17	Simbang Gabi 7:00pm-Rosary 7:30pm-Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm
Tue.	Dec. 18	CCD—K-5-4:15-5:30pm CCD-CL1-CL3- 6:30-8:00pm
Wed.	Dec. 19	CCD-RCIC-5:30-6:30pm CCD-K-5-6:30-7:45pm Children's Choir-5:30-6:30pm Confession-7:00-8:00pm Adult Choir-7:30pm
Fri.	Dec. 20	Live Christ-Share Christ-7pm
Sat.	Dec. 21	Living Gospel Rehearsal 10:00am- church Adoration during Confession-4:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE LIVING GOSPEL

Children in K through 5th grade are invited to participate. There are no speaking parts. They can sing in the choir AND participate in Living Gospel.



Costumes are provided, although donations for shepherds and angels would also be appreciated. Sign your children up:
www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084facae2fa31-christmas

Rehearsal: December 22nd at 10am in the church.

ATTN: ALL PARISIONERS WITH BUSINESSES!!!

LPI who publishes our bulletin will be here in the office on December 26th through December 28th. If you are interested in advertising with our bulletin, please call the office and the information will be passed along to Gary Stang, our sales rep. Thank you!



From the Desk of Rev. Scott Holmer

The people in the Gospel today think that John the Baptist is the Christ because he was convincing even tax collectors and soldiers to act justly and not to collect more than prescribed or extort anyone.

However, John the Baptist tells us that someone even greater is coming - Jesus. It will be Jesus who is the Christ. How is it that Jesus is mightier than John the Baptist?

John the Baptist tells us that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. What does that mean? What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire?

John the Baptist is helping sinners to repent and do the right thing. However, Jesus is actually going to remove the sin all together with the Holy Spirit. Instead of an evil spirit that rules us that make us want to do what we know is wrong, Jesus will remove that evil spirit and put the Holy Spirit within us so that we *want* to do what is right. He will soften our hearts that have been hardened by sin. Jesus will change us from the inside out. We will not merely follow the commandments of God out of fear of judgment. We will follow them out of love.

This complete transformation, this complete purification, is like comparing water to fire when cleaning a metal object. Water can wash away the surface dirt, but to remove the impurities *within* the metal, fire is needed. This is what filled the people with expectation. That the messiah, the Christ, would not merely wash the surface of the world as in the days of Noah, but that Jesus would purify the world from *within* the hearts of men and women through the Holy Spirit.

God bless,
Fr. Scott

PARISH SUPPORT:

Last week's Offertory: \$8,732.00.

Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.

The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were: \$18,332.00, \$7,760.00, \$8,889.00

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!!



Prepare your hearts for Jesus. Please join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00pm.

Sit in silence, pray the rosary, read and meditate on some spiritual writings or lives of the Saints, journal.....go to Confession..... Allow Jesus to speak to you. What does HE want to give You for Christmas? Come and See.....

BLESS ME FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED.....

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available Wednesdays in Advent from 7:00-8:00pm, in addition to the regular time on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00pm. Need a little more time? Make an appointment with Fr. Scott. Call the parish office at 301-249-9199.

Don't let ANYTHING separate you from the love of Jesus.

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!

All those in High School are welcome to join us on Sunday, December 16th, from 6:00-8:30pm in the hall for our **Christmas Party!**

Bring your pillows and comfy clothes as we will be watching "It's A Wonderful Life" Pizza, popcorn and hot chocolate are on the menu!!!

Bring a friend.



A HUGE "GIVING TREE" THANK YOU!!!!

Once again, thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Ed's, we were able to provide a bit of Christmas Cheer to those in our community who are less

fortunate than ourselves. God bless you all!!-Stacy

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be on December 16th in classroom 6 after the 11:30am Mass. You must be registered members of the parish prior to the Baptism of your child.

