

***STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT***  
***REPORTE DEL ESTADO DE LA***  
***IGLESIA***

**Presented on**  
**29<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**St. Edward's Episcopal Church**

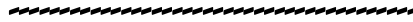
Lawrenceville, Georgia

## **Parish Vision**

*We are a community of faith  
where all are welcome to live and share Christ  
with love, commitment, and compassion.*

## **Parish Mission**

*In our rich Episcopal tradition,  
embracing diversity of cultures and languages,  
we empower discipleship to Christ through worship, formation, and service.*



## **Our Purpose Statement, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta**

*We Challenge ourselves and the world,  
to love like Jesus as we worship joyfully,  
serve compassionately,  
and grow spiritually.*

## ***El Propósito de la Diócesis Episcopal de Atlanta***

*Nos desafiamos a nosotros mismos y al mundo  
para amar como Jesús mientras adoramos con alegría,  
servimos con compasión,  
y crecemos espiritualmente.*

## **AGENDA**

Annual Meeting of Saint Edwards Episcopal Church  
January 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

1.	Call to Order	The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, Priest-in-charge
2.	Opening Prayer	The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, Priest-in-charge
3.	Determination of the Quorum	Bernadette Matthews, Senior Warden
4.	Appointing of Secretary	Bernadette Matthews, Senior Warden
5.	Approval of 2022 Minutes	Bernadette Matthews, Senior Warden
6.	<b>Reports</b>	
6.1	Christian Formation	Nicole Harrison
6.2	Hispanic Ministry Report	Lucy Herrera
6.3	Stewardship	Darcey Tatum
6.4	Finances	William Paasewe, Treasurer
6.5	Approval of the budget 2023	Bernadette Matthews, Senior Warden
6.6	Strategic Plan (StEds.Love/plan)	Ted Ruchalski
7	Realm (StEds.Love/realm)	Ted Ruchalski
8	Senior Warden Report	Bernadette Matthews, Senior Warden
9	Recognitions	The Rev. Fabio Sotelo
10	Priest-in-Charge Address	The Rev. Fabio Sotelo
11	Elections of the vestry	Bernadette Matthews, Senior Warden
12	Q&A	
13	Adjournment	

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**JANUARY 24, 2022**

1) The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 10:15 am.

- 2) Opened with prayer.
- 3) A quorum was assumed.
- 4) Mary Lu Rogers, as Clerk of the Vestry, was appointed to take notes.
- 5.1) Gabriele Mayes had recorded a video report; due to technical problems, this was inaudible.
- 5.2) Jay Franks was not visible at the meeting at this time.
- 5.3) William Paasewe introduced the finance committee. He presented the budget for the year in two parts: needs and funding. He reviewed the numbers estimated for the year, then compared the total to what is pledged thus far: about 80% is covered, but the shortfall is \$59 to 60,000. Fr Fabio encouraged all in the congregation to pledge and to increase our pledges. Bill urged that we share bonuses and other windfalls with the church. Jay suggested phone calls to parishioners who have not pledged. John Nystrom will check on whether churches can list on Yelp as a wedding venue.

Jay Franks reiterated the need for pledges. For 2022, Stewardship plans for weekly presentations from ministry heads and invitations to join the ministries. The theme is “Let us rekindle the flame of our faith.” A Ministry Fair, open air, is planned in March.
- 5.4) Ted Ruchalski reported on all the church has accomplished: we have developed hybrid services as well as pre-recorded services. We have keycards to allow for secure access and cameras for security. We have replaced all the thermostats with ones that can be programmed to save energy. The fire pit was completed and dedicated. Last week plumbers fixed the problem causing the high-pitched whistle in the nave; they have also fixed the bathrooms in the Admin Building.
- 5.5) Bernadette Matthews said that this was her first year as Senior Warden, and Wow! Look at how many things we have accomplished: Hunger Walk, Promise Haven, someone to run the office, a good bookkeeper, lowering the utility bills, fixing the bathrooms. We have done so much!
- 5.6) Lucy Herrera reported on the Service in Spanish. About one third of the noon congregation returned for in-person services. We have done a lot of celebrations that were well attended. We have new members including youth. She thanked Manuel and Carla for their work with the Coro. The joint service with the Lutheran Church was a success. Moving the service from 1 pm to noon was a great help for families who attend and go to Christian Formation.
- 5.7) Fr Fabio Sotelo read his report in a recording, again with technical difficulties making it nearly inaudible. Please see the printed report. He thanked Bernadette for stepping in and doing such a demanding job so well in her first year. Nicole Harrison commented on our being still under emergency procedures for the Annual Meeting and voting.
- 6) We have four openings in the Vestry and three names of candidates. The floor was opened for nominations. Rosemary Westpheling nominated Valerie Curry, and she accepted the nomination. Darcy Tatum seconded the nomination. Nicole assured us that Valerie meets all requirements to run for the Vestry. Darcy then moved that we elect all four by unanimous vote. This was seconded by Frances Hart, and all were so elected. The new Vestry members are Marck Morman, Erica Harris, Marver Browne, and Valerie Curry. Bernadette welcomed them all; they will be commissioned and installed February 13, 2022. Fr Fabio commented that one of the newly elected will be confirmed in our church in March and was cleared by the Chancellor to run for a seat on the Vestry.
- 7) There were not questions presented,
- 8) Karen Anderson closed the meeting with prayer.

9) Adjournment was at 11:45 am.

Submitted by Mary Lu Rogers

2-15-2022

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE VESTRY: 2022 - 2025



### **Teresa Guzman**

Originally from Michoacan, Mexico, my parents and I moved to California in 1973 when I was 11 years old. I lived there until 2006, then moved to Georgia with my husband, my three daughters, and my son. Today I am the grandmother of six children. In 2015, I came to Saint Edwards to attend one of my grandson's baptism, I liked it and decided to join the church. Everybody makes you feel this is a family and Fr. Fabio is a great priest with a great heart always trying to help the needy. This is also my purpose, to be able to help the parish and to make it grow so it can be a great community serving God.



### **Martha Cuenca**

About two years ago, I came to Saint Edwards to attend one of my friend's daughter's wedding being married here. I enjoyed the service very much and how welcoming the church was, so I decided to join. Before joining Saint Edwards, I was part of Saint Bede, in Atlanta. I like the Saint Edwards community and Fr. Fabio's leadership. Our gatherings are very beautiful. I love my family and I try to invite them to follow God in His way. I love God and I try to serve Him. In my spare time, I read books; I love to do that.

### **Cecilia Midzi**

I have been a parishioner at St. Edwards since 2008. I have been an Episcopalian my whole life. I am an usher and intercessor and will continue altar guild training in 2023. I have witnessed St. Edwards go through different transitions, and the one constant with the parish has been the love, support, and diversity. I am privileged to be part of the St. Edwards family. During my free time, I love reading, movies, and yes, a little exercise.



### **Jennifer Khaleel**

I am a mother of three a grandmother of eight a friend to many and most importantly a child of God and a spirit to serve. I was born in Kingston, Jamaica. I was raised in the Anglican religion I came to the United States in 1968 and lived in New York City, I became a member of Saint Augustine Episcopal Church, in which I have served in various ministries along with helping out in the church office. I moved to Georgia in 1989. I attended Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Decatur. In 2005, I moved to Gwinnett County and became a member of

St Edward's. I have been blessed with an amazing church family. I have served in the following ministries EWC, Altar Guild, Pastoral Care, Women Worship Group, Usher, Vestry and IWC. I also completed a four-year course of the Episcopal EFM Theology Seminar. My ultimate goal is to continue to deepen my understanding of God, His word and purpose for me. Through my life experiences and evolving relationship with God, my faith motivates me to always be of service in Christ.

### **Brendalyne "Brenda" Tamba-Dahn**

Brenda is married to Fostenal Dahn and have three children Brendan, Bryleigh, and Breanne. She is part of the Coffee Hour, Lector and Parish Life ministries.

## SERVING ON THE VESTRY

Serving on the Vestry is both a tremendous privilege and a great responsibility. Members of the Vestry are legal agents in the congregation who, with the clergy, provide leadership. It is important to understand this is vestry/clergy partnership.

Vestry members are asked to apply their baptismal vows to their acquired business experience in carrying out the mission and ministry of the congregation. The vestry takes those skills and enhances them by adding prayer, discernment, and reflection.

Vestry membership entails bringing all the wisdom and insights God has given into the congregation. Infusing those gifts with prayer, discernment and reflection, Vestry members are expected to take them back into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vestry members must be people who can and will lead the parish effectively. It is highly desirable that vestry members be active participants in one or more ministries of the parish.

Vestry members sometimes deal with matters that are sensitive. Vestry members must be able to keep confidentiality.

Vestry members must be able to understand and deal with members of the parish, as well as staff members, who hold diverse points of view on a wide range of matters. When there is disagreement in the Parish, to report that disagreement in an appropriate way to the Vestry meeting for the Rector's (or Priest-in-charge's) and Vestry's wisdom and counsel.

After the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge) and Vestry have made a decision by majority agreement or vote, Vestry members should be willing and able to interpret and explain that decision in the most favorable light, both publicly and privately, to those members of the parish who inquire about it.

#### CANONICAL QUALIFICATION REQUIRED TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY

##### **Canon 31. Section 6:(d) 1-2**

d).(1). Those qualified for election to the office of Vestry Member shall be as follows: Any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is not less than eighteen years of age, a regular attendant at the services of the Church in the year preceding election, and known by the Treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support in the year preceding election.

(2). Those qualified to continue to hold the office of Vestry Member shall be as follows: Any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is a regular attendant at the services of the church during such term and known by the Treasurer to have timely made and faithfully fulfilled, in accordance with its tenure, a stated financial commitment for church support at all times during such term.



STATISTICS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS 2022	
Baptisms	<b>19</b>
Confirmations	<b>4</b>
Quinceaneras	<b>16</b>
Marriages	<b>5</b>
Transfers In	<b>3</b>
Transfers Out	<b>2</b>
Deaths of Members	<b>3</b>
Funerals	<b>12</b>
Average Sunday Attendance	<b>283</b>

MESSAGE FROM  
CHARGE  
MENSAJE DE  
ENCARGADO

THE PRIEST-IN-  
SACERDOTE

The Rev. Fabio Sotelo

1. Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Assistant treasurer, Chancellor, Parish Clerk, vestry members, parish staff, the heads of ministries and siblings in Christ, Good morning. It is with great joy that I greet all of you in the name of Christ, our Divine Master and Savior.
2. 2023 marks my third year as priest-in-charge of Saint Edwards Episcopal Church, and my first year as a full-time priest serving to this bilingual, multicultural community of faith, which is a part of the Diocese of Atlanta, led by our bishop Robert Wright.
3. Two Saturdays ago, my wife and our three girls spent the weekend in the beautiful mountains of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The experience was amazing. We walked, we ate, we talked and rested. We needed that time away!  
The snow that fell a couple of days before our trip helped us to enjoy peace and beauty. On Sunday, after watching the 9:30 a.m. service online, we took a chair lift ride to experience the beautiful scenic view of the Great Smoky Mountains. How wonderful is your creation, oh God almighty.
4. While my wife and my girls went shopping, I sat down to see not only the mountains, but my personal life, my family life and the life of Saint Edwards Episcopal Church. From there, I thought about the things we have done in the church in this past year, and the things that lay down ahead of us.
5. I remembered how impressed I was when, last year Saint Edward's decided to do a fundraising campaign in the middle of the Spring season to hire the Reverend Karen Anderson as our part-time priest so she could move forward in her vocation and be ordained as a priest. This decision that Saint Edward's made means a lot to me. It means that you really love your church, the Episcopal Church, you value the role of a priest very much, you want to be part of a service that includes the blessing of bread and the cup, the Eucharist. Parishes like Saint Edwards who walk the extra mile to hire and support priests perform extraordinary work for God. They are supporting vocations, encouraging young people to dedicate their lives to God and to God's people. This is remarkable, beautiful, and sacred! Because of your effort and generosity, last year the youth had a spiritual mentor assigned to them; a priest with a great faith and energy to motivate our youth in their journey of life. But not only that, Mother Karen also assisted and supported the Pastoral ministry of our parish and helped me in many celebrations throughout the year.
6. Then, I thought about our celebrations, in particular three of them came to my mind: Saint Edwards, All souls day, and Guadalupe. At Saint Edward's day I saw people hugging and dancing, singing, and clapping in our bilingual festive celebration. This church is a place where you can make true friends, receive real spiritual support, develop strong ties with each other, laugh and pray. Churches like Saint Edwards are unique and very necessary in the world.

7. All Soul's Day celebration was a mystical evening liturgy to honor our dead. We connected in prayer and adoration with family members and friends, who have gone before us and that today are in the presence of God, the giver of life. I know that it does not matter how long they have gone, they will always be in our memories and in our hearts. We sang, read psalms, read poetry, prayed, lit candles, processed out into the memorial garden, and offered incense to God. Tears of healing and joy rolled down our cheeks that evening.
8. Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration was another festive liturgy last year. Dancers dressed in colorful native Mexican costumes processed to start the liturgy; the choir and coro sang the Magnificat and other joyful songs; the youth did a representation of the apparitions of Guadalupe, the mariachis came to sing the mananitas, and then abundant delicious food from Mexico was shared by all. This is Saint Edwards, multicultural and *picante!*
9. Then, I look at what is ahead of us this year. First, we need to continue looking for ways to grow; what is our future if we do not bring more people to the church? There are thousands of people in Gwinnett County that don't have a church. We need to bring some of them here. I applaud the great idea of using Invite Welcome Connect program as a tool to bring and engage people to the parish. 'Invite a friend to church' initiative needs to continue happening frequently so more people get to know us. We need to continue finding different ways to open the doors of our church to our neighbors. I believe that people across the street from us have not stopped by to visit us; I ask the leadership of this parish to figure it out how to invite them.
10. Programs like Fish fry, book signing, Vacation Bible School, Christian Formation, EYC, festive liturgies, and festivals are great ways to bring people to this parish. I know that the parish is doing a great job. We hold a great tradition, we worship beautifully and teach a great Christian formation, serve the poor, the needy and the homeless. Once new people discover what is taking place here, they will become part of this beautiful church.
11. After three years, the vestry approved to raise the salaries of our staff. They have not received a raise since before the Pandemic, and the cost of living has gone up. It is our duty to make sure we empower our part time staff which has the workload of a full-time job to be able to do their work. Parishioners need to continue to do their part, so I invite you to pledge faithfully and generously so we can do our work.
12. Back in March, the Diocese offered me the possibility to become a full-time priest-in-charge for Saint Edward's with the possibility to become their rector. The bishop trusts that with my leadership I can help to develop the church into a parish again. I accepted this challenge, and I am here, not only because I am a priest of great faith, but because I am not doing this job alone. Here at Saint Edward's, I have met wonderful people who love this church and want to do their best for the future of this community. I am fully committed to the mission and vision of this parish, and I know that with God's help and with all of you, we will do this work! Bring back Saint Edwards to be a full parish again with a full-time rector!
13. From the top of the Great Smoky Mountains, I saw beauty in the parish, love, commitment, responsibility, generosity, faithfulness, and a deep desire to make Saint Edwards Episcopal Church a strong community of faith where people can come and nurture their soul. In Saint Edward's Episcopal Church shines the glory of God!
14. I finish my report quoting two of the beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew that we have read today. I asked myself, What of those Beatitudes describe best the work that Saint Edwards is doing? I picked up these two:

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy...” We are merciful people!!!

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God...”

We are people of peace; we promote peace; we want a world of peace.

Then, the reward: Jesus says: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

Thank you everyone for your support you give to me and to my family. God bless you.

1. *Guardián mayor, Guardián menor, Tesorero, Asistente del Tesorero, Canciller, Secretaria, miembros del vestry, empleados, cabezas de ministerios, hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, buenos días. Con gozo los saludo a todos ustedes en el nombre de Cristo, nuestro Divino Maestro y Salvador.*
2. *El año 2023 es mi tercer año como sacerdote encargado de la Iglesia Episcopal de San Eduardo, mi primer año sirviéndoles de tiempo completo en esta parroquia bilingüe y multicultural que es parte de la Diócesis de Atlanta, dirigida por nuestro obispo Robert Wright.*
3. *Hace dos semanas, con mi esposa y mis tres hijas fuimos el fin de semana a las hermosas montañas de Gatlinburg, Tennessee. La experiencia fue maravillosa. Caminamos, comimos, hablamos y descansamos. Necesitábamos ese tiempo afuera! La nieve que había caído unos dos días antes de nuestro viaje nos ayudó a disfrutar la belleza y la paz que se respira allá. El domingo, después de atender al servicio en línea de las 930 a.m. tomamos una teleférico para subir a la maravillosas montañas del Great Smoky Mountains. Que hermosa es tu creación, oh Dios Poderoso.*
4. *Mientras mi esposa y mis hijas iban de compras, me senté y vi no solo las montañas, sino mi vida personal, mi familia y la vida de San Eduardo. Desde allá, pensé en las cosas que hemos hecho el año pasado y las cosas que están por hacerse.*
5. *Me acorde lo admirado que quede, cuando el año pasado San Eduardo decidió hacer una campaña en la mitad de la primavera para reunir dinero y contratar a la diácona Karen Anderson, de medio tiempo y así avalarla en su proceso al sacerdocio. Esta decisión significó mucho para mi. Esto significa que ustedes aman su iglesia, la Iglesia Episcopal, valoran el rol del sacerdocio, ustedes quieren participar de un servicio que incluya el pan y el vino de la Eucaristía. Las parroquias que caminan una milla extra para apoyar el sacerdocio están haciendo un trabajo extraordinario para Dios. Ustedes están apoyando vocaciones y motivando a Jóvenes para que dediquen su vida a Dios y a su pueblo. Esto es notable, hermoso y santo! Debido a su esfuerzo y generosidad, el año pasado los jóvenes tuvieron un director espiritual para acompañarlos en su camino de vida. Pero no solo eso, la Madre Karen asistió al Ministerio de Pastoral y me ayudó en muchas celebraciones.*
6. *Luego, pensé en los celebraciones de la parroquia, particularmente en tres: El día de San Eduardo, El día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos y el Día de Guadalupe. En el día de San Eduardo yo vi a personas abrazándose y danzando juntas, cantando, aplaudiendo en nuestro festivo servicio bilingüe. Esta iglesia es un lugar para hacer amigos, para recibir apoyo espiritual, establecer lazos fuertes entre uno y otro, para reír y para orar. Iglesia como San Eduardo son únicas y muy necesarias en el mundo.*
7. *El día de celebración de los Fieles Difuntos fue una liturgia mística en honor de nuestros difuntos. Nos conectamos con ellos a través de la oración y la adoración. Nuestros seres queridos que están en la presencia de Dios, el dador de vida, no se borran de nuestras vidas no importa cuánto hace que se hayan ido; ellos están en nuestras memorias y en nuestro corazón. Cantamos, leímos salmos, poesía, prendimos velas, fuimos en procesión al cementerio, elevamos incienso a Dios. Vi muchas lágrimas de gozo y sanación rodando por nuestras mejillas.*
8. *La fiesta de la virgen de Guadalupe fue otra liturgia muy festiva. Los danzantes vestidos de trajes nativos de México entraron en procesión al santuario para iniciar la liturgia; los coros cantaron, los jóvenes representaron las apariciones guadalupanas, los mariachis cantaron las mañanitas a la Virgen, y luego compartimos una abundante y rica cena Mexicana. ¡San Eduardo, multicultural y picante!*
9. *Después, mire a lo que esta por delante de nosotros. Primero, nosotros debemos continuar buscando maneras de crecer. ¿Cual es nuestro futuro si no traemos mas personas a la iglesia? Hay miles de personas sin iglesia en Gwinnett, traigamos algunos de ellos. Aplaudo la idea de utilizar el programa de Invitar, Bienvenida y Conectar para atraer más feligreses a la parroquia. La iniciativa de “Invita a un amigo,” debemos hacerla con mucha frecuencia. Necesitamos encontrar maneras de traer a los vecinos. Muchos de los que viven al otro lado de la calle no nos han visitado; le pido a los lideres de la iglesia que me ayuden a invitarlos.*
10. *Programas como el pescado frito, presentación de libros, Escuela Bíblica del Verano, Formación en la fe, jóvenes, celebraciones festivas, festivales, son métodos valiosos para traer a mas personas. Se que la parroquia esta haciendo un gran trabajo, tenemos una hermosa tradición, nuestra liturgia es maravillosa, enseñamos la fe cristiana servimos a los pobres y necesitados. Una vez que la gente descubre que hacemos aquí, ellos serán parte de nuestra parroquia.*
11. *Desde hace tres años no se había aprobado el subir los sueldos a los empleados. Ellos no habían recibido un incremento desde antes de la pandemia y el costo de vida ha subido. Ellos, aunque son contratados de medio tiempo hacen un tiempo completo en su trabajo. Los feligreses deben hacer su parte y comprometerse a dar con generosidad para que nosotros podamos hacer bien el trabajo que nos corresponde.*
12. *En Marzo del año pasado, la diócesis me ofreció trabajar de tiempo completo como sacerdote encargado de San Eduardo con la posibilidad de ser su rector. El obispo confía que con mi liderazgo yo puedo ayudar a desarrollar esta iglesia hasta que sea parroquia nuevamente. Yo acepte el reto, por eso estoy aquí, no solo porque soy un sacerdote con*

*fe, sino también porque este trabajo no lo hare solo. Aquí en San Eduardo he encontrado gente maravillosa quien ama a su iglesia, y quiere lo mejor para su comunidad. Yo estoy totalmente comprometido a la misión y visión de San Eduardo, y se que con la ayuda de Dios y con la ayuda de ustedes, lo lograremos hacer. Traer a San Eduardo a ser parroquia con su rector de tiempo completo.*

13. *Desde la cima de los Great Smoky Mountains vi belleza en la parroquia, amor, compromiso, responsabilidad, generosidad, fidelidad y un profundo deseo de hacer de San Eduardo una comunidad fuerte en donde la gente puede venir a nutrir su alma. En San Eduardo brilla la gloria de Dios.*
14. *Finalizo mi reporte citando dos bienaventuranzas que leímos hoy del evangelio de Mateo. ¿Me pregunte, cuáles de esas bienaventuranzas describen mejor el trabajo que San Eduardo esta haciendo? Entonces escogí: “Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque ellos recibirán misericordia...” ¡¡¡Somos gente misericordiosa!!! “Bienaventurados los que buscan la paz, porque serán llamados hijos de Dios...” Somos gente de paz, promovemos la paz, queremos paz para el mundo. Y después, el premio. Jesús dice: “Regocijense de alegría, porque su premio en el cielo será grandioso.”*  
*Gracias a todos por el apoyo que me dan a mi y a mi familia. Dios los bendiga.*

**THE CURATE ASSOCIATE REPORT**  
**REPORTE DEL CURA ASOCIADO**  
**The Rev. Karen Anderson**

Dear Beloved,

What a year it's been for all of us! As I write this, I'm sitting here remembering gathering entirely online for our Annual Meeting in 2022 in the midst of a Covid surge - mere weeks after my ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. I am particularly grateful to everyone in this parish for their support of my ministry over the past year and a half since the diocese placed me with you as I journeyed through Candidacy, the Diaconate, and finally Priesthood. From the first moments I arrived you have been warm and welcoming and I have enjoyed being challenged and growing in faith alongside of you.

Pastoral Care, our Youth, and of course the Liturgy of the church have been my particular focal points, and I have loved these ministries deeply over the last several months. Our Youth have had an active and enjoyable fall, and a particular highlight for me was the privilege of accompanying them to the Pride Parade where both youth and adult leaders handed out love and hugs freely, cheering for many and having good supportive conversations. We plan to build on this for this next year taking the youth on a retreat centered around the Pride Festival and letting them volunteer at the Diocese of Atlanta booth!

As far as the services and education of our community go I know my three major highlights include our Lenten Conversations, the All Souls service, and our Advent Reflections. Our Lenten Conversations were largely lay led, and what a boost to me to hear and share wisdom from others and listen to the lessons we pulled out on the Way of Love and how we apply loving like Jesus to our everyday lives! Our All Souls service this November gave us a chance to pause and sit with grief and love that we have had through our lives, as well as listen to so many different traditions wisdom on grief. This service always holds a special place in my life, and I was delighted to help share this with the community of St. Edward's. Lastly, our Advent Reflections were such a joy to me this year in particular! We looked at different ways to pause and pray, and I was so blessed by the voices of so many different readers and the wisdom and joy they brought to us!

My encouragement to us as a community is that Pastoral Care is the work of the entire parish, that being Christ to one another means caring in practical and in ways that can feel small to us. I would call us to action to help sign up to call those who are sick, to visit them, to write cards and letters, and of course to take meals. We never know how these seemingly small gestures can create incredible and large impact in the lives of others!

My thanks and love for an incredible year with you - I look forward to the work to come!

*Queridos y queridas,*

Que gran año a sido para todos. Estoy muy agradecida por el apoyo que me han dado todos en mi viaje a mi candidatura, diaconado y sacerdocio. Desde el momento que llegue sentí su calurosa acogida que me ha permitido crecer con ustedes. En cuanto al trabajo con los Jóvenes destaco que tanto los Jóvenes como varios líderes pudimos participar en el Desfile del Orgullo. Esperamos integrarnos aun mas este año a esta actividad. En cuanto al trabajo con la comunidad, he apoyado las Conversaciones de la Cuaresma, El Servicio de Los Fieles Difuntos y las Reflexiones de Adviento. En cuanto al Cuidado Pastoral, he invitado a cada uno a ser Cristo uno para el otro, cuidándonos mutuamente. Visitando al enfermo, escribiendo tarjetas y llevando comida. Todas estas iniciativas por pequeñas que parezcan tienen un impacto increíble en las vidas de cada uno. Gracias por su trabajo magnifico. Espero continuar adelante con ustedes.

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

### GUARDIAN MAYOR

Bernadette Matthews

Thank you... **ONCE AGAIN**...for your dedication to St. Ed's!

The year 2022 a year of continuing to embrace change despite the uncertainties in the world, fear, and mostly of loss.

Despite all these challenges, St. Edward's kept moving forward one step at a time during 2022.

The new elected Vestry members came on board ready to continue making a difference!

- The NEW flooring in the Narthex – YOU made that happen!
- Implementing Realm in our parish community!
- Hunger Walk 2022 a group of us walked at Rhodes Jordan Park and the church raised \$3,000.00. **SPECIAL THANKS** to our generous parishioner who helped us make that goal!
- The church continues with in-person service, stream via YouTube and Facebook, and threw in a device Sunday worship. We can cover it all 😊
- Our Parish Administrator and bookkeeper are continuing to be a much-valued part of St Ed's **THANK YOU!**
- St. Edward's is a vital and instrumental part in Promise Haven aka Couch Mason and our partnership with Family Promise making our unique mark in the community. Which is noticed by the City of Lawrenceville! GREAT WORK!
- The endless volunteer time from parishioners, sharing their talent & treasure does not go unnoticed. You continue to ROCK!
- Youth Christian Formation continues to THRIVE!
- The Bible study group meeting every Tuesday.
- Those who volunteered in the office or wherever there was a need... **THANK YOU!**
- Supporting Reverend Karen Anderson's journey through priesthood. Reminder...WE can ALWAYS claim with pride, "Yes...WE and will be an instrumental part of her journey!"
- Our parishioners who lost loved ones are able to gather and be reassured, St. Edward's is here to support them during their time of grief. The Bereavement Support Group is there for you!
- The consistent support to the Lawrenceville Food Coop...PRICELESS!
- We could not have asked for a more wonderful end of year celebration with our Paper Bag Pageant on the spot play! All the parishioners who partook and having our own baby Jesus in our midst to represent once again and remind us why we celebrate Christmas. To give us **FAITH, HOPE** and **LIGHT** for 2023!

THANK YOU to the entire community of St. Edward's for allowing me to serve as your Senior Warden in 2022!

¡Gracias una vez mas por su dedicación a San Eduardo!

El año 2022 San Eduardo dio pasos adelante, a pesar de la incertidumbre en el mundo, el miedo y la pérdida. Los nuevos miembros del vestry se montaron a bordo y ayudaron a hacer la diferencia.

. Se instaló el nuevo piso del Narthex – Ustedes lo hicieron!

. ¡Se inició el uso del nuevo programa operador Realm!

. Hunger Walk. Un grupo parroquial camino al rededor del lago en el Parque Rhodes Jordan y se recolectaron 3,000 para el programa. Gracias a un feligrés generoso llegamos a la meta.

. La iglesia continua ofreciendo servicios en persona, a través de You Tube y Facebook, para llegar a todos.

. Nuestra Administradora parroquial y la Contadora continúan haciendo una labor sin igual.

. San Eduardo es un instrumento vital en el trabajo que hace la organización Promesa Familiar en nuestra casa Promesa

Celestial. Esta labor ya ha creado una gran marca en la comunidad lo cual se nota en todo Lawrenceville. Grandioso trabajo!!!

. Muchos feligreses hacen un hermoso y continuo trabajo donando su tiempo y talento. Son como una roca!

. La Educación Cristiana también continúa siendo todo un éxito.

. Cada vez que lo necesitamos hay personas que se voluntarizan a colaborar en la oficina. Gracias!

. El apoyo a la Reverenda Karen Anderson en su camino hacia el sacerdocio nos debe hacer sentir muy orgullosos. ¡Si, efectivamente fuimos instrumentales en este viaje!

. Las personas que han perdido a sus seres queridos han recibido un gran apoyo en la comunidad. El ministerio de duelo está muy activo en su trabajo de apoyo a los dolientes.

. La parroquia continúa apoyando a Lawrenceville CO-OP.

. Y no podríamos terminar mejor el año que con la celebración de la Pastorela de Navidad. Una gran cantidad de feligreses colaboraron en esta bella representación navideña donde recordamos el hecho de la llegada del niño Jesús que nos da fe, Esperanza y luz para el 2023.

¡Gracias a todos, comunidad de San Eduardo, por permitirme servirles como su Guardian Mayor en el año 2022!

## **JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT** **REPORTE DEL GUARDIAN MENOR**

**Ted Ruchalski**

### **Strategic Plan/Plan Estratégico**

The vestry has implemented a three-year strategic plan that began on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The goals of the plan are to Grow Membership, Grow Financial Resources, and to Provide Programs and Community Services. In this first year of the plan, the vestry is focused on fully implementing Invite Welcome Connect. Establishing a Restricted Endowment Fund. Establishing a Planned Giving Program. And highlighting St. Edward's parishioners by publishing video interviews. The Vestry has also begun work on year two and three goals with the end result of us hiring and fully supporting a full time Rector. The Vestry's commitment to this plan is evidenced by the fact that it is an agenda item at every Vestry meeting with each Vestry member reporting on the progress of their assigned goal. You can view the entire plan by going to [StEds.Love/plan](https://www.stedslove.com/plan)

El Consejo Parroquial (Vestry) implemento un plan estratégico de tres años, que comenzó en Junio del 2022. Las metas: aumento de membresía, crecimiento de recursos y proveer mas programas y servicios a la comunidad. En este primer año, el vestry se enfoco en la implementación del programa Invitar Bienvenida Conectar. Estableció un Fondo Restringido de Inversión y un Programa de Donaciones Planeadas. Se inicio también un programa de entrevistas. El Vestry también esta trabajando comprometidamente para contratar de tiempo total al rector de la parroquia. En cada reunión mensual del vestry se da un reporte del progreso del plan.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT** **REPORTE FINANCIERO**

**Bill Paasewe**

This report is a summary of receipts and expense activities. It is in two categories. (1) Category 1 summarizes revenue and expense activities in 2022. (2) Category 2 summarizes estimated operations needs (expense) and estimated receipts (revenue) required to fund various programs, projects and operations costs in 2023.

En este reporte se resume las actividades financieras del 2022 en dos categorías: 1. Ingresos y egresos del 2022. 2. Cálculo de los ingresos y de los gastos para los programas de la parroquia para el 2023.

## Category 1: Revenue and Expense Activities (Performance) in 2022

### Revenue/Ingresos

In 2022, it was estimated (budget) that receipts from pledges, tithes, offerings and other income would total \$295,623 (two hundred ninety-five thousand, six hundred twenty-three), however, the data shows that total of actual receipts in 2022, was \$282,131 (Two hundred and eighty-two thousand, one hundred thirty-one). This means that the level of receipts expected fell short by \$13,492 (Thirteen thousand, four hundred ninety-two). As indicated in the budget, it was further assumed that of the total budgeted receipts, about 75.27% (\$222,544) would be directly generated from member pledges. The data, however, shows actual receipts generated directly from member pledges was about 70% (\$197,164), this means that receipts generated directly from member pledges fell short of budget by \$25,380 (twenty-five thousand, three hundred eighty). Below is a table comparing estimated (budgeted) receipts to actual receipts in 2022. It also shows the variances for each category of receipts.

En el 2022 se calculó un ingreso de \$ 295,623. Sin embargo, solo se recibió \$282,131. \$13,492 por abajo de lo presupuestado. De compromisos se calculó 222,544 pero solo se recibió \$197,164. \$25380 por debajo. Aquí esta la tabla de comparación:

**TABLE: COMPARISON: 2022 ACTUAL RECEIPTS TO BUDGETED RECEIPTS**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Member Pledges	197,164	222,544	(25,380)
Plate Receipts	6, 648	5,170	1,478
Non-Pledge Receipts	36, 248	20, 668	15,580
Special Offerings	9, 184	1, 958	7,225
Hospitality Offerings	6, 041	4, 835	1,206
Worship Offerings	1,974	3, 602	(1,628)
Other Income	24,872	36,845	(11,974)

### Expenses/Gastos

In 2022, it was estimated (budget) that a total of \$266,441 (Two hundred sixty-six thousand, four hundred forty-one) would be needed for various operations and programs. Those include Payroll cost, Repairs & Maintenance, Utilities, Loans, Insurance, Outreach, Parish life as well as administrative expense. According to the data, actual expense level in 2022 was \$265,899. It is important to note that despite the shortfall by \$25,380 (Twenty-five thousand, three hundred eighty), in member pledge, the level of expenditure was streamlined as a result the net effect was favorable by \$16,233 (Sixteen thousand, two hundred thirty-three). Below is a table comparing estimated (budgeted) expense to Actual expense in 2022.

En el año 2022, se estimo un gasto de \$266,380, pero solo se gasto \$265,899. Debido a el debido cuidado de gastos, la parroquia tuvo un ahorro de 16,233. Veamos a continuación la tabla de comparación:

**TABLE; COMPARISON; 2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE TO BUDGETED EXPENSE**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Clergy Compensation	44,981	44,685	(296)
Lay Staff Salaries	58,758	63,497	4,739
Other Personnel Expense	-	3,000	3,000
Administrative Office Expense	10,216	6, 362	(3,854)
Other Administrative Expense	16,956	19,972	3,015
Insurance	13,720	11,704	(2,016)

Loans	27,164	30,967	3,803
Facilities Buildings/Grounds	25,358	23,803	(1,555)
Utilities	21,117	22,454	1,337
Diocesan Support	25,896	25,896	-
Christian Formation	638	966	328
Worship	7,849	6,495	(1,354)
Music Ministries	789	1,240	451
General Ministries	6,816	2,300	(4,516)
Hospitality Expense	5,160	4,100	(1,060)
Governance	480	630	150
Outreach/Evangelism	-	2,000	2,000

## CATEGORY 2: SUMMARY OF 2023 BUDGET/RESUMEN PRESUPUESTAL 2023.

### EXPENSE BUDGET/PRESUPUESTO 2023

This is a supporting summary report to the 2023 Budget. The total Expense Budget for the fiscal year 2023 beginning January 1, to December 31 is \$311,929. It consists of estimated costs for various programs, projects and other operating needs. As of fiscal 2023, the payroll cost for the Priest is \$120,161. St Edwards will absorb around 45.7% (\$55,161) of this cost, while the Diocese of Atlanta has offered to fund the balance 54.3% (\$65,000) as support to St Edwards. Below is the breakdown of the Expense Budget:

*El presupuesto para este año es de \$311,929. Aumento con relación al año pasado porque la parroquia está asumiendo una parte mayor del salario del sacerdote, estimado en \$120,161 su paquete total (incluyendo salud, pensión). San Edwards es responsable de cubrir \$55,161 de esos costos y la Diócesis de \$65,000. Aquí está la descripción:*

• Clergy Compensation	\$70,371.48
• Lay Staff Salaries	69,496.85
• Other Personnel Expense	3,000.00
• Administrative Office Expense	5,845.00
• Other Administrative Expense	19,356.00
• Insurance	13,820.00
• Loans	29,633.00
• Facilities Buildings/Grounds	26,871.00
• Utilities	20,631.00
• Diocesan Support	26,374.00
• Christian Formation	1,350.00
• Worship	6,631.00
• Music Ministries	1,370.00
• General Ministries	8,600.00
• Hospitality Expense	4,600.00
• Governance	1,980.00
• Outreach/Evangelism	2,000.00



In order to adequately fund the various operating needs as indicated above, St Edwards would need to raise \$333,091 (Three hundred thirty-three thousand, ninety-one). The estimated (budget) receipts of \$333,091 is based on the assumption that about 71.03% (\$236,597) will be generated through membership pledge. Below is a table showing the categories of receipts expected in 2023:  
*Para cubrir todos los gastos del 2023, San Eduardo necesita reunir \$333,091.*

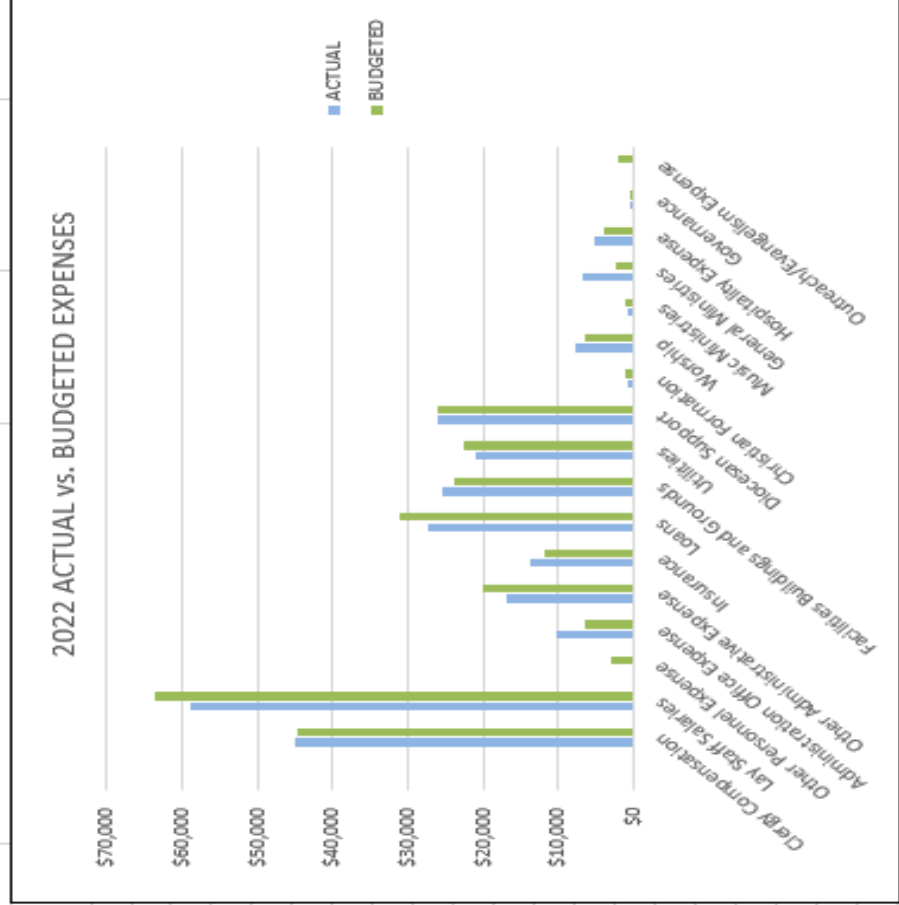
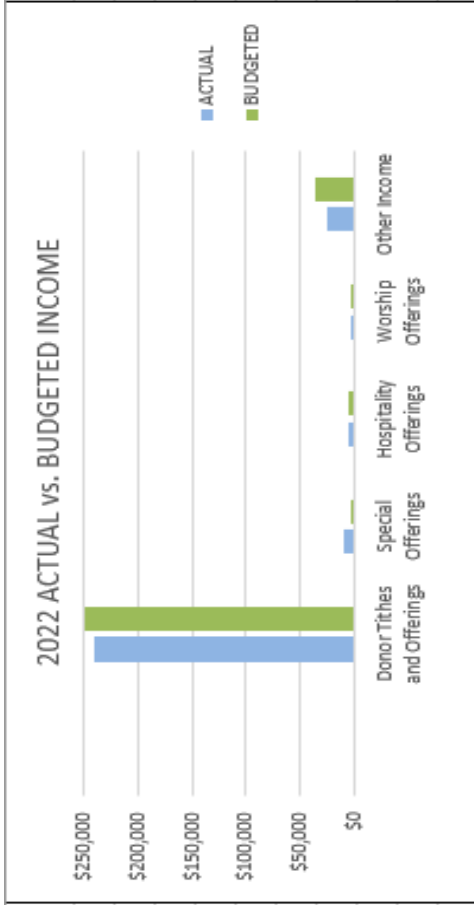
**TABLE: BUDGETED RECEIPTS 2023**

• Member Pledges	\$ 236,597
• Plate Receipts	7,978
• Non Pledge Receipts	43,497
• Special Offerings	9,626
• Hospitality offerings	4,835
• Worship Offerings	2,362
• Other Income	28,196

It is important to note that current pledges from members for 2023 totals \$201,000. This indicates that there is already a short-fall of \$35,597, compared to what is required to effectively fund the various needs. It is hoped that members will be encouraged to give a little more in order to avoid the gap.

*En este momento los feligreses han hecho sus promesas en \$201,000. Esto indica que estamos \$35,597 por debajo de los que necesitamos.*

**ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2023 BUDGET**



### 2022 INCOME

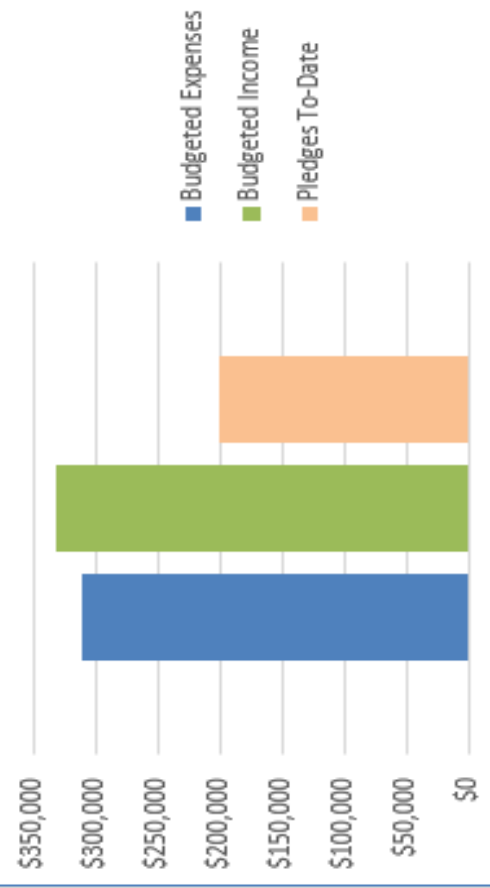
ACCOUNTS DESCRIPTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	VARIANCE
Donor Tithes and Offerings	240,060.00	248,382.00	(8,322.00)
Special Offerings	9,184.00	1,958.00	7,226.00
Hospitality Offerings	6,041.00	4,835.00	1,206.00
Worship Offerings	1,974.35	3,602.00	(1,627.65)
Other Income	24,872.00	36,846.00	(11,974.00)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>282,131.35</b>	<b>295,623.00</b>	<b>(13,491.65)</b>

### 2022 EXPENSES

EXPENSES DESCRIPTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	VARIANCE
Clergy Compensation	44,981.40	44,685.00	296.40
Lay Staff Salaries	58,758.00	63,497.00	(4,739.00)
Other Personnel Expense	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Administration Office Expense	10,216.00	6,362.00	3,854.00
Other Administrative Expense	16,956.18	19,972.00	(3,015.82)
Insurance	13,720.00	11,704.00	2,016.00
Loans	27,164.00	30,967.00	(3,803.00)
Facilities Buildings and Grounds	25,358.00	23,803.00	1,555.00
Utilities	21,117.00	22,454.00	(1,337.00)
Diocesan Support	25,896.00	25,896.00	0.00
Christian Formation	638.00	966.00	(328.00)
Worship	7,849.00	6,495.00	1,354.00
Music Ministries	789.00	1,240.00	(451.00)
General Ministries	6,816.00	2,300.00	4,516.00
Hospitality Expense	5,160.00	4,100.00	1,060.00
Governance	480.00	630.00	(150.00)
Outreach/Evangelism Expense	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>265,898.58</b>	<b>270,071.00</b>	<b>(4,172.42)</b>

2023 PROJECTED EXPENSES		2023 PROJECTED INCOME			
EXPENSES DESCRIPTIONS	BUDGETED	ACCOUNTS DESCRIPTIONS	BUDGETED	PLEGDED	VARIANCE
Clergy Compensation	70,371.48	Donor Tithes and Offerings	288,072.00		
Lay Staff Salaries	69,496.85	Special Offerings	9,626.20		
Other Personnel Expense	3,000.00	Hospitality Offerings	4,835.00		
Administration Office Expense	5,845.00	Worship Offerings	2,362.29		
Other Administrative Expense	19,356.00	Other Income	28,195.64		
Insurance	13,820.00	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>333,091.13</b>	<b>201,189.00</b>	<b>(131,902.13)</b>
Loans	29,633.00				
Facilities Buildings and Grounds	26,871.00				
Utilities	20,631.00				
Diocesan Support	26,374.00				
Christian Formation	1,350.00				
Worship	6,631.00				
Music Ministries	1,370.00				
General Ministries	8,600.00				
Hospitality Expense	4,600.00				
Governance	1,980.00				
Outreach/Evangelism Expense	2,000.00				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>311,929.33</b>				

2023 Summary



## SPECIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2022

<b>Capital Improvements</b>		\$ 12,655.00
Raffle		
Received	\$ 10,870.00	
Spent through 01/24/23	\$ 7,084.29	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,785.71</b>	
<b>Rector's Discretionary Fund</b>		
Received		\$ 7,614.91
Clergy Honorarium		\$ 250.00
Transferred	\$ 7,684.91	
	\$ 7,684.91	\$ 7,864.91
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Memorial fund</b>		
Received	\$ 1,439.00	
Spent	\$ 882.08	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 556.92</b>	
<b>Memorial Garden</b>		
Received	\$ 1,025.00	
Spent	\$ 55.62	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 969.38</b>	
<b>Mortgage donation</b>		
Received	\$ 4,415.00	
Spent	\$ 4,415.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>		
		\$ 8781.35
Received	\$ 850.00	
Spent	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ (150.00)</b>	\$ 8631.35
<b>Endowment Fund</b>		
Received		\$ 4,180.00

<b>Raffle December 2022</b>				
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TOTAL TICKETS</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>ITEM2</b>	<b>PAID</b>
	363			
Cash and Checks		\$ 7,260.00		
			Floor Labor	\$ 4,000.00
			Cleaning Supplies	\$ 148.13
			Tile	\$ 1,795.02
			Tickets and Tombola	\$ 86.79
Donations		\$ 3,980.00	Mezzanine	\$ 689.00
			Carpet - Cry room	\$360.35
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 7,079.29</b>		<b>\$ 7,079.29</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$4,160.71</b>		

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
**ADMINISTRACION DE BIENES**  
**Darcey Tatum**

The years 2023 and 2024 will be pivotal years in our history and we should ask ourselves the following questions. Will we use our talents to make St. Edward's a beacon of Christian faith, hope, and charity in our communities? Will I be a Servant?

On Harvest Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we conducted the annual ingathering of pledge cards for 2023. I am happy to report that we have received a pledge card from almost 60% of our potential pledgers. As of January 7<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges totaling almost \$200,000. In addition, we have statements of commitment for almost \$23,000 more in special contributions. Thank you to all those that have pledged already! Our next step is to reach out one more time and ask you to help achieve our final goal! Pledge income is needed to fund 75% of our expected expenses. To achieve that goal we need to collect \$36,000 more in pledges. Starting in early February, if you have not yet pledged, please look for a letter, e-mail, or accept a call asking you to pledge or let us know you will try to donate as possible. Please do not remain silent. Also, please accept these follow-up requests remembering that they are offered in a spirit of humility and service. If you have already pledged, please consider increasing your contribution a small amount to help push us over the top.

*Los años 2023 y 2024 serán claves en nuestra historia parroquial. Debemos preguntarnos todos: ¿Usaremos nuestros talentos para hacer de San Eduardo un faro de la fe cristiana, la Esperanza y la caridad en nuestras comunidades? En el día de la Cosecha, Noviembre 13, recibimos los compromisos del 2023. Nos alegramos reporter que ya hemos recibió un 60% de las promesas, para un total de \$200,000, y \$23,000 en contribuciones especiales. Gracias. Nuestro próximo paso es el de contactar a todos para lograr nuestra meta, que es reunir \$36,000 mas en compromisos. Para los que no han hecho su promesa, en el mes de febrero recibirá un correo, una carta o una llamada de nuestra parte. Esto lo hacemos en una actitud de servicio y humildad. Si puede, puede aumentar su compromiso para llegar aún mas allá de nuestra meta.*

**COMMUNICATION REPORT**

## REPORTE DE COMUNICACIÓN

Ted Ruchalski

### REALM

You are going to be hearing a lot about REALM in 2023. It is a Church Management Platform that is used to manage both the accounting side of our church business as well as the people side. We transitioned to REALM in late 2022 as a less expensive and more capable solution to our previous system. Our bookkeeper is already using the accounting side of REALM. Over the coming months, we will be rolling out the people side which will replace Instant Church Directory, Those Who Serve, and our church calendar, just to name a few. It has many other capabilities that we can take advantage of also. Look for more information as we roll things out and take full advantage of the program.

*Ustedes van a escuchar mucho sobre Realm en el año 2023. Esta es una Plataforma que se utilizara para manejar la parte contable de la iglesia y la membresía parroquial. Ya estamos trabajando la parte contable y próximamente se trabajará en todas las demás áreas que nos permite esta Plataforma.*

### VERGER'S REPORT MAESTRO DE LITURGIA

Leslie Nystrom

The past year has brought us many challenges and blessings. We have come back together slowly for services and gatherings. It has been so lovely to have our ministries reunite for services. It looks like all ministries are growing and with God's direction we will continue to grow. I would love to see the Verger Ministry grow at St. Ed's, as well. If you feel you might be called, to be part of this ministry, please feel free to contact myself or Father Fabio to have further discussion.

*El año pasado nos ha traído muchos retos y bendiciones. Hemos regresado a nuestros servicios y reuniones. Es maravilloso que podamos reunirnos nuevamente. Todo parece que los ministerios están creciendo y con la dirección de Dios nosotros continuaremos creciendo. También me gustaría que el ministerio de Verger creciera. Si deseas ser parte de este ministerio, contácteme a mi o al padre Fabio para mayor información.*

### MUSIC REPORT REPORTE DE MUSICA

Carla Strott

To be at St. Edward's in 2023 is such an interesting musical time. We are so joyfully busy! A favorite Fr. Fabio quote is, "I will love whoever shows up." That's an area where St. Edward's excels: love. Period. This certainly shows up in our music. Not only are we singing and playing music from our liturgical past, but we are also adding new, beautiful love letters to God in the form of new music written by composers of today - in English, Xhosa, Latin and Spanish. What a treasure all this diversity is. We are dancing each other's dances and singing each other's songs. This is the good life, a life where we can wear each other's shoes, and then walk a mile or more in those shoes. We can't help but think Jesus is approving. (He was a Master at this.)



If you are interested in joining the choir or the handbells, or if you sing or play an instrument and would like to be involved in special services, let us know – your gifts and talents are important, and we will find a way to help you use them to praise the Giver of those gifts.

### **ST. EDWARD'S MUSIC STAFF**

Carla Strott, Director of Music

Sanya Simmons, Lee Ann Sipe – flutes; Rich Van Slyke – guitar

St. Edward's Parish Choir

Manuel Holguin, Director del Coro

Denzel Blossiers – trompeta; Rafael Nunez – percusión

Coro de San Eduardo

Sanya Simmons, Handbell Director

*Es un tiempo musicalmente interesante. Todos permanecen ocupados gozosamente. "Amamos a cualquiera que se una a cantar." San Eduardo es excelente en amar. Punto. Cantamos en Ingles, Xhosa, Latin y Español. Esta diversidad es un Tesoro. Nos ponemos en los zapatos del otro y caminamos varias millas en esos zapatos. Jesús aprueba todo esto que hacemos. El era un maestro en hacer esto. Únase a nosotros para ayudarle a descubrir su talento o para usarlo si ya sabe que lo tiene.*

## **LEM REPORT** **MINISTROS LAICOS DE LA COMUNION** **John Nystrom**

Our LEM ministry is growing, finally! 2022 marked a year of good growth for our ministry. We now have 20 active LEM's serving the morning service, plus our visiting Eucharistic Ministers are back on the trail. LEM's assist the priest to administer the gifts of the Holy Eucharist. Typically, LEM's serve the blood of Christ. As we are remaining in safety mode, utilizing tincture; we hold the Chalice for the priest to dip the body of Christ and serve together with his blood. Of most importance to our ministers is that we allow our congregants receiving communion to have their moment of great refreshment without our getting in the way. LEM's are licensed by the bishop, and are required to take the "Safeguarding God's People" courses. In 2022 we added an official LEM Training Manual, and held in depth trainings. We are duty bound, and with great honor serve as you LEM's. This year we added two very fine and talented fine young people to the ministry: Serene Harris and Lawrence Toomey. Both have done an outstanding job in training and serving. We should've done this a long time ago.



St. Edwards LEM's - morning service/ Ministros en la mañana:

Pat Bush	Michael Lyons
Sylvia Campbell - new	Bernadette Mathews
Mary Christopher - new	Gabriele Mayes
Etta Cole	John Nystrom
Valerie Curry	Denise Robinson
Marilynn Emmons	Ted Ruchalski
Marian Franks	Sanya Simmons
Klade Harmon	Salena Staub
Serene Harris - new	Lawrence Toomey - new
Nicole Harrison	Samantha Toomey

Peggy Harrison - new

*Nuestro ministerio está creciendo. Ahora tenemos veinte miembros activos. Nuestros ministros de Eucaristía que visitan a los enfermos han iniciado nuevamente su labor. Los Ministros Laicos de la Eucaristía, asisten al sacerdote, usualmente llevando la sangre de Cristo. Ellos reciben una licencia del obispo para ejercer este cargo y toman un programa requerido por la diócesis "Salvaguardando al Pueblo de Dios." Este año se unieron a nosotros dos Jóvenes: Serene y Lawrence. Excelente servicio.*

**EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR REPORT**  
**MINISTROS VISITADORES**

**Marilynn Emmons**

Eucharistic Visitors are parishioners who take communion to our members who are temporarily or permanently unable to attend church. The visitors are trained by the priest and licensed by the Diocese for this ministry. We try to visit them each month in the hospital, nursing home, senior living, or their own homes. During the pandemic, we called them monthly to see how they were doing. At the end of August we resumed visiting them. Currently our five EV's call on eight shut-ins. This is a very rewarding ministry, especially with the isolation of those we serve and their more fragile health issues. Please contact Fr. Fabio or Marilynn Emmons if this ministry appeals to you.

*Nuestros ministros visitantes son feligreses que llevan comunión a quienes temporalmente no pueden atender a la iglesia. Ellos son entrenados por el clero y certificados por la diócesis. Vamos a hospitales, casas, auspicios de enfermos y ancianos. Actualmente cinco personas estamos activas en el ministerio.*

**ALTAR GUILD REPORT**  
**REPORTE DE LAS SERVIDORAS DEL ALTAR**

**Cindy Moseley**

Last year during the ministry fair we had two new people sign up for the Altar Guild ministry, Denise Robinson and Cecilia Midzi. Also Samantha Toomey, Jennifer Khaleel, Olive Joaquin and Christiana Jones have returned this year to Altar Guild. We now have 11 Altar Guild members to set up the Altar and clean-up. Several of them are still in training this year, hopefully by 2023 all new members will be trained to help us with setup and clean up for church, weddings, baptisms and funerals. We had a training session with the Spanish Altar Guild on October 23, which went really well.

Our thanks to Marvelle who made the new orange and red colorful Banners, Frontal, Veil, Burse and Stoles to be used for special services. They were all blessed on Sunday November 6, along with them our new oil holders for the candle snuffers we recently ordered that will alleviate the problem of the wax wicks from dripping onto our wood floors. Our Holy Water Pot is tarnished, and we are working on getting it repaired.

Starting about 3 months ago, Jewel, myself, Farther Fabio and Leslie have been having meetings every few months to review what is going on in the church that Altar Guild would need to handle.

**Altar Guild members:**

Cindy Moseley and Jewel French are Co-Chairs of the Altar Guild.

Members include: Samantha Toomey, Klade Harmon, Christiana Jones, Erica Harris, Choco Harmon, Jennifer Khaleel, Cecelia Midzi, Denise Robinson and Olive Joaquin.

Leslie Nystrom our go to for help with questions and backup help if needed. John Nystrom who helps with our candles, banners or anything else that needs to be fixed.

*Algunas personas se unieron a nuestro ministerio durante la feria de ministerios. Ahora tenemos once personas. Nuevas: Denis Robinson, Celia Midzi. Han regresado: Samantha Toomey, Jennifer Khaleel, Olive Joaquin y Cristina Jones. Esperamos que todas ellas entren a colaborar en el año 2023. Tuvimos también un entrenamiento para las sacristanas del servicio en español. Gracias a Marvelle por hacer los pendones naranjas y rojos, el frontal, el velo, la bolsa y las estolas que se usaran para servicios especiales. Desde hace algunos meses nos estamos reuniendo periódicamente con el padre Fabio para hablar de las cosas relacionadas al altar.*

*Miembros: Cindy Moseley and Jewel French co-directoras. Samantha Toomey, Klade Harmon, Christina Jones, Erica Harris, Choco Harmon, Jennifer Khaleel, Cecilia Midzi, Denise Robinson y Olive Joaquin.*

**ACOLYTE MINISTRY REPORT**  
**REPORTE DE LOS ACÓLITOS**  
**Salena Staub**

We have 28 members in the ministry. Some are currently inactive due to Covid19 concerns. The ministry returned to service on the altar in June 2021. I must applaud the members of the ministry for being adaptable to the numerous changes throughout the year as our liturgy progressed through the changes in Covid protocols. The ministry members often substituted for each other at a moment's notice, as well. To ensure all vestments were kept clean, each member helped in the care of vestments by laundering worn vestments weekly and returning them the following week. Prior to that, we stayed connected through e-mail, offering prayers, and attending online services. The ministry members were, also, encouraged to stay up to date with their skills by reviewing our online training. We are always accepting new members who are called by God to service their community on the altar. Please reach out to Salena L. Sandford Staub at salenamoon@bellsouth.net or 770-606-7203 via text or call.

*Algunos aun no están activos debido al Covid. Aplaudo a todos nuestros participantes por su voluntad de adaptarse a los diferentes cambios que hemos tenido que hacer, por seguir los protocolos de higiene con los vestuarios y por permanecer siempre en comunicación conmigo y uno con el otro. Siempre estamos en necesidad de mas personas para este ministerio. Por favor comuniquense conmigo: Salena L. Sandford Staub at salenamoon@bellsouth.net or 770-606-7203 vía texto o llámame.*

**LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS**  
**LECTORES E INTERCESORES**  
**Sanya Simmons and Marver Browne**

The combined ministries of Lectors and Intercessors continues to grow. We now have 45 members contributing to this vital part of our worship. Most members are back to reading in person. Even so, we have chosen to continue the option to record when needed. This has enabled us to continue including those who are now living in other states, and also those who feel called to this ministry but are unable to read in person for various reasons. Lectors have also been called upon to make video recordings for the Advent Reflections. This ministry is co-

chaired by Sanya Simmons and Marver Browne. Please, feel free to reach out to either of us if you have any questions, or if you're ready to join us!

Sanya - dreamysanya@gmail.com

Marver - marver.browne@gmail.com

*El ministerio combinado de lectores e intercesores continúa creciendo. Ahora tenemos a 45 miembros que son parte de este ministerio vital. Aunque la mayoría de los lectores han vuelto a leer en directo, continuamos grabando algunos lectores para darle participación a quienes viven en otros estados y a quienes por diferentes razones no pueden estar presentes. A los lectores se nos ha pedido hacer las lecturas también para el tiempo de Adviento. Este ministerio es dirigido por Sanya Simmons y Marver Browne. Contáctenos para cualquier pregunta que tengan.*

## **FLOWER GUILD REPORT** **REPORTE DEL MINISTERIO DE LAS FLORES**

**Marvelle Martin**

To God we give all the glory and praise. The St. Edward's Flower Guild's primary function is to provide flowers to enhance the beauty of our worship space. We also arrange flowers for funerals, quinceañeras and weddings starting at \$150 at the parishioner's request. The Flower Guild is open to anyone who enjoys working with flowers and is willing to spend an hour or so arranging flowers once a month. Flowers are procured using cost-effective options, including flowers from the St. Edward's gardens when possible. Any costs incurred by a Guild member for floral arrangements are reimbursed from the Flower Guild Fund. If you need help learning to arrange, we'll help. Our goal for 2023 is to add 1 or 2 people to the team especially on special occasions like Easter and Christmas.

Donating flowers is a great way to celebrate special events, and to honor or memorialize loved ones. The suggested amount for flower donations is \$50 and you are encouraged to submit a sentence or two regarding the person you are honoring and/or holding in remembrance, along with your name, which will appear in the Sunday bulletin. It's a great way to remember birthdays, anniversary, or just prayers for special events in your lives.

Thanks to Joy Sibley, Jewel Ffrench, Cindy Moseley members of the Guild for their dedication in providing a variety of designs on a weekly basis. This ministry allows us to share our talents and brings joy in creating arrangements for the altar. The St. Edwards Flower Guild wishes to thank all the parishioners for the donations and your trust in us to provide you with arrangements that touch you and enhance your worship experience each Sunday.

If you hear the calling to this ministry, please let one of the members or the parish office know. We look forward to serving you in 2023.

## **SOUND & VIDEO REPORT** **REPORTE DE SONIDO Y VIDEO**

**John Nystrom**

The Sound & Video Ministry is responsible for streaming our services to people around the world! We also operate the sound board which makes sure our services can be heard in the church as well as online. We currently have six volunteers on the team who are responsible for both the English and Spanish services. We would like to increase that number to make sure we have two people at each service (one to run the sound board and one to work the cameras). Please consider joining the team! It's quite fun and has a big impact on every worship service. If you are interested, contact John Nystrom at: nystromj2030@gmail.com. Training will be provided.

*¡Este ministerio es responsable de transmitir los servicios de la iglesia para todo el mundo! También nos encargamos del sonido de la iglesia. Somos seis voluntarios quienes trabajamos en los servicios tanto en inglés como en español. Nos gustaría que más personas se unieran a este ministerio. Por favor considere ser parte de él. Puede escribirle a John Nystrom.*

## USHERS & GREETERS REPORT

### REPORTE DE UJIERES

**Jennifer Khaleel & Mike Leary**

Happy New Year at St. Edwards!!! The year of our Lord 2022 continued to be a challenging environment as we supported the church community with a somewhat normal worship schedule this past year. We won the prestigious award for the highest number of new recruits during last year's ministry fair however, there is always room for more high-trained ushers to join our team.

We would personally like to thank Bob Wahl and Eric Westpheling for their continued dedication to serve a significant portion of the past year.

Going forward as we head into 2023, we will continue to need your help in working together to ensure a safe worship space.

*El año 2022 continuó siendo un reto para todos en el ministerio. No reclutamos a ningún nuevo miembro. Así que hay suficiente espacio para nuevos miembros. Agradecemos a todos los que sirven para asegurar un decoroso, organizado y Seguro espacio.*

## SPANISH SERVICE REPORT

### REPORTE DE SERVICIO EN ESPAÑOL

**Manuel Holguin**

In 2022, the families who attend our in-person Spanish service are slowly returning to church, but based on previous years the attendance is still low. We are returning to our normal church activities as Covid has allowed, however due to low parishioner interest, there are several ministry programs that are waiting to be restarted.

The Spanish choir participates faithfully in the Sunday services and in some of the quinceanera celebrations. Our bilingual celebrations are increasing and the Spanish Choir is learning more English songs, while the 9:30 am choir learns more Spanish songs. This will allow the combined choir to sing the hymns together in Spanish or English during the bilingual services.

Pentecost and Saint Edward's Day are bilingual celebrations, which we do together as one parish. On both occasions, the pit crew, who are composed of members from both services, will spend many hours cooking to offer a delicious and abundant lunch for all.

The church reduced our landscaping budget, due to a dedicated group of parishioners, who donated their time and talent to maintain the landscape of the church grounds.

We have welcomed several new families, who have joined our church and some are political asylum seekers. We are very pleased to open the doors to all immigrant families. We have limited resources to share, but enjoy sharing what we have to help them get settled.

One of the best celebrations last year was the Our Lady of Guadalupe. The church was full of people, enjoying and celebrating. We had a mariachi band, dances, roses, representation of Guadalupe, tamales and other Mexican dishes.

Every day we feel more integrated into the life of the church and we are looking for ways to help to build a strong parish; many of our families are already pledging.

We finished the year by organizing a raffle to raise money to change the flooring from carpet to tile in the Narthex. Between tickets and donations, we collected over eleven thousand dollars. We were able to pay for all the materials and labor and have some extra money left over which will be used to change the carpet in the administration building. Thank you to everyone for helping us.

May God protect and guide our priests, vestry, and leaders of the parish, so we can continue building beautiful stories of faith and service.

*En el año 2022 lentamente las familias que atienden el servicio en español, comenzaron a regresar a la iglesia. Sin embargo, no han vuelto todas y muchas de las actividades que solíamos hacer antes de la pandemia aun no las hemos podido implementar, como por ejemplo las reuniones con otras Iglesias Latinas episcopales de la Diócesis y la formación teológica de adultos (Cetla).*

*El coro en español participa fielmente en las celebraciones dominicales y en algunas celebraciones de quinceañeras, hechas los sábados. Ha participado de una manera sobresaliente en las celebraciones bilingües; ahora tenemos cantos in inglés y en español que ambos coros aprendimos para cantarlos todos juntos cuando nos reunimos en las misas bilingües.*

*Disfrutamos sobremanera la celebración de Pentecostés y San Eduardo. En ambas ocasiones varios hombres de este servicio se unieron a los de la mañana para ofrecer a todos un delicioso y abundante almuerzo.*

*Varias personas hicieron equipo con los de la mañana para arreglar nuestros jardines a través del año. Nuestra ayuda fue grande y esto salvo mucho dinero a nuestra iglesia.*

*Con alegría y compromiso acogimos a nuevas familias que se unieron a la iglesia, algunas de ellas son asilados políticos. Importante destacar que nos alegramos mucho cuando nuestra iglesia abre las puertas a familias inmigrantes. No tenemos muchos recursos, pero con alegría compartimos lo que tenemos.*

*Sin duda alguna una de las mejores celebraciones del año fue la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe. La iglesia se llenó, tanto de gente como de gozo, festividad y alegría. Hubo mariachis, danzas, rosas, representación de la Guadalupana, tamales y muchos otros antojitos mexicanos.*

*Cada día nos sentimos más integrados a la iglesia y buscamos maneras de apoyarla con nuestro compromiso; muchos de nosotros nos unimos a la campana anual de Mayordomía.*

*Rematamos el año, con la organización de la rifa para cambiar la alfombra del Narthex de la iglesia. Entre las boletas y donaciones, reunimos más de oncemil dólares. Pagamos todos los materiales y el trabajo y nos sobro dinero con el cual nos estamos organizando para cambiar los pisos del edificio administrativo de la iglesia. Gracias a todos por comprar las boletas y apoyarnos.*

*Que Dios proteja y siga guiando a nuestros sacerdotes, al vestry y a los líderes de la comunidad para continuar construyendo hermosas historias de fe y de servicio.*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION REPORT FORMACIÓN RELIGIOSA Nicole Harrison

Through dedicated volunteers, the Christian Formation has continued to serve St. Edward's primary school children despite Covid-19. These volunteers include Kathy, Nicole, Lucy, and stellar-sub, Marliana. Our lessons are from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Curriculum, <https://www.cgusa.org>. This curriculum emphasizes God's presence and love in our everyday lives and worship. Class syllabus, materials, and resources for family activities are found at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0gi7am1zfbmbx0pu/AABFqedBD1oKJaAqPeWo1IQFa?dl=0> .

Outside of regular classes, we have offered activities for families to complete and inserts for weekly bulletin. We also hope to offer a Wednesday Lent Program for the children this year.

A través de nuestras voluntarias, la educación cristiana continúa sirviendo a la comunidad de San Eduardo. Las lecciones son tomadas del programa del Buen Pastor. Kathy ofreció clases presenciales en la primavera delo 2021. En el otoño las clases se ofrecieron híbridas, en zoom y presenciales. En enero nuevamente iniciamos en zoom pero planeamos regresar a las clases presenciales en febrero. Ofrecemos, además, varias actividades para las familias y materiales que insertamos en el boletín de la parroquia. La gran necesidad que tenemos es de niños. Ellos necesitan aprender el amor de Dios y saber que el esta con ellos para salir adelante en estos tiempos difíciles. Es una bendición tomar un descanso de la formación de adultos y ver la luz de la fe a través de los ojos de los niños.

## **BIBLE STUDY REPORT**

### **ESTUDIO BIBLICO**

**Marilynn Emmons**

The Tuesday Bible Study group is still meeting after ten years. We meet from 10:30am to 12:30 pm and occasionally gather for lunch afterwards. We have studied topics such as prayer, used video study guides as well as different books of the Bible. Currently, we are studying the Acts of the Apostles. It is amazing that the problems in the early church are some of the same problems Christian churches are facing today. The more we share our spiritual journeys, the more we learn from each other and how our faith sustains us. There is a core group of seven and two others try to meet when they can. All are welcome, so please come join us.

*El Estudio Bíblico de los Martes se ha venido reuniendo por más de diez años. Nos reunimos de 10 30 a.m. a 12 30 p.m. y de vez en cuando almorzamos juntos. Leemos la biblia, oramos, hablamos de la situación actual de la iglesia. Actualmente somos siete personas y estamos abiertos a recibir más.*

## **EFM REPORT**

### **REPORTE DE EFM**

**Jean Okunsanya**

The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides an education in the content of Christian Traditions through reading the Bible, alongside some basic biblical commentary, church history, and practical introduction to Christian Theology and ethics. In the year 2022 our group have done: individual Spiritual AutoBiography; living in a Multicultural world; The Bible and Gender; Genesis to Deuteronomy; the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke; Theological reflection that relates to personal focus as well as Christian tradition. Members of this group have already express their enjoyment of new discoveries in the readings and practices. There are five participants. The classes are done in person and online.

*La Educación para el ministerio (EfM) provee formación en la tradición cristiana a través de la lectura de la Biblia, historia de la iglesia, teología cristiana y ética. En el año 2022 el grupo de cinco personas han hecho biografía espiritual, que significa vivir en un mundo multicultural, la biblia y el genero, Genesis y Deuteronomio; los evangelios de Mateo, Marcos y Lucas. Los participantes han manifestado que están disfrutando de las clases. La directora del programa es Jean Okunsaya.*

## **BOOK CLUB**

### **CLUB DE LECTORES**

**Valerie Mehlig Curry**

This year our Book Club took a hiatus in preparation for restarting Adult Spiritual Formation this year. However, we sponsored a wonderful event of considerable note: A book-signing for our own first-time author, Sanya Simmons. In Nicholson Hall on Sunday afternoon, September 25, Sanya read aloud and then took many fascinating questions from our appreciative, proud, and sometimes very emotional audience of over two-dozen adults, constituting both newcomers and St Edward's regulars.

The following is an excerpt from our Press Release about that event: “A Single Mom's Guide to Raising Black (Gentle)Men is an impactful book that shows you how to persevere and ultimately raise young men who are confident, accountable, and capable of facing whatever life throws at them.

“Throughout her book, author Sanya Simmons dives deeply into the real issues single moms face when raising Black sons. Full of practical tips and real-life examples, this book addresses a wide range of topics. This includes the role a mom plays in raising a man, educational challenges and stereotypes, talking to your son about sex, sexual orientation and gender identity, balancing parenting with your own needs, and much more.”

*No ha sido fácil restaurar nuestro club de lectores. Sin embargo, hemos hecho algo remarkable: por primera vez hemos hecho un evento muy particular donde una autora Sanya Simmons, presento, contesto preguntas y firmo su libro. El titulo de su libro es “Guía de una madre soltera levantando hombres caballeros negros.” En su libro ella profundiza en la problemática de levantar niños negros en la cultura de hoy. Es un libro que no se puede dejar de leer.*

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP REPORT**  
**MINISTERIO DEL DUELO**  
**Gabriele Mayes**

We began this program in November of last year, as a way to support parishioners who had lost loved ones to not feel alone and isolated. Jesus said “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.” We as a church consider it an honor to be part of the gradual coming of comfort for our dear grieving sisters and brothers. Anyone struggling with grief is welcome – whether the loss was 20 years ago or last month. Several years ago we had a GriefShare program here at St Edwards, run by Frances Hart, Michael Lyons and Hillary Saunders. This is not a continuation of the GriefShare curriculum but rather a time of gathering around the coming Light into the shadowlands of grief through sharing around scripture, prayer, poetry, symbols, and music. People have come and gone, participating when they can or feel a need for it.

This year we have met monthly, except for the summer, usually on the third Sunday of the month after the 9:30 service. We are meeting in the chapel now and anyone grieving is welcome to join us. Our meetings are confidential and we mostly listen respectfully to each other’s stories. I am humbled and moved by each person’s courage there willing to share their pain and tears...we love each other. We light candles, we pray, we listen, we speak, we cry, we laugh, we sit in silence. In this way we worship God through the incense of our suffering.

*Este programa lo iniciamos el ano pasado en Noviembre para dar apoyo a los feligreses que han perdido a sus seres queridos. Jesus dijo: “Benditos los que sufren, porque serán consolados.” Cualquier persona que está pasando por el proceso de duelo es bienvenido. Compartimos Escritura, oración, poesía, símbolos y música. Cada uno viene cuando siente la necesidad. Este ano nos reunimos una vez al mes en la capilla después del servicio de las 9:30 a.m. Prendemos velas, oramos, nos escuchamos, hablamos, lloramos, reímos y nos sentamos en silencio. De esta manera adoramos a Dios a través del incienso de nuestro propio dolor.*

**PASTORAL CARE REPORT**  
**REPORTE DEL CUIDADO PASTORAL**  
**Gabriele Mayes**

Pastoral Care at St Edward’s this year has continued but not grown. We are still rebounding from the Pandemic and most needs were managed online. We kept going as best we could, following our vision of being a connection for home-bound parishioners or those living in a facility. The members of our group are: Jeannette Best-Nunez, Elaine Bratton, Diana Farmer (to whom we said good-bye in the spring), Jennifer Khaleel, Kip Cloward, Kathy Morman, Delores O’Neill, Gabriele Mayes (chair), Marvelle Martin, Marian & Jay Franks, Samantha Toomey, Etta Cole, Pam Herrin, and Marilynn Emmons. While our ministry has still suffered from a lack of cohesion because

of the pandemic, I am extremely thankful for how our members have stepped up again and again to help out with the things we could do - which was mostly providing meals for our sick members, writing cards, making phone-calls and offering bereavement-care. Thank you!!!

Throughout spring and summer we connected online. In September Mr Karen joined us for a zoom-meeting so we could assess and brainstorm for our ministry. In October, at our first in person meeting, I announced that after ten years I am stepping down from chairing this ministry at the end of the year. It has been a great privilege to serve in this way. Members are encouraged to pray about assuming this leadership position. It is mostly spiritual and administrative in nature - which means keeping an overview of the pastoral care needs and processes at St Eds, calling meetings, taking and distributing minutes, communicating with clergy and congregation about pastoral care needs, and making an annual report.

At this point you can help most by participating in the following aspects of our ministry:

Sign up to be part of the meal-train. You'll only get called on a couple of times a year, and this is a very gratifying ministry to take part in. We use Mealtrain.com now, very user-friendly.

Pay attention to the comings and goings and being of our people. Write cards, make phone-calls when you know someone needs it - as many of you have already been doing. And when you know or hear of a need please let us know so we can follow up and people don't fall through the cracks.

Also, please take responsibility for what YOU need! Let us know what you need help with. We want to respond - but when we don't know because you're suffering silently we can't offer support.

Use your group-membership to give pastoral care to each other - something most of you are already practicing. Keeping track of each other is an active way of loving.

Please check your contact-info in the directory.

Sign up for the transportation-ministry - which is for people who need occasional rides to doctor's visits etc.

So these are just a few ideas of how YOU can practice pastoral care... It is the soul of the church to take care of each other and build each other up. If pastoral care is not happening the way you think it should then please help us! Join us! We'd love to have more members - especially since we are an aging congregation and some of our members are in need of pastoral care themselves. I also wish to express our regret if we missed you and whatever you might have needed during this last year. Please know it was not intentional but situational. You matter!

*El grupo del cuidado pastoral ha continuado, pero no crecido. Son quince miembros comprometidos haciendo lo mejor a pesar de la pandemia. En Octubre yo le dije al grupo que después de dirigirlo por diez años quería retirarme. Las áreas del ministerio son: . Organizar la cena para los que necesitan comida durante su enfermedad o transición. Estar atento a las necesidades de la comunidad. Cuidar uno al otro. Invitar a personas que puedan transportar a otros al médico o a otros menesteres. Este ministerio es el alma de la comunidad.*

## **HOSPITALITY & EVENTS REPORT** **REPORTE DE HOSPITALIDAD Y EVENTOS**

**Samantha Toomey**

Due to COVID-19 and inflation, the annual budget of \$2,500 is suggested for hospitality.

*Debido a COVID-19 y la inflación, se sugiere un presupuesto anual de \$2,500 para hospitalidad.*

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT** **REPORTE DE EDIFICIOS Y PRADOS**

**Ted Ruchalski**

First of all, a big shoutout to Fostenal Dahn, Darcey Tatum, and everyone on our Landscape Maintenance team! The team was formed from volunteers in 2022 to help offset what it would cost us to hire a landscaping company.



The results speak for themselves. St. Edward's has never looked so good. THANK YOU to all of the dedicated volunteers who are out there, hard at work, every week!

*Primero un grito grande de júbilo para Fostenal y Darcey y a tolo el grupo de mantenimiento de los jardines. Gracias a la iniciativa de este gran equipo no se tuvo que contratar a una compañía de jardinería. Los resultados hablan por si mismos. San Eduardo nunca había lucido tan bien. Gracias por esta dedicada labor a todo este ministerio de voluntarios.*

## **THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC) REPORT** **REPORTE DE LA COMUNIDAD DE JÓVENES EPISCOPALES**

**Marlaina Woodward**

The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is a place where youth in our church community from 6th to 12th grades come together both with each other, and at times with the youth of the diocese as a whole, to learn about each other and the world through the eyes and hands of Christ. This year, we have formed a Youth Support Team to plan and gather with the youth. The adult team consists of Marlaina Woodward, Lee Ann Sipe, Al Tubman, Fostenal Dahn, Diana Farmer, Mike Leary, Erika Harris and Lucy Herrera. Burned out on virtual meetings, the youth decided they preferred not to meet by Zoom, but to get together in safe ways. We have enjoyed the firepit for a cookout and outdoor games, as well as an indoor Spaghetti Night (including "spaghetti ice-cream") and indoor games. Our planned outdoor movie night was rescheduled for warmer weather. Participation in some youth retreats has been offered once again after being suspended by the pandemic. We are looking forward to participating in upcoming outreach opportunities and as always, welcome parishioner participation if you have a skill you would like to share with the youth group.

*La Comunidad de Jovenes Episcopales (CJE) es un lugar donde los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad del grado 6-12 se reúnen para aprender sobre cada uno y el mundo a través de los ojos y manos de Cristo. Este año hemos formado un Equipo de Apoyo Juvenil para planear actividades para los jóvenes. El grupo de adultos de apoyo esta conformado por Marlaina Woodward, Lee Ann Sipe, Al Tubman, Fostenal Dahn, DIana Farmer, Mike Leary, Erika Harris and Lucy Herrera. Agotados de reuniones virtuales los jóvenes decidieron reunirse presencialmente con todos los protocolos de seguridad. Hemos disfrutado de fogatas, comidas al aire libre y de juegos al igual que la noche de spaghetti (incluyendo spaghetti de helado) y juegos. Nuestra noche de cine al aire libre se ha pospuesto hasta que haya mejores temperaturas. Los retiros juveniles se han suspendido debido a la pandemia. Esperamos participar en las próximas oportunidades y como siempre, damos la bienvenida a feligreses que con sus habilidades quieran compartir con los jóvenes.*

## **BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW REPORT** **REPORTE DE HERMANDAD SAN ANDRES**

**Darcey Tatum**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew began meeting in person again in late 2021 and it was great to renew this ministry of fellowship and service in 2022. Our mission is to improve the lives of men and youth through fellowship, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is one of the Episcopal Church's oldest ministries and today there are almost 400 chapters in Episcopal and Anglican churches worldwide. Our Chapter has been active for almost 50 years. We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month for breakfast after which we usually discuss the Gospel and other subjects of interest to the group.

If you look around campus you will see signs of our commitment to St. Edward's. Over the last several years we have painted the Sanctuary, Narthex, and entry hall and replanted the entry garden. We have provided appliances for the warming kitchen. We have also provided confirmands with prayer books and have sponsored Parish outings to local sporting events.

La hermandad de San Andrés comenzó a reunirse nuevamente en el 2021 y renovamos nuestro ministerio en 2022. Nuestra misión es la de mejorar la vida de hombres y Jóvenes a través de nuestras reuniones, estudio y servicio. Nos reunimos los 2 y 4 sábados del mes. Hemos hecho varios proyectos en la iglesia como el pintar el santuario, el Narthex, la entrada del Hall, y arreglado los Jardines.

**PARISH LIFE REPORT**  
**REPORTE DE LA VIDA PARROQUIAL**

**Diane Van Slyke**

The Parish Life Committee organizes the social gatherings at St. Edward's. There are over 20 parishioners on this committee. Our biggest event is the Lenten Fish Fry. We serve an average of 80 meals each night. The Lenten fish fry will continue in 2023. Thank you to the many parishioners that help us plan, shop, cook, fry, bake, setup and serve the delicious meal! Other events to look forward to are: Under the Stars/Cinco de Mayo, Karaoke, Game Night, and more! If you have an idea for a parish event, please join us, we are always looking for more members to join our team!

*Este comité organiza la vida social de la parroquia. Hay al rededor de 20 personas en este comité. Nuestro evento principal es el Pescado Frito. Servimos al rededor de 80 cenas cada Viernes de cuaresma. Gracias a quienes nos ayudan a planear, comprar, preparar, hornear, cortar y servir esta cena deliciosa. Esperamos realizar el Cinco de Mayo/Bajo las Estrellas, Karaoke, Juegos de Noche y más. Si deseas unirse a nosotros, nos encantaría.*

**FOYERS REPORT**  
**REPORTE DE ROYERS**

**Charles Rogers**

We are still on hold since the onset of the pandemic. Given the triple viral threat this winter, we will hold off and reevaluate the situation this spring. Several people have asked if we are going to restart Foyers, so the program may still be viable.

*Debido a la pandemia no hemos reiniciado este programa. Vamos a ver si lo Podemos arrancar de nuevo en la primavera. Varios feligreses han preguntado cuando lo iniciaremos nuevamente.*

**FAMILY PROMISE REPORT**  
**REPORTE DE PROMESA FAMILIAR DE GWINNETT**

**Valerie Mehlig Curry**

Formerly Couch Mason, Promise Haven next door opened in January 2022, one year ago. That month it accepted 2 families who qualified for its 90-day program, transitioning them into a sustainable life-style. Our 18-year-long partnership with Family Promise of Gwinnett continues! Its mission: "To end homelessness in Gwinnett County one family at a time" at [www.familypromisegwinnett](http://www.familypromisegwinnett). Therefore: Its mission has become our mission in 2022 more profoundly and consistently in four key ways.

(1) Increased Visibility: All FPOG's hundreds of "hands-on" 2022 volunteers from dozens of other Christian faith communities come to our St. Edward's property of Promise Haven to volunteer for this mission, significantly increasing our visibility in the county. The renovated downstairs includes one bedroom, which has become a lounge-overnight space for volunteers and one fully-separate House Manager's apartment (where our Couch Mason living room used to be).

(2) Increased Mission: FPOG's board signed a five-year lease with St. Edward's where it pays us \$1 a year in rent, significantly increasing our effectiveness in helping the poor and economically disadvantaged. The renovated upstairs can serve up to 11 individuals (or 3 families).

(3) Increased Stability: The 2021 renovation transforming Couch Mason included approximately \$250,000 worth in volunteered labor and supplies, which is a transformation that adds economic stability to our St. Edward's community. The renovated grounds we own includes outdoor enhancements, some of which were specified by the City of Lawrenceville Zoning board (to gain correct zoning): A black-iron fence for the backyard that included a coded car-entrance gate; a small play equipment area; curb-appeal, beautiful grounds landscaping in front in order for Promise Haven to appear like any other home in the neighborhood and not a shelter for the temporarily homeless (which was a City concern).

(4) Increased Influence: The FPOG Board of Trustees (11 volunteers) has included 2 St. Edward's pledging members since 2020, which increases our community's influence in FPOG policies and hiring of staff. In 2022, these active FPOG board members were: Darcy Tatum and Jeannette Best-Nunez.

With 2022 being the first year of Promise Haven's operation, the year's FPOG accomplishments include:

- Serving 15 families in total, where 7 graduated from the Promise Haven program
- Serving 1 family in its Transition program
- Serving 1 family in its Prevention program.

In April, our team of 22 St Edward's volunteers dedicated one full week to serving the three families that resided at Promise Haven then. Our team provided:

- a) 7 nights of Dinners for Promise Haven Guests and Volunteers (up to 15 people at a time).
- b) 7 nights of Evening Hosting from 5-8 pm, providing dinner serving and clean up
- c) 2 nights of Weekend Overnight Hosting from 8 pm to 8 am (i.e., the House Manager's nights off)
- d) Many Walmart and Kroger gift card contributions during April and during December
- e) Materials donations: Families and affiliated groups (e.g., Sisters Prayer Group) contributed clothes and toys.
- f) Individual donations of time at Promise Haven beyond our April 2022 Volunteer Week

We are most grateful to our Lord for providing the amazing inner strength and wisdom of our St. Edward's volunteers for FPOG's Guests and for providing the needed worldly capabilities to answer our call to serve the poor and homeless in vitally new and exciting ways this past year. Thanks be to God! We look forward to our FPOG Volunteer Weeks next year in April and October of 2023.

*Nuestra Antigua Couch Mason, ahora Promesa Celestial abrió sus puertas en el 2022, hace un año. En ese mes recibió a dos familias, para el programa de 90 días que los ayuda hasta encontrar una vida sostenible. La Organización de Promesa Familiar de Gwinnett, tiene como misión, el "acabar en Gwinnett con el problema de no tener donde vivir, ayudando a una familia a la vez." Se hace de cuatro maneras: 1. Incrementando visibilidad. Incrementar la misión. Incrementar sostenibilidad. Incrementar influencia.*

*A través de año se ayudaron a 15 familias. 7 se graduaron, se ayudó a 1 familia durante su transición y 1 familia en un programa de prevención.*

*Además, 22 feligreses de la parroquia ofrecieron cena por siete días para 15 personas. Además, tarjetas de regalo, ropa y juguetes.*

## PRAYER SHAWL REPORT EL MINISTERIO DE ORACION DEL SHAWL Delores O'Neil

We continue to offer shawls for any who are in need of the comfort of feeling wrapped in prayer. At the Ministry Fair this year we distributed fourteen shawls. That was a record day that gave us proof that there is a real need for the service we provide. The shawls are available in bins in the Chapel and in the Narthex. As always, there is no charge, but we do ask you to sign the item out in the book so we can track who has received them. Thank you for supporting our ministry.

*Continuamos ofreciendo shawls a los que están en necesidad de oración y apoyo. Este año, en la feria de ministerios distribuimos catorce shawls. Estos shawls son gratuitos. Solamente pedimos que nos dejen saber cuando los toman para tener un banco de datos. Gracias por su apoyo a este ministerio.*

**LAWRENCEVILLE CO-OP REPORT**  
**REPORTE DEL BANCO DE COMIDA LAWRENCEVILLE CO-OP**

**John Talipsky, Jr.**

Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry was formed in 1995 by a group of community churches including St. Edwards to support individuals and families living in the Lawrenceville and Dacula area. The Gwinnett County nonprofit has given food, personal care items, clothing vouchers, medical consultations, and access to resources to those in need for 25 years. As a supporting member we continue to donate in excess of more than 1200lbs of food and financial contributions every year. Instead of many trying to run their own pantry service, all have combined their efforts to make a difference through one organization.

Co-op Motto: "One can make a difference."

How You Can Help: Donations of canned and boxed food and personal care items, such as shampoo and toothpaste, are always welcome. A list of most important needs can be found in your weekly e-blast or at [www.lawrencevilleco-op.org](http://www.lawrencevilleco-op.org). At the Lawrenceville Co-Op Community Food Bank Ministry "One can, can make a difference!" There are around 40,000 people in need in our serving area. If everyone donated just one can a month, we would have enough nonperishable food items for those in need that month.

Find it easier to donate financially? One dollar can truly make a difference at the Lawrenceville Co-Op. While food donations are always appreciated, the Co-Op has the ability to stretch your dollar much further by purchasing items from local partners. Many times, \$1 can buy 24 cans of food versus the 1 can you are able to purchase from the typical grocery store at the same price. Drop your contribution in the offering plate and mark it Lawrenceville Co-op.

Besides food items the Co-op also provides dental and medical services in a limited fashion. For needs that cannot be met or for those that are outside of their service area, Cooperative Ministry will make referrals.

Make it your goal to bring at least one can of food, financial contribution, or other item every week.

*Este ministerio se creo entre varias Iglesias en 1995 con el fin de ayudar a familias que viven en el en área de Gwinnett. Como miembros que somos, aportamos a la organización mas de 1200 libras de comida y contribuciones financieras todos los anos. El moto de la organización es "Uno puede hacer la diferencia." Tu puedes ayudar trayendo comida no percedera, útiles de ase personal y otras necesidades que usualmente colocamos en nuestro correo semanal. Se estima que hay al rededor de 40,000 personas en necesidad en nuestra área. También se pueden hacer donaciones en dinero para esta organización. Hazte el propósito de traer una libra de comida cada semana.*

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