



*December 2020*

*Dear Family of St. Edward,*

*Please accept my humble and sincere thank you for your lively faith, joyful generosity, and consistent investment to our parish. This is especially true as we traverse through the difficulties and challenges of 2020. As we are on the cusp of a New Year, may we enter 2021 trusting in the Light of Christ to guide us. Thank you for remaining faithful to God and to St. Edward parish.*

*I have already spoken about the important, critical aspect of Stewardship in my ‘musing’ letter published in our parish bulletin, St. Edward website, and Facebook page. However, as Christmas 2020 is upon us, I give you thanks once again. There are two main reasons for my wish to thank you again. One is “giving thanks” is a core and essential action of our Catholic Christian faith tradition, called “Eucharist”, the ancient Greek word meaning “to give thanks” and secondly, to give recognition and show appreciation to all of you, for understanding, taking to heart, and walking the walk with Jesus.*

*In the Bible, both old and new Testament, stewardship is central to one’s relationship with God. (Ex 30:11 and Prov. 13:11 and following). In the Gospel Jesus many times gave praise to the person with extraordinary faith. Jesus recognized the everyday reality people lived in, their work, trials, and efforts. Jesus told his disciples to support both the Temple tax, and the Roman tax under the emperor Cesar. (Mat. 17:24, Lk 11:42 and following). Why? Because according to Jesus, and later St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, “Christian”, followers of “The Way”, were supposed to be leaders, examples, have a positive impact on civil society, and to revere the traditions of the Temple– God’s house.*

*Giving financially, or supporting in any form, is not an option for one who believe in God, according to Jesus. So, thank you for revering and honoring God’s house, and your home, St. Edward parish community. May the deep and abiding joy of Christ’s birth bless you and your families this Christmas and throughout the year. May 2021 be filled with peace, prosperity, and good health for each of you.! May we leave the old year far behind and embrace with optimism the year that lies ahead and the promises of goodness that are yet to unfold. God Bless you and Merry Christmas!*

*Sincerely,*

*Rev. John Peloso  
Pastor of St. Edward Parish*

