

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Sunday of Advent

ADVENT IS A special time, given to us by the Church, to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. As Paul reminds us in the second reading, this is “the moment for you to wake from sleep.” Yet there is much in our culture and daily lives that distracts us and keeps us busy. Especially in these next weeks, it is easy for us to get caught up in all the socializing, shopping, and expectations of family and friends.

Today’s Gospel may frighten us when it challenges us to be ready. Dare we believe in God’s promise that “the Son of Man is coming” into our world? Can we risk trusting our desire for Him and the transformation His coming will bring us, even as we wait for the fulfillment of His coming?

Yes, we can and must be awake and ready this Advent season to receive the unexpected gift of God’s loving presence at any moment! Our God loves us unconditionally – just as we are, this very day. We don’t have to earn this love or prove ourselves worthy of it. Once we accept this truth, everything changes. We begin to “walk in the light” as we are called to make God’s love alive through our actions. Then they too can wake up and be ready to receive God’s promise through faith.

(Reflection of Joe Egan, of Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Marie McDonnell

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Jose Orbeta
+ Giulia, Pompilio & Amilcare Iannucci
+ Noelle Federickson

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Domenico, Grazia & Nicola De Santis

Thursday, December 5, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Brian Harrington

Friday, December 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Special Intention of Aylward’s Family

Saturday, December 7, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Rehaug Archer

4:30 p.m. + Patrus Leung

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho
9:30 a.m. Birthday wishes for Brian Wong
11:00 a.m. + Charlie Graham

Day of Confessions

We shall host a Day of Confessions during Advent on Friday, December 20th at various times of the day. This will allow parishioners the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a time best for them. Following is the schedule for the day.

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry

Our EDGE (grade 6, 7 and 8 students) and Lifeteen (high school students) programs are both now in full swing! Please see the banners in the foyer for complete schedules or speak to our Youth Director, Jessica Bews for more information. New students can join at any time.

Upcoming nights:

Friday, December 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **The Word Became Status**

Friday, December 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: EDGE – **We Whisk You a Merry Christmas**

Children's Christmas Party

Please join us on Sunday, December 15th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for our annual Children's Christmas Party! Children of all ages and their parents are welcome to come and celebrate the season with us. No need to pre-register.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Looking for a way to get your children involved in celebrating the REAL meaning of Christmas?

All children, from 5 years and older, are invited to participate in

St. Edward’s Children's Pageant 2019 at the 4:30 Christmas Eve.

Please call Connie Marsh at 416 635 6806 or email conniejeanmarsh@gmail.com ASAP.

First meeting will take place on December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

ANGEL TREE

Weekends of Nov. 30/Dec. 1st, Dec. 7/8 and Dec. 14/15

Thank you from St. Edward's CWL



We would like to thank everyone who participated and supported us for our **Christmas Craft and Bake Sale** last weekend. Thank you to our members who donated their baked goods and time and to all our vendors for making this event a great success.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed this Sunday,
December 1, 2019
in the parish hall
Theme: Joseph and his brothers
Genesis 37:1-28

Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm
Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

The parish hall will be open from 6:30 p.m. – coffee, juice and water provided, prior to the start of the event. All are welcome.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Thursday, December 12th, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In addition to the regular 8:30 a.m. Morning Mass, we will have a 7:00 p.m. evening Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Come pray and celebrate this wonderful feast day.

**TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
STAFF ARTS
48th ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

HOSTED THIS YEAR BY ST. EDWARD'S PARISH
Friday, December 6, 2019 – 8:00 p.m.

(Followed by a Wine & Cheese Social in Parish Hall)

Tickets: Concert: **\$15** Concert & Reception: **\$25**

To reserve: Contact TCDSB at: **222-8282, ext. 2787**

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. All are welcome.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 21st – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 22nd – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Christmas

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, Dec. 24th
4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25th
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 28th – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 29th – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

New Year

New Year's Eve
Tuesday, Dec. 31st – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day
Wednesday, Jan. 1st – 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

December – Holy Hour

Due to the Christmas concert, Friday evening, December 6th, the First Friday Holy Hour is moved from the evening to the morning, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (Please note: No First Friday Evening Mass on December 6th.)

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Thursday, December 5th, 6:30 p.m., for a Pre-Christmas gathering.