

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd Sunday of Advent

COMPELLED BY VISIONS of God's kingdom, Isaiah and John the Baptist build up and tear down.

Isaiah envisions God's peaceable kingdom, where "they will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain." He waits for the Messiah, the "shoot... from the stump of Jesse," who will bring righteousness and justice. His people, mired in sorrow and despair, have stopped waiting for God's kingdom. He builds them up, offering hope.

The Baptist is "preparing the way" for Jesus, the Messiah. His people, mired in greed and exploitation, have stopped waiting for God's kingdom. John warns: change your ways... find the right path, bear good fruit – now!

Prophets do what's necessary, so others can see reality. For John and Isaiah, God's kingdom is a compelling reality, their goal and guide. They are connected to that kingdom and long for its fullness.

We celebrate the in-breaking of God's kingdom in Jesus. How slowly that kingdom comes to fullness! But the vision is strong and compelling, as it was for Isaiah and John: God's reign of peace, justice, healing.

We experience it in our midst and long for its fullness. Graced by the Spirit, fed by the Eucharist, we proclaim it and practice it... living in hope, love, peace and justice. The many glimpses and tastes of God's kingdom draw us in and send us forth to share this vision with others.

(Reflection of Dinah Simmons, of Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Gerard Forster

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + William Chan

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Josie

Thursday, December 12, 2019 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. + Anne Clarke

7:00 p.m. Special Intention of Lita

Friday, December 13, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Basilio Jeo-Yeal Lee

Saturday, December 14, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Pauline McDermott

+ Betty Flannery

4:30 p.m. + Franc Zelko

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Marie Kee Sau & Joseph Yung Fu Yuan

9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Rosa Spinelli

11:00 a.m. + Lerry Desamero

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

Friday, December 20, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **The Big White Elephant**



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.

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 festive reception will be held in the parish hall following the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass.

Annual Christmas Eve Children’s Pageant

St. Edward’s Parish will again present the true story of Christmas, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve!

Thank you to all those that signed up and looking forward to the presentation of the true Christmas story.

Thank You!

The hall was full!

Thank you to the parish Social Committee, volunteers, musicians and caterers, for their help in hosting the annual Seniors’ Christmas luncheon this past Thursday. Most importantly, a special thanks to all the seniors of the parish for your witness of faith over the years and for your continued service to the church.

Ushers

Msgr. Pat invites all current ushers to sign up for a Mass of their choice, over the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. As well, volunteer ushers are welcome to sign up to assist our current ushers in helping with hospitality and the taking up of the collections. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the lobby.

Special Collections

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the following special collections. We are happy to inform you that to date we have collected the following:

Canadian Mission Collection	\$ 6,779.50
Needs of the Church in Canada	4,512.55
World Mission Sunday	4,812.55
Shepherds’ Trust	22,868.26

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.

MARY MATHEWS SPEAKING CONTEST

The CWL League Invites students in Grade 7 & Grade 8

Contest Date: February 2, 2020

A speech between 3 – 5 minutes

*****Register by December 19, 2019*****

For more information, please visit: cwltoronto.ca OR email: stedwardcwl@gmail.com



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.

New Offertory Envelopes

2020 Offertory envelopes are ready. The boxes are arranged numerically. **Please verify your envelope number with your name on the label.** If you cannot remember your envelope number, there is an alphabetical listing on the table for you to check your number. If you have changed your address or phone number. please inform the parish office.

ANGEL TREE

Weekends of Dec. 7/8 and Dec. 14/15

Kindly return all donated items by Sunday, Dec. 15th