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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: By Appointment

First Friday of the Month

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Baptism: Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for appointment.

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S GOSPEL AND last week's are taken from the Gospel of Mark, the earliest of the Gospels. In it we encounter Jesus who came to understand his pivotal role in the salvation of the world and in his mission to bring the Good News of God's reign to all of creation.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist anticipates the coming of the Messiah. He proclaims a baptism with water for the forgiveness of sins, while attesting to his belief that the one who is to come after him will offer a baptism in the Holy Spirit that will provide the pathway to salvation.

Advent is a season charged with anticipation – when we are acutely aware of the promise made by Jesus our Messiah that He will return to us. While we await His return, our preparation consists of participating in Jesus' mission of furthering God's reign. We are His missionary disciples who feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst, house the homeless, care for creation and work for justice, all the while proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

This season of Advent is a gift to us. It is an opportunity to invite Jesus into our lives anew and to reflect on what our baptism by water and the Holy Spirit requires of us. *(Reflection of Connie Paré of Living with Christ)*

SPECIAL THANKS

During this time of pandemic, members of the 55+ Club and Knitting Group have quietly worked from home in preparation for Christmas needs for the poor. They recently sent to Good Shepherd Refuge 81 sets of scarves & toques and 34 sets of mittens. In addition, the Catholic Women's League is providing items for Birthright. Thanks to all for your prayerful and inspiring work, and for showing us, by your witness, that the light of Christ is still shining brightly, and even more so, in this time of pandemic! God Bless you!

Msgr. Pat

CONGRATULATIONS FR. VANG TRAN

Vang Tran, our summer seminarian for the past few summers, and who studied at St. Augustine's Seminary, in Toronto, has been ordained to the Priesthood in Hanoi, Vietnam. He was ordained on December 4th, and many watched the mass as it was live-streamed from the Cathedral in Hanoi. Please pray for Fr. Vang as he begins his priestly ministry. He sends his best wishes and prayers to all at St. Edward's Parish.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7, 2020

8:30 a.m. + P.A.K., Agnes & Helena Aidoo

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Teresa & Mary
Special Intentions of Marie Teresa Bernardi

Thursday, December 10, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Dr. Lee's Family

Friday, December 11, 2020

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Fr. Boulas Saleh'S 40th Priestly Anniversary

Saturday, December 12, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions for the Fernandez Family

4:30 p.m. + Anne Clarke

Sunday, December 13, 2020

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

9:30 a.m. + Maria (Bia) Da Silva

11:00 a.m. + Elba Gracida Moreno

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team have placed Sunday Resources for the children of our parish on the parish website: www.stedward.ca

These may also be downloaded for the children to keep and read.

DECEMBER 9TH – LORETTO ABBEY MASS

Msgr. Pat will be the main celebrant and homilist for the Daily Mass, which airs December 9th.

<https://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass>

DECEMBER 12TH – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Msgr. Pat invites all parishioners to join the regular 8:30 a.m. virtual Mass, Saturday, December 12th to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be special prayers offered, also, following the Mass.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour from St. Edward's will be live-streamed Monday - Friday through this time of lock down from 5 - 6 p.m. Just go to <http://www.stedward.ca> Let us pray for our world and all impacted by COVID-19, and for those working in the medical profession as well as those working to secure a vaccine.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree program, to assist the poor and needy at Christmas, is more urgent than ever before, especially in this time of pandemic. However, in order to ensure a safe environment for all involved, the program will be altered this year to encourage the giving of gift cards as opposed to actual toys, clothing, or other items that are normally brought to the church. Yet, in order to still allow a sense of helping a specific child, or family, the tags you choose will have information on them that will help you to know something about the gender, age and type of card you may wish to purchase for them.

As in last year, we shall be helping the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, as well as outreach assistance to the homeless served by the Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto. We shall also assist the of Children's Aid Society.

How to get a Tag

This year, we will have virtual participation, the first step is to contact the persons below, who will assign you a tag, as well as discuss the specific age, gender, and need of that child or adult. The contact names:

St. Vincent de Paul & Children's Aid
Jasmine Carvalho – 416-226-6577
Email : carvalhojp@hotmail.com

Good Shepherd Ministries
Marie Barry – 647-351-3788
Email : askmarieb@yahoo.ca

How to Return the Tag

A person will be available in the lobby for drop off of Angel Tree tags on the following dates and times (NOTE: social distance measures will be in effect and hand sanitizing stations).

Saturday, December 5th

10 a.m. – Noon

Thursday, December 10th

10 a.m. to Noon

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 12th

10 a.m. - Noon

Parishioners may also pick up new offertory envelope boxes, which are displayed alphabetically on social distanced tables.

THE OTHER MAJOR CHRISTMAS DRIVE

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember the special St. Vincent de Paul collection on the weekend of December 5th/6th, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas.

Because the Church will be closed for public Masses, during this time, feel free to mail the Church or use the DONATE NOW link on the parish website: www.stedward.ca

This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful.

May God Bless all our special efforts in this most difficult year!





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