

St. Edward the Confessor Church

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

Reconciliation: By Appointment

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.

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*Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*Sr. Eva Janning, CPS – *R.C.I.A.*

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1st Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S FIRST READING reminds us of the Noahic covenant of love God made with all creation – a covenant which, in the second reading, Peter tells us prefigures our baptism and is sealed for all eternity by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On our wedding day, we vowed to be true to each other, to love and honour each other all the days of our lives. This amazing promise gives us a small glimpse into the covenant God has made with His people. Our marriage covenant blesses us with extraordinary joy and the challenge of self-emptying love. Likewise, God's love is both a gift and an invitation.

Immediately after receiving His Father's blessing and promise of steadfast love at His baptism, Jesus was sent into the wilderness. As we enter the Lenten season, we too are called to deepen our covenant with God by entering our own wilderness. Through fasting, prayer and giving this Lenten season, we deepen our relationship with God and neighbour, which in turn prepares our hearts for the extraordinary joy of Easter. God patiently waits for us to ask, "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths." His covenant with us is a promise to be with us always, even in the desert. Like Jesus, may we emerge from the desert ready to proclaim the good news.

MESSAGE FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students in Grade 5, 6, 7, and 8:

St. Edward the Confessor parish is brining back youth ministry with Youth Nights! We will be coming together every Friday night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to learn more about our faith, play games, and spend time in prayer. We will be using EDGE material to teach these nights as well as have open discussions about our own faith journey.

The ministry will be organized by a long time Core member, Keith Villaneuva, and our seminarian-intern, Sean Jacob, as well as some familiar faces from previous years with some new faces joining the team.

Join us for our kick-off night, Friday, March 1st, as we play a few rounds of Fishbowl!

We invite you all to register at the following: https://forms.gle/JF4TznAu4h4sUwd3A

Stay tuned for more information provided through email as well as on our Instagram page @st.edsym!

Thank you.

Keith Villaneuva, Youth Coordinator



Monday, February 22, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette & Russ Abell

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ida Pietro D'Andrea

Thursday, February 25, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

Friday, February 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

Saturday, February 27, 2021 – Multi Intention

9:00 a.m. Good Health of Sierra Thibodeau Good Health of Barbara Pigliacelli

4:30 p.m. + Assunta Scaini

Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Theresa Han and Jun Jin

9:30 a.m. Good Health of June Dias and Melba Pinto

11:00 a.m. + Erin Holt

Traditional Lenten Disciplines

Penance: Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 – 59 fast, limiting theselves to one full meal and two smaller measl each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eaing, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

LOCK DOWN

IMPORTANT: Please note that with the everchanging situation on COVID- 19 measures, in Toronto, we will update parishioners, weekly, through the FLOCK NOTE message that announces the weekend schedule. If Communion Services are to be held, on a weekend, we will live-stream only the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass, in order to have more time in the church for the Communion Services. The live-streamed mass, once it is shown, is then uploaded on to the website for later viewing. Be sure to read your weekly FLOCK NOTE for recent updates.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Msgr. Pat has sent a letter to all Grade 2 and Grade 7 parents (through the Principals) of our parish schools informing that plans are underway to register students for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. The Principals forwarded these letters to the parents of students in each of these classes. The deadline for the return of the registration forms is March 1st. For students in the Catholic schools of our parish, keep in mind they are already receiving the curriculum for the sacraments as part of their religion program in each of these grades. Msgr. Pat, and seminarian Sean Jacob, will be working with the teachers and students, mainly in the virtual form, as a means of support and encouragement. In the letter to parents, Msgr. Pat provided guidelines on what is required in order to receive these sacraments, as well as to inform that a webinar for all parents will be announced following the reception of all registration forms on March 1st. At this webinar, parents will be provided tentative dates for both the First Communion celebrations and Confirmation.

For Catholic students in Grade 2 and Grade 7, who are attending public or private schools, parents are also encouraged to register. However, please note you will need to register on line, by visiting the parish website: http://www.stedward.ca Once on the front page of the website, simply scroll down, and click on the section that says: "Read updates for First Communion and Confirmation". In that section is Msgr. Pat's letter of explanation as well as a separate link for the actual Registration form. Kindly return the form by the March 1st deadline, and you will be informed of the date of the parents webinar. Students attending public or private school will be required to attend classes on line, since their schools do not provide the religious curriculum. The class dates, and times. will be discussed at the webinar.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE WELCOMES YOU TO THEIR LENTEN VIRTUAL EVENTS

World Day of Justice February 20th, 2021, at 1 p.m. (will also be recorded for later viewing)

Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUofuuugDMqGt M SIShn50 oUphPNsEanzt

Participate in conversation between Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault of the Diocese of Ste-Anne-de-la-Pocatiere and member of the National Council Executive; Fr. John Patrick Ngoyi, director of the Commission of Justice, Development and Peace (JDPC), a long-time D&P partner in Nigeria; and Gabrielle Dupuis, young adult member and diocesan council chair for Ottawa-Cornwall; let by Janelle Delorme, animator for Manitoba and Thunder Bay. They will discuss how Development and Peace's mission and values are inspired by Catholic Social teaching. The webinar will be one hour and will be recorded.

Humanitarian Aid

February 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. (will also be recorded for later viewing)

Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register?WN_LnrWeM9jR Mul62elhdHXVg

Join Rebecca Rathbone, animator for South-West Ontario, Dominique Godbout, international programs officer and Abdullah Fuad, representative of Development and Peace's partner Caritas Bangladesh as they discuss the Rohingya refugee crisis and the way Caritas has been working to alleviate consequences on affected communities as well as Development and Peace's unique philosophy when it comes to humanitarian responses. The webinar will last one hour.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

For those interested, Marion Press is offering the streaming audio book version of "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father". As well, visit STJosephNow.org for more on the spiritual consecration.



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