



# 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.

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** By Appointment

## **First Friday of the Month**

Adoration/Benediction

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 – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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.*

Jeremy Ling Hong Zou – *Seminarian*

Josie Paladino - *Secretary*

Jeswyn Devas - *Secretary*

Gerry Robin - *Accountant*

Aldrin Fernandes - *Custodian*

## **Parish Ministries**

**55+ CLUB** - 416-222-5139

**CATECHISM COURSE(S)** - Msgr. Pat O’Dea

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE** - Elisabeth Quail  
416-788-0858

**GOOD SHEPHERD** - Margaret Hawkins

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Deacon David Quail  
[jdfq@rogers.com](mailto:jdfq@rogers.com)

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - Monica Figueredo & Marie Barry

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - 437-388-4960

**YOUTH MINISTRY** -Keith Villanueva  
[stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

## **Liturgical Ministries**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS)**

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY**

## **Parish Schools**

St. Edward

St. Cyril

St. Antoine Daniel

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

## **Address**

1 Botham Rd., North York, ON M2N 2J6

18 Kempford Blvd., Willowdale, ON M2N 2B9

160 Finch Ave. W., Willowdale, ON M2N 2J2

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## **Phone**

416-393-5255

416-393-5270

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416-393-5556

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

NOW ADVENT BEGINS, when we wait with eager anticipation to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. With His birth Jesus brings the promise of salvation and peace. He is the righteous Branch sprung up for David, as was foretold by Jeremiah. It is a glorious moment of great joy!

The birth of Jesus is also a sign: He is born poor and vulnerable in a stable among the lowliest of animals. His coming is first welcomed by shepherds, outcasts of the community, yet heralded by angels because His birth brings redemption and new life. His birth is a lesson for us we are to live our lives in humility, trusting in the Lord. As the psalmist says, “He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.”

Advent prompts us to prepare for Christ’s coming by examining how we are living our life in light of the gospel and how well our actions reflect our response to Christ – Paul says we must “abound in love for one another,” especially the most vulnerable in our community.

Advent also calls us to look ahead to the *parousia*, Christ’s glorious return at the end time. As Luke reminds us, we must ever be prepared and ready to meet and greet Christ – to stand before Him when He comes.

*(Reflection of Jack Panozzo, from Living with Christ)*



A major focus of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s **People and Planet First** campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, thousands of Canadians signed a petition asking the government to enact such a law.

On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives.

To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum, visit <https://devp.org/en>

New Sunday Missals

The new St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2021 – 2022, are available after each Mass, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00.



Monday, November 29, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Rosauero, Edgardo & Beatriz Reyes

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Anthony Pillai

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Teresa Han & Jin June  
+ Susana Rodriguez Young  
Thanksgiving for Special Intention

Thursday, December 2, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Emerenciana Bernardo

Friday, December 3, 2021

8:30 a.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

Saturday, December 4, 2021 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Best Wishes for Fr. Vang Tran’s 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
+ Mary Lalonde  
+ Ernesto Rodriguez

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

+ Dick Fish  
+ Larry Marley  
Deceased Members of the Saldanha Family  
+ Erlinda Caballero

Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu & Maria Cheung Kee Sau  
9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Brian Wong  
11:00 a.m. + Charlie Graham

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. PAUL**



Father David Warren invites you to discover the life-changing message of St. Paul.

Our series on the letters of St. Paul continues on Mondays (not Tuesdays) until Monday, December 13. We meet on *Zoom* from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. It is not too late to join. If you have not already signed on for Father Dave’s Bible Study Group, you may do so on the parish website <http://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org>



Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available in the hall. The boxes are in alphabetical order. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office.



## 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 Catholic Children's Aid Society.

### **How to get a Tag**

Tags, for this year, will not be taken from a tree (to avoid clustering around the tree). Instead, at each exit of the church, to include the two exits within the church itself (by the organ and by the Baptism font) as well as by the main exit in the parish hall, there will be tables set up and tags will be laid side-by-side, so you choose to take one or more. Hand sanitizers will be available at each table.

### **Virtual Participation**

For those unable to come to church, you can still participate. Simply phone or email the persons listed below. They will be happy to assign you a tag and discuss the specific age, gender, and need of that person. You may mail back your gift card, or have a friend or family member bring it to the church. The names to contact are:

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**

You may return gift certificates this weekend and on the weekends of December 4/5, or even mail them in. A gift box for returns will be located on a table by the parish office.

## THE OTHER MAJOR CHRISTMAS DRIVE

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember we have the special St. Vincent de Paul collection on the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas.

This particular collection also assists the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish to maintain their funding for their important ministry throughout the year, and not simply at Christmas. Thank you, also, for remembering the poor with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby.

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!

### **Advent Preparation for Christmas 2021**

Each week, beginning last Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were inspired by Indigenous Delegation travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from 17-20 December 2021. Each reflection is based one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. It is likewise hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada. The videos were developed under the auspices of the Bishops Working Group on Coordinating Indigenous Initiatives, with the script being approved by the same, as agreed to by the Executive Committee at its Special Meeting on 12 November 2021.

The videos can be now accessed on the CCCB website at the following links:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

In French: <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

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