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## ***Pastoral Team***

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

“BLESSED IS SHE who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

It’s easy to forget how difficult it was for Mary to accept God’s plan. To be found pregnant out of wedlock was not only a source of shame, but against Levitical law. It could mean her death – a painful death by stoning. Still, Our Lady trusted in the Lord whom she loved and gave her *fiat* – let it be done.

In today’s Gospel, we see the first fruits of that trust. In the early days of her pregnancy, when Mary arrived at her cousin Elizabeth’s home, she must have wondered how Elizabeth would react. Maybe Mary would be able to conceal her pregnancy for a few months...Mary had no reason to believe that she and her child would be met with anything other than condemnation. Yet, the moment she arrived, Elizabeth greeted her with love, already knowing of the pregnancy and congratulating Mary for her faith.

Even in times of danger, Mary consistently submitted herself to the will of God. She trusted in Him. In return, God cared for her. Although she endured suffering throughout her life, she was always provided for by the God of love. We too can put our trust in God, because He cares for us. (*Reflection of Gabrielle Johnson of Living with Christ*)



Monday, December 20, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Linda Kwan

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Liza Karunakaran and Family

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. +Sabina Rodrigues

Thursday, December 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Victor D’Souza

Friday, December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve

8:30 a.m. + Joseph, Sam & Mario Renda

4:30 p.m. + Steve Knorr

6:30 p.m. + Benny & Kathleen McNamee

9:00 p.m. For the Holy Father, Pope Francis

Midnight Birthday Wishes for Mary Lurthu Fernando

Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the McDermott Family

9:30 a.m. Intentions of the Wong Family

11:00 a.m. + Luk Shun Kwan

12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving for Clara’s Family

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Veronica

9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Peredo & Medina Families

11:00 a.m. + Teresa Han & Jin June

12:30 p.m. For the People of Our Parish

Congratulations

The new Executive of the St. Edward’s Catholic Women’s League is:

<b>President</b>	Marie Barry
<b>Vice-President</b>	Geraldine Rebello
<b>Secretary</b>	Nancy Cummings
<b>Treasures</b>	Monica Figueredo
<b>Past President</b>	Elisabeth Quail

**Standing Committee Chairs:**

Debra LeBleu  
Genevieve Gonsalvez  
Valentine D’Souza

**Advent Preparation for Christmas 2021**

Each week, as of 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 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/>

Children’s Liturgy

Please note that the Children of the parish can access Children’s Liturgy of the Word resources on our website:  
<http://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org>

### *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

*As we celebrate Christmas let us all reach out to one another in our continuing journey to the kingdom.*

*This Christmas season let us remember the CHRIST who cares for the hurting, the lonely, the hungry, the homeless, the sick, the oppressed, and the victims of injustice.*

*The heart of the Christmas story is that in Jesus "God has visited His people",  
Let us make Him welcome.*

*God's enduring presence is the source of the joy of this season.*

*In the face of all we know, and all that challenges our wellbeing,*

*We are reminded that we are not alone.*

*In Jesus, our Emmanuel, God is with us.*

On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Jeremy Zou, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our parish secretaries and Aldrin Fernandes, our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a holy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Angel Tree

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Program, which assists the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed before Christmas. A report of what was raised will be provided following Christmas, as donations to the St. Vincent de Paul collection are still coming in. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas.

### 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.



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.



### *Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule*

#### Christmas

**Christmas Eve – Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

**Christmas Day – Saturday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

#### New Year

**New Year's Eve Vigil Masses**  
Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**New Year's Day - Saturday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Registration is required for all Masses.*

**Visit:** <http://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org>

### Parish Office Christmas/New Year's Hours

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – office will close at 12:00 noon  
Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – office closed – Christmas Day  
Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – office closed – Statutory Holiday  
Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – office closed – Statutory Holiday  
Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – office closed  
Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – office closed – New Year's Day  
Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – office closed – Statutory Holiday

Regular hours resume Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Although the office is closed, please note that phone messages and emails, are checked and answered as soon as possible.

*Merry Christmas*

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