

## 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

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** - Marie Barry

askmarieb@yahoo.ca 647-351-3788

**GOOD SHEPHERD** - Margaret Hawkins

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Deacon David Quail

jdfq@rogers.com

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY -Keith Villanueva

stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

### Liturgical Ministries

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Parish Schools	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
St. Edward	1 Botham Rd., North York, ON M2N 2J6	416-393-5255
St. Cyril	18 Kempford Blvd., Willowdale, ON M2N 2B9	416-393-5270
St. Antoine Daniel	160 Finch Ave. W., Willowdale, ON M2N 2J2	416-393-5339
Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts	36 Greenfield Ave., Toronto, ON M2N 3C8	416-393-5556

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

WE TEND TO focus on what we want instead of what we need. Today's Gospel about the prodigal son is a good example of this. While he was out pursuing his interests, this younger son pursued his wants but lacked an understanding of his important needs. Our spiritual needs are fulfilled through God when we accept the unconditional love that he provides for us.

This parable reminds us that on our own we do not possess a full understanding of the benefits of God's redeeming love. When we fall short, we need to turn to God with confidence and an open heart to seek His forgiveness. When we turn to God with sorrowful and humble hearts, we experience His grace as unconditional love. Then, everything becomes new as it did for the prodigal son who returned to his welcoming father.

How do we build on this? We need to be ambassadors for God, like the loving father in the parable who welcomed and celebrated with his son, or Jesus who ate with tax collectors and sinners and showed us the way. We can begin by looking deeply at how our words, actions, and thoughts affect others and strive to be ambassadors for God, faithful to God who gave His only son to wash away our sins. (Reflection of Ildiko O'Dacre from Living With Christ)

### **Youth Ministry**

The St. Edward youth ministry for youth grades 6 to 8 reassumed and is running to the end of June. It is a weekly program for youth to grow deeper in their relationship with God and one another via catechesis, praying together, and various games/activities. Sessions will be conducted weekly via Zoom on Fridays, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm until restrictions may be lifted for us to gather in person.

Registration is open, and is accessible via the parish website. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com.

#### **The Lenten Series**

The Lenten series "An Introduction to the Interior Life" will be delivered weekly via Zoom on Mondays starting Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for five weeks. It will take place from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm in the evening and will be led by seminarian Jeremy Zou. The interior life is the work the Holy Spirit does in an individual to form him or her more and more unto the image of Christ. Jeremy will be sharing what he learned form the seminary in Catholic Spirituality regarding this topic. You can register via the parish FlockNote or the parish website:

https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/



Monday, March 28, 2022

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Paul Gil's Family

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Athanasius Braimah

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Carmelina Soares

Thursday, March 31, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Teresa & Domenico Masiano Celebration of Life for Vija Koskens

Friday, April 1, 2022

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Elisabeth Quail

Saturday, April 2, 2022 Multi=intention

9:00 a.m. + John F. Quail

+ Andrew Tan

4:30 p.m. + Maureen Donaghy

Sunday, April 3, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Purificacion Peredo 9:30 a.m. + Kathleen Barry

11:00 a.m. Protection of the Unborn Children

### Ontario Prayer Breakfast 2022 Monday April 11 – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

A VIRTUAL EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

The Ontario Prayer Breakfast is an annual opportunity for the Christian community to gather to support our Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and city councillors in prayer. This event is organized by the Christian community and brings together a diverse group of professional, political, corporate and faith leaders from across our province. Join Christians at the beginning of Holy Week for prayer, musical reflection and to hear the witness of individuals whose faith has sustained and guided them in their service, especially during the pandemic. The event is free of charge.

Reserve your complimentary ticket early and register at: https://ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca/

### **Maureen Donaghy Tree Planting Project**

CWL Members will be in the lobby after all Masses this weekend March  $26^{th}/27^{th}$ , and April  $2^{nd}/3^{rd}$ , to receive tree orders. Order forms are also available in the lobby. Deadline for ordering is April  $3^{rd}$  after the 11:00 am Mass. For further information, please contact Susan Barry at 416-223-5261. Thank you for making a difference!

### **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.

### **Guest Speaker – Personal Safety**

Do you feel safe at home, or while out and about? All parishioners are invited to learn Personal Safety tips from PC John Sconza of Toronto Police Services, on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This is a CWL-hosted hybrid event, both in person at the church hall and on Zoom. Registration is required whether attending in person or virtually. Signup sheets are available with CWL members in the lobby after Mass. For more information, or to register outside of Mass, please contact Marie Barry at askmarieb@yahoo.ca or at 647-351-3788.

### St. Michael's College School Spring Virtual Open House Saturday April 9 – 9:30 a.m.

Learn about St. Michael's College School's university preparatory programming for boys in grades 7 through 12. See our school in action! Meet our admissions team and ask your questions during a live Q&A, plus much more. Hope to see you there.

**CONTACT:** Kim Celotti, Admissions Assistant

**PHONE:** 416-653-3180

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**REGISTRATION:** https://bit.ly/SMCSopenhouse2022

**WEBSITE:** www.applysmcs.com



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MASS AT 8:30 A.M.

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MASS AT 9:00 A.M.

### **EVERY FRIDAY**

MASS AT 8:30 A.M

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION 9:00 TO 10:00 A.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 P.M.

### WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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