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# St. Edward The Confessor Church

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#### 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



He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia



MARY MAGDALENE STOOD weeping at the tomb where the body of Jesus had been placed. She needed to be there – in fact, she went twice – just as she had need to stand at the foot of the cross with His mother as He died. Her loss was greater and her sorrow was deeper than any fear that she might be arrested for being His follower.

And then, Easter! Mary Magdalene was the first to experience Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. He commissioned her to be an evangelist to His Apostles – the bearer of good news – so they could share the truth of Jesus Christ, Son of God, with all people to the ends of the earth. That same good news is now entrusted to each one of us, to share with the people in our lives.

The Scriptures and prayers of the 50 days of Easter are rich and strong. The Gospels offer the challenges of living each day as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who came to show us the Way. God's great love for each and every person has no expiry date. God our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer never tires of holding us in life and love. This is the wonder of Easter. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

(Reflection of Marilyn Sweet 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. We will now meet weekly on Fridays, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the parish hall. Registration is open, via the parish website. If you have any questions, email us at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com.

#### **POOR BOX**

Please remember the poor box on your way out of the Church. All funds assist our local St. Vincent de Paul society in its ministry to those in need.



Monday, April 18, 2022

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Maureen Mattice

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Anthony Kim

Blessings for Good Health for Catherine & David

Special Intention of Susanna Lo

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Grazia & Giuseppe Donato

Thursday, April 21, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Larry Monette

+ Ching-Yock & Ho-Leung Lo

Birthday Wishes for Sebi's 1st Birthday

Friday, April 22, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Teresa Han & Jin June

Saturday, April 23, 2022

9:00 a.m. + Honorina & Norberto Franco

Birthday Anniversary of the Late Victor D'Souza

+ Larry & Joan Monette

In Memory of the Victims of the Toronto Van

Tragedy 2018

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

**Sunday, April 24, 2022** 

8:00 a.m. + August Lerch

9:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Wong Family

11:00 a.m. + Tom Donaghy

#### **Divine Mercy Schedule**

Come and pray the 9 Day Novena of the Divine Mercy, from Good Friday, April 15th leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th. Prayer cards will be available at the front of the Church.

Easter Sunday, April 17th: After the 12:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, April 18th – Friday, April 22nd:
After each morning Mass
Saturday, April 23rd:
After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th:
After the 11 a.m. morning Mass

#### Message from Msgr. Pat O'Dea

"The Lord of life has risen with power, bringing with him love and justice, respect forgiveness, and reconciliation. The One who from nothingness had called the world into existence, only He could break the seals of the tomb, only He could become the source of New Life."

(Easter Vigil Homily, from Pope St. Paul II, 1996)

Easter calls us to rejoice because Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and His resurrection foreshadows our own. This will forever be the greatest "good news" that the world has ever received. In raising Jesus from the dead, God invites us to contemplate His great love for us and to know of His plan and desire to also raise us up to eternal life. In our baptism, renewed at Easter, we are reminded of our destiny in Christ. Alleluia!

I would like to thank all who assisted in helping to plan our Palm Sunday and Holy Week liturgies. In particular, I want to thank the Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers and all the parish groups who led the Stations of the Cross. I thank Sr. Eva Janning and the R.C.I.A. Team for their wonderful ministry this past year to those who were welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. I also wish to thank Maria Amodio who decorated the Church so beautifully for Holy Week, and our head sacristan, Peter Carvalho, and all the sacristans.

A special thanks to the Pastoral Team, and the Office Staff, for their dedicated service to the parish each and every day.

May God bless you at Easter and in the year to come!

#### **Vocations**

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

#### Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

(New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book)

On behalf of our Pastor, Msgr. Pat O'Dea, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Seminarian Jeremy Zou, R.C.I.A. Director, Sr. Eva Janning, custodian Aldrin Fernandes, and our parish secretaries, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, we wish everyone a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.

#### **ShareLife**

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- Cardinal Thomas Collins

Thank you for supporting ShareLife! May 1<sup>st</sup>. is next ShareLife Sunday

#### **COVID Clinic at St Edward's Church**

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. More information to follow.





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