

## 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.

Alvin Thevalakkara Joys – Seminarian

Josie Paladino - Secretary

Jeswyn Devas - Secretary

Gerry Robin - Accountant

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#### **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 - Mike Mastromatteo

mikejmastro@gmail.com

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - 437-388-4960

YOUTH MINISTRY -Keith Villanueva

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#### Liturgical Ministries

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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
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#### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE CAN EASILY get caught up in the events of life. These moments may be as mundane as driving children to activities, or as serious as a health crisis or marital problems. These matters can cut us off from the presence of God in our lives.

In today's readings, Isaiah, Paul and Matthew urge us to pay attention to the present moment and to be aware of the presence of God in our lives. When we pay attention to our experiences in the present moment, we can start to see God's hand in everything. An awareness of God's presence will change the way we see ourselves and how we relate the world around us. Our situation may not change, but our ability to move through the situation will change. Aware of God's presence in our lives, we will live in a way that is different from the world around us, as Isaiah, Paul and Matthew teach in the readings.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us pray for the grace to turn our thoughts constantly towards God. Whether in mundane moments such as sitting in traffic, or at more critical times of stress and crisis, every moment in an opportunity to connect with God and change our attitudes, values and actions.

(Reflection of Anthony Chezzi of Living with Christ)



Monday, November 28, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Catherine & Rob Raisp

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m.

+ Alex Juschitz

+ Geny & Gabriel Orsini

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:30 a.m. Chin Tek (Andrew) Kim

Thursday, December 1, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Lucy Ho Gee

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Maria Kang

Saturday, December 3, 2022 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m.

+ Lisa Fabian

+ Jin Gap Joseph & Gum Yun Marie Lee

Blessings for Fr. Vang

4:30 p.m. + Anthonypillai

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Charlie Graham

9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Brian Wong

11:00 a.m. + Manuel Sv



# Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule Christmas

Christmas Eve – Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

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

New Year

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day - Sunday, 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 Saturday, Jan.  $7^{th}$  – 4:30 p.m. Sunday Jan.  $8^{th}$  – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

#### **Christmas Choir Concert**

St. Edward's Church is pleased to be hosting a Christmas Choir Concert featuring staff and alumni of the Toronto Catholic District School Board on Friday December 2 at 8:00 pm. This is the 49th Staff Arts Christmas Concert and features a joyous array of traditional and contemporary choral selections. Tickets are \$20. Ticket order forms can be picked up at the back of the Church or on-line. Simply Google: "2022-2023 Staff Arts Christmas Choir" or go to https://www.tcdsb.org/o/tsa/page/2022-2023-choir.

#### **ShareLife – Matching Donor!**

Recognizing the needs of the agencies and those who turn to them for help, an anonymous donor has come forward with a \$1 million matching gift challenge!

From November 1 to December 31, all contributions to the Parish Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million. We hope this initiative will encourage those who have not given yet, as well as those who have given reduced amounts this year, to make a year-end gift to support the vulnerable members of our community. To participate, parishioners can give online at sharelife.org/donate or at the parish by using the ShareLife envelopes.



#### ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree program assists the poor and needy at Christmas. It starts this weekend, November 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>.

As in last year, we shall be helping the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, as well as assistance to the homeless served by the Good Shepherd Ministries. We shall also assist the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

#### How to get a Tag

Tags, for this year, will be provided on the Angel Trees in the lobby of the church. Each tag will highlight the specific age, need and gender of the person being assisted.

#### Virtual Participation

For those unable to come to church, you can still participate! Simply phone or email the persons listed below and they will be happy to assign you a tag and discuss the specific age, gender, and need of that person. Contact persons:

#### St. Vincent de Paul & Children's Aid

Valentina D'Souza – 647-807-5900 Email: valentina.bosky@gmail.com

#### **Good Shepherd Ministries**

Marie Barry – 647-351-3788 Email: askmarieb@yahoo.ca

How to Return the Tag and Gift Card

You may return gift certificates on the weekend of **December 3^{rd}/4^{th}**. We would appreciate all returns no later than the weekend of **December 10^{th}/11^{th}**. You may also mail them to the office, or return them in person & place them in the gift box by the office.

#### THE OTHER MAJOR CHRISTMAS DRIVE

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember the <u>St. Vincent de Paul collection on the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup>, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas. Please ensure <u>cheques</u> are made out to: **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**</u>

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 <u>Poor Box</u> located in the church lobby each and every weekend.

This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful!



Save the date of Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. More details to follow!

#### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Dec. 12th



Besides the regular morning Mass, there will be a second Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by a social time in the parish hall, where the story of Our Lady's appearance to St. Juan Diego will be enacted by the youth. This has

become an annual event for all, especially for parishioners from Mexico and South America.

#### Senior's Christmas Luncheon

Msgr. Pat wishes to invite the seniors of the parish to a pre-Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. for 12:00 Noon start time. This is a celebration to honour the seniors of our parish for their faithful witness of faith over the years.

Registration for the lunch will take place after all the Masses this weekend at the designated table in the lobby. A representative of the social committee will be present.



Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available in the hall. The boxes are in alphabetical order. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office.



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