



# 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.*

Alvin Thevalakkara Joys – *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](mailto:askmarieb@yahoo.ca) 647-351-3788

**GOOD SHEPHERD** - Margaret Hawkins

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Mike Mastromatteo

[mikejmastro@gmail.com](mailto:mikejmastro@gmail.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**

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## Parish Schools

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St. Cyril

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THERE IS A beautiful stained-glass window in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria, BC, that depicts two young boys playing. They are the cousins John and Jesus. How perfect that John, who knew Jesus so well, came as the last great prophet, to prepare the way for Our Lord.

John's love for God was infectious. People came from all over to hear him proclaim God's word. What made them come? What made them believe?

Those who believe, listen. Believers can accept the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in their hearts; believers can see sins that prevent them from growing in the truth. Believers yearn to have their sins washed away.

Those who do not believe, who have hearts like the Pharisees, are not able to grow. They may have the right religion; they may be well-read; but their pride prevents them from allowing the Spirit into their hearts.

How can we infect those around us with our love for Jesus in the way that John did? How can we get to know Jesus better? For each of us the way is different, but the means are the same: we can invite the Holy Spirit in.

This Advent, may we have the courage to let go of our sins and prepare our hearts to share the celebration of Our Saviour's birth with infectious joy.

*(Reflection of Liz Summers of Living with Christ)*



#### Monday, December 5, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Ken Cox

#### Tuesday, December 6, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Sandra Dale Low

#### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Luz Balbin

#### Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvlho

#### Friday, December 9, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Maria Sestito

#### Saturday, December 10, 2022 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. For Our Holy Father Pope Francis

4:30 p.m. + Maria & Alberico Grossi

#### Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu &  
Maria Cheung Kee Sau

9:30 a.m. + Kenneth Wong

11:00 a.m. Protection of Unborn Children



### *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<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

#### Investiture with Papal Honour

Susan Adam Metzler, parishioner of St. Edward the Confessor Parish, has been awarded the Papal Honour, *The Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, by His Holiness Pope Francis, in recognition of her service to the Church. Susan was invested with the honour by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, in a special ceremony at St. John's Chapel (in St. Michael's Cathedral-Basilica) this past Monday, November 28th. Susan, a lawyer by profession, was recognized for her exceptional legal counsel to the Archdiocese and to other religious institutes over the past years. Msgr. Pat O'Dea and Fr. Boulos Saleh (former pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish) were present at the investiture.

Congratulations to Susan Metzler on behalf of the entire parish community, and we also thank her, and her husband, Kurt, for their ministry at the parish over the years, particularly with the annual Angel Tree program, and as lectors at Sunday Mass. May God continue to bless them and their family.



### **ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree program assists the poor and needy at Christmas.

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](mailto:valentina.bosky@gmail.com)

#### **Good Shepherd Ministries**

Marie Barry – 647-351-3788

Email: [askmarieb@yahoo.ca](mailto:askmarieb@yahoo.ca)

#### How to Return the Tag and Gift Card

You may return gift certificates this weekend **December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>**. We would appreciate all returns no later than next weekend **December 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **St. Vincent de Paul collection this weekend December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>**, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas. Please ensure cheques are made out to: **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

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 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!

### **Senior's Christmas Luncheon**

This will take place on Wednesday, December 14, 11:30a.m. for 12:00 noon start time. Registrations were held last weekend after all the Masses. There are only a few seats remaining. Please contact the Parish office.



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.



### **Good Shepherd Ministries**

A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.

### **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**December. 12<sup>th</sup>**

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.

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