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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.*

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Parish Ministries

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ONE OF THE most beautiful things about a God who comes to earth to love us is that humanity has to receive the miracle. This week we hear the story of cousins John the Baptist and Jesus making sense of their respective missions, *with* their followers.

From prison, John sends word to ask for confirmation of Jesus as Messiah. Jesus replies from His ministry, that people should report back the miracles. The question acknowledges the possibility of doubt, as does Jesus' answer. Faith is both witnessing what God is at work doing in the world and choosing to place our hope in the goodness we see, even without the guarantee of certainty.

And, after answering John, Jesus reminds John's followers that they have already placed their faith in a prophet. The Son of God builds on the faith the people have in John, to draw them to himself. And this is how it is in making disciples of the Incarnate God who comes as an infant. We grow to love Jesus because others who follow show us the way to Love.

We prepare a place for Jesus to come to us again, so that we can go out and carry the God-child to others. So meet Love here again and then go and tell the others about the miracles Jesus has worked in your presence.

(Reflection of Leah Perrault of Living with Christ)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December. 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.

Catholic Women's League

St. Edward's CWL invites all women of the parish to the December General Meeting, Tuesday December 13th. We'll begin with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a Christmas party in the hall. Refreshments and camaraderie will be abundant. We will also collect new baby items for donation to Birthright. We look forward to seeing you there!

Senior Residence Mass – December 2022

Wednesday, December 21st – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.



Monday, December 12, 2022 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving – Geraldine Oray
7:00 p.m. + Mihalay Sutka

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Francisco Moraes
+ Olimpia Polisena
+ David Donaldson

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Therese leung

Thursday, December 15, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Lerru Desamero
Birthday Wishes for Irene Maranan

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:30 a.m. + German Guerra

Saturday, December 17, 2022 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Helen & Lazara Nituta
Special Intention of Eileen Minihane
Good Health for Suzanne Karst

4:30 p.m. + Maria, Calogero & Vincenzo Augello

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Adolf Rygiel
9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino
11:00 a.m. + Stefania Piatek & Parents

Day of Confessions

On December 20th, we will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confession in preparation for Christmas. Msgr. Pat has set the following schedule for confession times at St. Edward's Parish:

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thank You

Good Shepherd Ministries offered a letter to the parish in gratitude for the Thanksgiving Food Appeal. The food drive was a great success. Your help is making a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable and marginalized in our city. Thank you!



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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the poor and needy 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!



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 18th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. More details to follow!

Support Your Parish With A Gift Of Securities This Christmas

As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to call to mind some of the blessings we've experienced thus far. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

While you are planning your seasonal giving benefiting the parish and the community, consider making a gift of securities. It is one of the most financially sound ways to make a difference. When you donate stocks, bonds or mutual funds, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full value of your securities. It means a great tax break for you and greater support to the parish.

To learn more about gifting securities and how you can make an impact for the 2022 tax year, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519. To donate listed securities, you can obtain the information sheet and Letter of Direction by visiting this link:

<https://bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities>.

Thank you once again for your continued support!



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas

**Christmas Eve – Saturday, Dec. 24th
4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day – Sunday, Dec. 25th
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. 31st – 4:30 p.m.**

**New Year's Day - Sunday, Jan. 1st
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. 7th – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Jan. 8th – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Vocations

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

email: vocations@archtoronto.org

55 + Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.



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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