



# 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.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
or 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. Teresa Morrison, CPS – *R.C.I.A.*

Matthew Tulio – *Seminarian*

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## **Parish Ministries**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Mike Mastromatteo

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## **Liturgical Ministries**

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

KEEP AWAKE, BE alert. These words in today's Gospel are clear and direct. But why are they shared with us at the beginning of the Advent season? A time usually associated with preparing for the Christmas season?

It is this question of readiness that is at the heart of the "reason for the season." If God can break into our lives by taking human form, then the season of Advent can challenge us to be on guard for God's coming – both at Christmas and at the end of time. We must be alert in order to answer the call to discipleship we have received, and be ready to account for our actions and decisions at the last judgment.

As we do not know the time or place, let us approach our Advent prayer as an opportunity to reflect on our readiness, remembering that God is gentle and loving. As we see in the first reading, the people felt God had turned His back on them; yet, when they recalled all that God had done for them, they trusted in God's goodness and saving power. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that God is faithful and will strengthen us to the end. So let us rejoice and give thanks for this Advent opportunity to reflect on our lives and God's goodness, and stay awake for His coming.

*(Reflection of John O'Brien of Living with Christ)*

### **Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!**

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the Archbishop and **complete the short survey by December 15, 2023**, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation). Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

### **Children's Christmas Pageant**

Once again St. Edward's Church will present our traditional Children's Christmas Pageant at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

We invite all families with children from 4 years old and up, to consider joining us to be part of the Pageant. We will need shepherds, kings, and angels, as well as Mary, Joseph and Gabriel. If your child(ren) are interested in being part of this exciting tradition, please email [conniejeanmarsh@gmail.com](mailto:conniejeanmarsh@gmail.com) for more information. Looking forward to this year's Pageant!

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Guy Lafontaine

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Blessings & Healing for Sierra & Janet  
+ Jingap & Gum-Yean Lee  
Healing for Frances Louisa Sentausa  
Special Intentions for Fedele Fante  
Special Intentions of the Mullaney Family  
Good Health for Ioan Chili

### Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Eustace Pereira

### Thursday, December 7, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Brian Wong  
Blessings & Healing for Mark & Rick  
+ Cheung & Fung Families

### Friday, December 8, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

### Saturday, December 9, 2023 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intention –Leung Szeto Family  
+ Thomas Aquinas Gil  
+ Maria Sestito  
+ Bridget Ryan  
+ Clarence Kan

4:30 p.m. Members & Family of the 55+ Senior Group

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:00 a.m. + Robert J. Miller  
9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Soares Family  
11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – Pereira Family

### **NORTH YORK FOOD BANK** **"NeighbourhoodLink"**

Parishioners are welcome to bring non-perishable food items for the second weekend of each month and place them in the bin located in the lobby of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to assist those in need who live within our own community of North York.

### **Day of Confessions**

On Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 (extra priests will be here to assist).

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



### **Children's Christmas Party**

Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. More details to follow!



### ANGEL TREE

Our annual parish Angel Tree program, is more urgent than ever before, especially as we transition to post-COVID times. As in past years - tags identifying the age and gender of children of our NIN's (Neighbours In Need) families will be displayed in the foyer at Christmas time.

In order to ensure a safe environment for all involved, and empower the parents to provide a meaningful gift to their children, the program recommends the giving of **department store gift cards**.

As in past years, we shall be helping the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish (and St. Clare's Parish), as well as assistance to the homeless served by the Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto. We shall also assist the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

#### How to get a Tag:

You can get tags from the two Angel Trees in the foyer.

#### How to Return the Tag:

You may return **gift cards** next weekend **December, 9/10** or mail them in to us. A gift box for returns will be located on a table by the parish office.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember we have the special St. Vincent de Paul collection, as another option of supporting our Neighbours In Need at Christmas. 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.

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



Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available in the hall. The boxes are in alphabetical order. Please check your name and address on the box. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office. **Note:** If you are donating through PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) a box is still assigned to you and we ask that you pick it up.



### *Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule*

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24, 2023

*4:30 p.m. (with children's Christmas Pageant)  
7:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight*

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

*8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Sunday, December 31, 2023

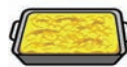
*8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass  
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.*

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2024  
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*



### GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due the second weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.

### Good Shepherd Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to serve meals to the needy at the Good Shepherd Refuge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and/or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month from 2 – 4 PM. If you are interested, please contact Margaret at 416-226-1449 for more details.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass – 7:00 p.m.**  
**In Spanish and English**



Come & celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Refreshments in the hall after Mass.



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