



# 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.*

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## **Parish Ministries**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Mike Mastromatteo

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**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS EXTEND A HOPE-FILLED INVITATION: Prepare, for the Lord is coming. What is our response to this invitation? Will we listen to the voice speaking truth into the wilderness areas of our lives? Will we speak truth into the wilderness areas of others' lives – offering hope when life is difficult, challenging, pain-filled or exhausting?

When John the Baptist spoke in the wilderness, he carried a message of hope to people facing the challenges of living in those difficult times. He offered them a fresh opportunity to begin their lives anew. People paid attention.

We are called to pay attention with prayer-filled pondering, focusing on the words that touch our minds and hearts. We are offered tender words of comfort, the promise of debt-free forgiveness, the coming of a world filled with righteousness and goodness – all reminders of God's enduring faithfulness. A bold offer: every one of us will find something that brings light into the wilderness areas of our lives. Whatever darkness we are facing, there are life-giving words that offer the light of hope.

This day, as we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, may we hear the voice of truth and respond with our own yes. May we look beyond the wilderness areas in our lives – and see the promises that are before us

*Reflection of Brenda Merle Hildebrand,  
Campbell River, B. C. of Living with Christ*

**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. The last date to respond is December 10. Looking forward to this year's Pageant!

**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.



**Monday, December 11, 2023**

8:30 a.m. + Noel Viola

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Multi-intention**

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Geraldine Oray  
Well-being of George Chu's family  
+ Lawrence Kim

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Special healing for Martin Sun Yuen Poon

**Thursday, December 14, 2023 Multi-intention**

8:30 a.m. Birthday wishes for Therese Leung  
Blessings & healing for Sierra  
Special intentions for the Blachier family  
Special intentions of Margarida Carneiro  
+ Charlie Ireton

**Friday, December 15, 2023**

8:30 a.m. + Lerry Desamero

**Saturday, December 16, 2023 Multi-intention**

9:00 a.m. Blessings & healing for Rick  
+ Lazara Nituda  
+ Helen Nituda  
+ Manuel Willie Luz

4:30 p.m. + Kevin McNiff

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu & Maria Cheung Kee Sau  
9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino  
11:00 a.m. + Stephanie Piatek & parents

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

**ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**  
**ADVENT RETREAT**

*“Waiting in Joyful Hope”*

Preacher: Fr. Roshan Anthonypillai

Saturday, December 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. Morning Mass

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Reflection (in Church)

All are welcome!

(No fee. A free-will donation box will be provided)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**

All women of the parish are invited to join the CWL Christmas party on Monday, December 11th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by the party in the hall. Join for fun and laughter, refreshments, a game with prizes and a Christmas carol singalong. There will also be a collection of new, unwrapped baby items for donation to Birthright. Please come, and feel free to bring a friend or family member. We look forward to seeing you!

**ANGEL TREE**

This is the last weekend to return the gift cards. 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. 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!

**LITTLE LAMBS & CHILDREN’S LITURGY**

There will be no Little Lambs or Children's Liturgy December 17, 24, and 31. Classes will resume on Sunday January 7, 2024.



*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 and 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.**



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.

**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. Talk, music and refreshments in the hall following Mass.



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