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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*

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



IN MY LATE teens I read William Thomas Walsh’s *Our Lady of Fatima*. It prompted me to quit a job that was lacking some ethics. Afterward, I was in a spiritual fog. I went for one of those long walks in an attempt to reconnect with the Lord. At an intersection I saw a yellow Volkswagen with these words boldly painted on it: *Pray the Rosary, Fatima 1917*

In today’s Gospel, we hear the familiar story of how Jesus called His first disciples to be fishers of people. If we fast forward today’s Gospel into the present day, we can imagine Jesus walking through an office complex and asking us to leave our desks. Do we drop everything and go?

The apostles’ response was immediate. There was an expectation of the coming of the Messiah, so perhaps they were ready. And Jesus chose humble people whose hearts, He knew, were receptive to the call.

Through the sacraments, prayer, and Scripture we seek the Lord and anticipate His call. God can also speak via a billboard, a bumper sticker, a song, a conversation and even a yellow Volkswagen. This is the all-powerful voice of Love that spoke creation into existence. We are prudent to seek it, listen for it and trust that it indeed will come in the manner God chooses for us.

(Reflection of Denis Grady OFS of Living with Christ)

Monday, January 22, 2024

8:30 a.m. + David Coleman Jang

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Recovery of Noel Kelly
Special Intention for the Zakher Family
+ Fr. Jon Bromley

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Roisin Donaghy

Thursday, January 25, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Clara Lavilla
+ Philomena Le Bleu
+ Diane Yantha

Friday, January 26, 2024

8:30 a.m. + August Lerch

Saturday, January 27, 2024 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Paul & Philomena Le Bleu
+ Mary Inkster
+ Ilario Sestito

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Mullaney Family
9:30 a.m. + Joseph Passalacqua
11:00 a.m. + Philomena Le Bleu

REMINDER

First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes for those registered from the Public/Private Schools began last weekend, Sunday, January 14 at 10:45 a.m. in the parish hall.

Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Classes for those registered from the Public/Private Schools began last Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. The classes run every Thursday night as per Schedule provided to all students and parents at registration.

Special Music Event at St. Edward’s

Steadfast Worship Presents: **Harbour**

“An Evening of Praise and Worship”
Saturday, February 3rd, 2024
St. Edward’s Parish Hall – 6:00 p.m.

Note: Attendance is by Pre-Registration Only. Register through Eventbrite: 2024HARBOUR1.EVENTBRITE.Com
A Free-Will offering is appreciated

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. New members always welcome.

Senior Residence Mass – January 2024

Monday, January 29th – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

A Message to High School Students

On behalf of the youth ministry family, we wanted to wish you all a very happy and fruitful New Year!

We have quite a few exciting youth events planned for this year here at the parish. Namely, one of those things has been requested for quite some time now. Since we've had some EDGE kids graduate and move into high school and we have some active high school students in our parish community, we are excited to share that we intend to get a high school ministry started under the "Life Teen" program!

In order to kick things off, I would like to invite all the high school students of the community to a meet-and-greet & info session this Sunday, January 21st @ 12:00 PM — right after the 11 AM mass. Here we can talk about what to expect, what we want for the ministry, time commitment, settle on a date, and get to meet other students!

Keith – Youth Director

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo February 11, 2024 at 3 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Two Contests for Youth

The Catholic Women's League is offering two contest for the youth of the parish.

The first is the Mary Matthews Public Speaking contest for students in **Grade 7 and 8**. You will present a short speech (3 – 5mins.) on the topic of your choice, and an impromptu speech. Submissions are due on **Wednesday, January 24th**. The Public Speaking contest will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m.**

The second is The Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest for students in **Grade 7 – 12**. Your writing will focus on the sanctity and dignity of life. Essay and poetry submissions are due on **Sunday, February 25th**. For more information, please email: stedwardcwl@gmail.com.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024 Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. ET St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral 455 Ferrier St., Markham, ON L3R 5Z2

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available in the foyer of the church. 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.

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