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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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHEN I MOVED to the Maritimes, I planned to spend one of my first Sundays relaxing on a beach after Mass. However, not knowing where such a beach was, I sat in my parked car looking at a map. Thunk! Someone leaving Mass had backed into my vehicle. “No problem,” I thought. “I’m at church; this process will be painless.” I had a previous car mishap in a secular context which turned into quite an ordeal.

My expectations of ease and that adversity would not reach into the church parking lot were false – our fallen humanity follows us everywhere. Thankfully, our faith ought not depend on anyone or anything apart from Jesus. No wickedness can snatch us from either His gaze or His hand; someone’s sins or poor choices do not affect that.

In today’s Gospel we hear how there was “in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit” who was crying out. Evil manifested itself in the holy place of God. And Jesus handled it.

When we experience disappointing behavior amongst the faithful or are even faced with larger scandals involving those in leadership, we need not lose our faith in Jesus. Such circumstances do not reflect Jesus’ authenticity, nor do they question His authority. Instead, we turn to the One who silences the voice of evil and casts it out.

(Reflection of Nicolae Snook of Living with Christ)

REMINDER

First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes for those registered from the Public/Private Schools began 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 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.

Senior Residence Mass – January 2024

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

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.

2023 Donation Tax Receipts

The donation tax receipts will be prepared and mailed out the week of February 5th.

Monday, January 29, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Szeto & Leung Families

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Dora Pereira

Thursday, February 1, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. For Our Holy Father Pope Francis

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Soares Family

Saturday, February 3, 2024 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. 80th Birthday Wishes for Audrey Pereira

4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of Morales Family

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Eric Mullaney Jr.

9:30 a.m. + Philomena & Debra Le Bleu

11:00 a.m. + Philomena & Debra Le Bleu

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

Breathing Space

Online Caregiver Program

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Breathing Space is an open 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide you support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment.

Time: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Online groups on Zoom

For further information and to register, contact **Corina Sumaway** at 416-921-1163 ext. 2230

Email: csumaway@cfstoronto.com

JANUARY 28, 2024

**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.

Three 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.

The third is the Jean McCann Service Award for Youth, which recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by our confirmed Catholic youth ages 15-18. For more information visit: <https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/en/parish-groups/catholic-womens-league/>

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, February 14, 2024

**Mass with Distribution of Ashes:
8:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m.**

(Following the 12:00 Noon Mass, people are welcome into the parish hall for a cup of warm soup, courtesy of the 55+ Club.)

FRIDAYS IN LENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Mass
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross


Traditional Lenten Disciplines

Penance: Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 – 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by less eating, or shopping. Consider donations to ShareLife or the St. Vincent de Paul Society who serve the poor and needy.

 Those who have not yet picked up the offertory envelopes for 2023 and wish to pick them up, please call the office to reserve a time to come. If you don't plan on using them, please advise the office and we can re-assign them to other parishioners. Thank you.

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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