

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.

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or by Appointment.

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*

Josie Paladino - Secretary
Jeswyn Devas - Secretary
Gerry Robin - Accountant

Weekday Masses

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

First Friday of the Month

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Adoration/Benediction

Clare Koo - Custodian

Parish Ministries

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Parish Schools	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
St. Edward	1 Botham Rd., North York, ON M2N 2J6	416-393-5255
St. Cyril	18 Kempford Blvd., Willowdale, ON M2N 2B9	416-393-5270
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Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts	36 Greenfield Ave., Toronto, ON M2N 3C8	416-393-5556



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ST. THOMAS HAS gotten a bad rap. Too often labelled "doubting Thomas," he was actually the first apostle to worship Jesus as "my Lord and my God." "Have you believed because you have seen me?" Jesus asked him. The others were silent the previous Sunday when they had first seen the risen Jesus.

What is believing? John's Gospel uses terms such as "to believe" and "believing" about forty times, always as a verb, never a noun. Believing is not an intellectual process but rather dynamic action. Earlier in the Gospel, when Jesus announced He would go to Bethany where Lazarus had just died, Thomas said, "Let us also go that we may die with [Jesus]." No doubter, Thomas was a bulwark of faith in Jesus. He was ready to give his life for Jesus; he worshipped Jesus when others were tentative.

Believing is discipleship, Thomas was open to the Spirit – the Spirit who came by the water and blood of the crucified Lord, as Saint John tells us in the second reading. The Spirit guided Thomas, in his believing, to the truth.

Thomas did not defend his reluctance to believe in the resurrection until he could put his hand in Jesus' wounds. Instead, he saw, he changed and he worshipped. May we also be so forthright.

(Reflection of Beverly Illaug, Kemptville of Living with Christ)

St. Gregory of Narek

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.



Monday, April 8. 2024

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Terence Curtis

Blessings for Peter Carvalho

Blessings for Angelo & Elowina Jumarang's

25th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Msgr. Pat

Thursday April 11, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Lobo Family

Friday, April 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Lucia De Santis

Saturday, April 13, 2-24 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Michelle Mra

Crispin Young

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Dolores Medina 9:30 a.m. + Satendra Ganjoo 11:00 a.m. + Charlie Ireton

CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

In concordance with the invitation of His Holiness, Pope Francis, that all faithful annually renew the act of consecration to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, Monday, April 8, 2024, please note St. Edward the Confessor Parish invites parishioners to do so, following the Monday morning Mass (Mass at 8:30 a.m.).

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

The Totus Tuus summer camp is back this summer from July 14-19 for students entering Grades 1-12 in the next school year! Join us for some catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The program is \$100 per child for the day program and \$40 for the evening program. Hope to see you there! Please email stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com to

Coins for Life

For those who have not yet returned the Coins for Life boxes, please note to return them no later than next weekend April 13th/14th. Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Residence Masses

Friday, April 12th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 17th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 29th – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

<u>Fr. Dave Warren's New Bible Series</u> "The Resurrections of Jesus

"Jesus is Lord!" is the central proclamation of Christian faith. And Jesus is Lord because He has risen from the dead.

Father David Warren is offering a five-part series on the Resurrection of Jesus in the New Testament. His series will begin on Monday, April 15. We will meet on *Zoom* from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m.

If you haven't already signed up for Father Dave's Bible Study Group, you can sign up on the parish website at Latest News > View All News > Sign Up for Fr. Dave's Bible Study Group.

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (*I Corinthians* 5: 17).

THE SACRED PROJECT

Jonathan Lee Michael, one of our cantors, has created a 5-part series on Sacred Music, filmed at local churches, and includes his singing of sacred music as well as interviews with local church leaders. The first episode featured St. Edward's Church (the link to view that episode is listed below). The remaining episodes air each Saturday, at 12:30 p.m., on YES TV. The channels to view it on: Rogers Cable (channel 9) and Bell Media (channel 1651).

Jonathan will also perform a concert at St. Edward's Church on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, and can be ordered on line at: thesacredproject.ca, or directly on his website at: musicbyjohn.ca

For those wishing to purchase tickets in person, tickets will be sold after all the weekend Masses April 20/21. This is an exciting project that is gaining national attention. Jonathan thanks all for your support.

Catholic Women's League - TDC Convention

All women of the parish are invited to attend the 103rd Toronto Diocesan Catholic Women's League convention, Monday April 29 – Tuesday April 30, at the Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Cr, Ajax. All the information, including a schedule of events, can be found at:

https://www.cwltoronto.ca/conventions/

For non-CWL members: The deadline for registration is Monday, April 8th, and non-CWL members can register here: https://www.cwltoronto.ca/2024-convention-registration/.

Please select "Other" for the "Attending As" drop-down selection, and enter "Guest" into the appropriate box. If you have any questions, please email the contact information at the bottom of the registration form page. Come see what the League is all about, with members and guests from all over the GTA! We hope to see you there!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The 9 Day Divine Mercy Novena (which began on Good Friday) concludes this weekend, Divine Mercy Sunday, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Prayer cards will be made available at the front of the Church so that all may join in this special novena on the actual feast day of Divine Mercy.

Message from Msgr. Pat O'Dea

I would like to thank all who assisted in helping to plan our Palm Sunday and Holy Week liturgies. In particular, I want to thank the Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, sacristans, and all the parish groups who led the Stations of the Cross. I thank Sr. Teresa Morrison and the R.C.I.A. Team for their ministry this past year to those who were welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. I also wish to thank Maria Amodio who decorated the Church so beautifully.

A special thanks to the Pastoral Team, and the Office Staff, for their dedicated service to the parish each and every day.

May God bless you.

2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners

The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees is excited to announce the commencement of its 2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This initiative is designed to aid parishioners interested in sponsoring family members seeking refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner and wish to sponsor a family member, call the parish office to arrange a meeting with the pastor. Interested parishioners will be asked to provide the necessary funds required for sponsorship.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of April 13-14, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Visit www.HolylandChristians.ca

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