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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. Andrew Taylor – *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*
 Sr. Teresa Morrison, CPS – *R.C.I.A.*
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CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
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Parish Schools

<u>Parish Schools</u>	<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
St. Antoine Daniel	160 Finch Ave. W., Willowdale, ON M2N 2J2	416-393-5339
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Sunday of Advent

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We begin our journey with Jesus through the liturgical year with a call to be alert. There is a great temptation to close our eyes to the ugliness of the world. But when we choose voluntary blindness, we can often become closed to wonder and grace.

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to "be alert at all times." How do we open our eyes without being overwhelmed by despair at the suffering around us? How do we see with hopeful eyes beyond brutality? The teaching of Jesus gives us gospel lenses. We are taught to see the signs and recognize in them the work that God calls us to do. These are bifocal lenses where we see the global patterns of injustice as well as the local possibilities of building the reign of God.

Advent is a time of deep discernment – the great gift that helps us convert vision into action. Our pre-Christmas preparations are often marked by haste and distraction, but Advent calls us to embody hope, peace, joy and love. We are to become the Advent candles we light.

As we become these Advent candles, may we illuminate the dark places in the world and light the path of the coming of the Christ Child, again and again.

(Reflection of Les Miller of Living with Christ)

EDGE and Life Teen

The EDGE ministry for grades 6-8 runs every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, from 7 – 9 pm, and Life Teen ministry for high school students runs every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 7-9 PM. Join us for some fun, catechesis, and prayer! (stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

SHARELIFE – DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

Your love is helping put food on the table... Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Through your support for ShareLife and the Food Security Grants, you are ensuring that food finds its way to the tables of those who need it most.



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
DECEMBER 12, 20024**

Besides the regular 8:30 a.m. morning Mass, we shall have an evening Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a reception in the parish hall. There will be music and food. Come and celebrate this annual feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Monday, December 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. Blessings & Good Health for Sierra

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Leonides & Arlene Tungohan
+ Jerry Bourgeois

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Chui Choy Tso

Thursday, December 5, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Eric Mullaney Jr.
+ Johann Tungohan
+ Pietro & Ida D'Andrea

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Eustace Pereira

Saturday, December 7, 2024 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Shui-Lin Wang
+ Maria Sestito
+ Leonides Tungohan
+ George Wan Sai Cheong

4:30 p.m. + Birthday Wishes for Brian Wong

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho
9:30 a.m. + Ignatius Pereira
11:00 a.m. + Vincenza Ruggiero

PARISH ADVENT MISSION

St. Edward's Parish will have an Advent Mission commencing with the Masses on the weekend of December 7th and 8th. The Advent Mission will continue Monday, December 9th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, with an additional Mass at 7 p.m. The Advent Mission will conclude on Tuesday evening, 7 p.m., December 10th, followed by Confessions. We are pleased to inform that our Retreat Director will be Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, Bishop Emeritus of Ottawa-Cornwall. We invite all parishioners to keep these dates in mind as we plan to celebrate the Advent Mission.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th

**7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Archbishop Prendergast to offer Reflection
at: 7:00 p.m. Confessions to follow.**



ST. VINCENT de PAUL ANGEL TREE

Our annual parish St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree program which assists needy families in our community at Christmas is more urgent than ever before. We all know that due to inflation, daily living expenses have increased significantly. The Angel Trees will be in the foyer and will have tags for children, families, and other neighbours in need. As in past years, there are tags available for different ministries:

- Families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish and of St. Clare's parish.
- Outreach assistance to the homeless served by the Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto
- Families served by the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

How to get a Tag:

You can get tags from the Angel Trees in the foyer this weekend, Nov. 30th /Dec. 1st.

How to Return the Tag:

Please return gifts on the weekends of Nov. 30/Dec. 1 or Dec. 7/8. A gift table for returns will be located by the parish office or you can place your gifts under the Angel Tree.

THE OTHER MAJOR CHRISTMAS DRIVE

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember we have a special St. Vincent de Paul collection this weekend Nov. 30/Dec. 1, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas. This particular collection 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 throughout the year with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
December 9, 2024**

In addition to the morning mass, at 8:30 a.m., there will be an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m., which falls within the parish Advent Mission. His Grace, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, retired Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, will celebrate the Mass, followed by a reflection. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 15, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Doors to the hall will open at 12:00 p.m. This is open to all children and their families. No cost for the event.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th

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

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 28th – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 29th

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

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31st – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

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

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Seniors' Christmas Luncheon for December 4th, is fully booked. We thank all who will be assisting with the luncheon and to all the seniors for their great witness of faith and service to the Church over the years. May God continue to bless them in their faith and in their continued service.

55+ Club

The 55+ Seniors Group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm. and the knitters & crocheters from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. For more information, contact Lorena Chioran at 416-398-0973.



Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available in the lobby. 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.

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