



# 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. Andrew Taylor – *Associate Pastor*  
 Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*  
 Sr. Teresa Morrison, CPS – *R.C.I.A.*  
 Francesco Rampino – *Seminarian*

Josie Paladino - *Secretary*  
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## Parish Ministries

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**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
**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
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

IT'S GAUDETE (REJOICE) Sunday, and most of today's readings shimmer and pulsate with joy. It's the Gospel that, at first blush, seems anti-climactic, as an ascetic John the Baptist preaches sacrifice to those wishing to receive his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And yet there are three causes of rejoicing here that can also transform our lives.

The first is the stirring of desire for a holy life from such unlikely characters as tax collectors, soldiers and, well ordinary people. The second is their humble, courageous and fearsome question: "What should we do?" They so longed for the forgiveness of their sins that wealth, power and position faded away before the promise of a clean heart. And John's response – his good news – was within their reach: act fairly and honestly. But the greatest cause for rejoicing is the glimpse John gave of the Saviour coming to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire: a baptism of holiness beyond their comprehension and beyond his own grace.

As we approach the Advent of our Lord into the very marrow of our humanity, washing away our sins and promising a baptism into his divinity, let us muster the hope and the audacity to ask, "What must I do, to open my heart to this grace today?"

*(Reflection of Cheryl Ann Smith of Living with Christ)*

### THANK YOU!

Msgr. Pat wishes to thank Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa-Cornwall, for leading the Advent Mission from Saturday, December 7th - Tuesday, December 10th on the theme of "Hope Does Not Disappoint". The Archbishop spoke at all the weekend Masses, and led us in reflections on Monday and Tuesday. The Advent Day of Confessions was also held during the Mission. It was an important part of our preparations for Christmas. Thanks to the Catholic Women's League for providing refreshments following each of the Masses.

Msgr. Pat also wishes to thank all who helped with the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day event. Mass was celebrated both in the morning, and in the evening, with a special re-enactment of the story of Our Lady's appearance to Juan Diego, held in the parish hall following Mass.

Let us pray for all who help to enhance our parish events by their presence and dedication.

#### Senior Residence Masses – December 2024

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

**Parishioners are welcome to attend; check in at the Residence Reception Desk.**



#### Monday, December 16, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Vincenza Marrazzo

#### Tuesday, December 17, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ching-Yock & Ho-Leung Lo  
Birthday Wishes for Agatha An  
Special Intentions for Ceasar Cabalaturan  
Blessings & Healings for David Lee

#### Wednesday, December 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. Protection of the Unborn Children

#### Thursday, December 19, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Shui-Lin Wang  
+ Bozena Potasiewicz

#### Friday, December 20, 2024

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Jeannine Pereira

#### Saturday, December 21, 2024 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Anthony Martins  
+ Alice Lo  
+ Fiorina Alviani  
Birthday Wishes for Beatrice Duran

4:30 p.m. + Mary Lalonde

#### Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Valerija Zonta  
9:30 a.m. + Vincenza Marrazzo  
11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Pereira Family

### CONGRATULATIONS

Sr. Moreblessing Ann Sibanda, CPS, made her solemn vows at St. Edward's Church, on Monday, December 9, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa-Cornwall, presided at the Mass, which was attended by a number of priests, to include our parish priests, deacon, and seminarian-intern. Sr. Moreblessing is a Sister of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood, whose local convent is at St. Bernard's on Finch Avenue. St. Edward's Church was honoured to host at the request of the religious community and we congratulate Sr. Moreblessing on her final vows. Please remember her and all the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in your prayers.

### ANGEL TREE



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 and St. Clare's 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. A more detailed report will be presented once all deliveries have been made.

## Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

The parishioners of St. Edward the Confessor parish offer our prayers and best wishes to our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, who was elevated to the College of Cardinals on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

## Three Exciting Contests for Youth in 2025

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is thrilled to announce 3 inspiring contests for the youth of our parish! Do not miss this opportunity to showcase your talents and make an impact.

### 1. Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

Eligibility: Students in Grades 7 and Grade 8  
Participants will present a prepared speech (3–5 minutes) on a topic of their choice and participate in a 1 minute impromptu speech.

Event Date: **Sunday, February 2, 2025**

Time: **1:00 p.m.**

Location: Parish Hall

Registration Deadline: **Saturday, January 11, 2025**

### 2. Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest

Eligibility: Students in Grades 7 – 12

Share your perspective on the Sanctity and Dignity of Life through an Essay or Poem.

Submission Deadline: **Saturday, January 25, 2025**

Registration Deadline: **Saturday, January 11, 2025**

### 3. Jean McCann Service Award

Eligibility: Confirmed Catholic youth ages 15–18

This award honours youth who have made meaningful contributions to our parish.

Submission Deadline: **Sunday, February 22, 2025**

Registration Deadline: **Saturday, January 11, 2025**

Important Details:

Sign-Up Sheet: Available on the St. Edward's CWL Website

Questions? Email us at [stedwardcwl@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardcwl@gmail.com)

More Information: Visit the CWL Bulletin Board in the Parish Foyer

For full details on each contest, please visit the Catholic Women's League section on our Parish Website. We look forward to seeing the amazing contributions from our parish youth!

## Annual Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

St. Edward's Parish will again present the true story of Christmas, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve!

Thank you to all those who signed up as we look forward to the presentation of the true Christmas story.



## *Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule*

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

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 31<sup>st</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

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

## Parish Office Christmas/New Year's Hours

Tuesday, December 24 – office will close at 12:00 noon

Wednesday, December 25 – office closed – Christmas

Thursday, December 26 – office closed – Statutory Holiday

Tuesday, December 31 – office will close at 12:00 noon

Wednesday, January 1 – office closed – New Year's Day

Regular hours resume Thursday, January 2, 2025

Although the office is closed, please note that phone messages and emails, are checked and answered on a regular basis.



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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