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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Monday, January 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Reinaldo Fuentes

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ethel Mary Walsh
Intentions for Dan Kitty & Mary Salvador
Blessings for Beatrice & Carlos

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Thursday, January 9, 2025 Multi-intention

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

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Aurora Abaygar

Saturday, January 11, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Cecilia Kim

4:30 p.m. + Maria Gerardi

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Dolores Medina

9:30 a.m. Intentions for thanksgiving

11:00 a.m. Intentions for Brendon, Kay & Claire

CHRISTMAS DAY was twelve days ago; we moved on? Have the distractions of the season had their way with us? Has the tree been taken down, and the stockings and ornaments put away? Has the ordinary returned?

Before we wrap up Christmas, we are meant to sit with today's Gospel, savouring its words, amazed as we go deeper – appreciating what God has done for us, for you, for me. With the birth of our Lord and Saviour, all the world was changed – not just two thousand years ago, but for all time, and for today. Or has it? We who are Jesus' witnesses in our homes, communities, and workplaces must persevere in opening our minds and hearts, seeking the joy experienced by the Magi as the star led them to the Holy Family.

If we aren't amazed by what has transpired, maybe we showed up Christmas morning but missed the Good News. As a husband, father and grandfather, at times I have been glad that the hype, busy-ness and expense are over, but also sad that so little has changed. Like many, I have missed the real celebration of Christmas. If this is true for you, go back to today's Gospel and reread it. Relish the news it brings; pay sincere homage; and put Jesus at the centre of your year ahead.

(Reflection of Harry McAvoy 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)

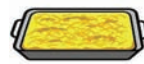
Senior Residence Masses – January 2025

Friday, January 10th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 15th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 27th – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES



A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due the second weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.

Good Shepherd Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve meals to the needy at the Good Shepherd Refuge on the 2nd Thursday and/or 4th Wednesday each month from 2 – 4 PM. If you are interested, please contact Margaret at 416-226-1449 for more details.

LITTLE LAMBS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Little Lambs or Children's Liturgy classes resumes this Sunday January 5, 2025.



We still have boxes of Offertory envelopes for 2025 in the foyer of the church. The boxes are in alphabetical order. 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.

REMINDER

First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes for those registered from the Public/Private Schools begin next weekend, Sunday, January 12 at 10:45 a.m. in the parish hall. Parents have already received the Schedule of Classes.

Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Classes for those registered from the Public/Private Schools begin Thursday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. and run every Thursday night as per Schedule provided to all students and parents.

ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025

This year our Christmas celebrations was informed by the Jubilee Year which Pope Francis launched and invites us to share, inspired by the theme “*Pilgrims of Hope*”. Jubilee Years ordinarily happen every twenty-five years and are meant to be a time of great spiritual renewal and reconciliation. Our Holy Father announced the Jubilee expressing his desire that “the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. Jn 10:7-9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always everywhere and to all as “our hope” (1 Tim 1:1).

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica, continuing until January 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door.

As in the past, the Archdiocese has identified holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. For the Central Region, St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York is one of the parishes that has been selected.

To help parishes bring the Jubilee to life more concretely, you can find many of resources by visiting www.archtoronto.org/jubilee.



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

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!

55+ Club

The 55+ Club will resume January 8, 2025. 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.

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