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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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Parish Ministries

55+ CLUB - 416-222-5139
CATECHISM COURSE(S) - Msgr. Pat O’Dea
CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE - Monica Figueredo
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Grand Knight, Kim Pacis
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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
Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts	36 Greenfield Ave., Toronto, ON M2N 3C8	416-393-5556

1st Sunday of Lent



GENEALOGIES ARE POPULAR, as websites and test kits abound. I have not ventured into this world, but some of my cousins have. I am grateful for the grainy black and white photos that pop up in my inbox every few months.

Is it a notion of family and heritage that Moses is appealing to in today's first reading? If it is, the story is not always as glamorous as we may want it to be. The promise of "milk and honey" in today's first reading is sometimes a travelling companion to our psalm response of "when I am in trouble." Paul reminds us to remain rooted in the word, on our lips and in our heart. Yes, look back so we can move forward, but do not miss today.

This First Sunday of Lent calls us to remember God's blessings, knowing the hardships that are ours as well. Jesus himself was not immune to temptation and neither are we. Even when rooted in His baptism and His ancestors, Jesus was tempted. And the attractions may be familiar to us, coming as our desire for provision, position and power. Times and places may differ, but temptations find us.

May this Lenten season be a time of reclaiming our traditions so that when tempted, we can resolutely call out the name of the Lord and be saved.

(Reflection of Sr. Susan Kidd, CND of Living with Christ)

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

Monday, March 17th – 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond Street, Toronto

The annual Mass of St. Patrick from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on **Monday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m.** Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Msgr. Pat will be helping to organize this Mass. There will also be an opportunity for all attending to visit the CRYPT Chapel to pray at the tomb of Bishop Michael Power.

Livestream available at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

COME TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY & ST. JOSEPH'S FESTIVE MEAL AND SOCIAL

Saturday, March 15, 2024

St. Edward's Parish Hall

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$40 per person for Dinner
50/50 Draw – Cash Bar – Photo Booth

Tickets will be sold ONLY after all Masses this weekend, March 8th/9th. Be sure to get your tickets early.

Monday, March 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Katarzyna Faltyn & Parents

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for José Tsang-Driscoll
+ Maria & Calogero Augello
+ Ching-Yock & Ho-Leung Lo

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Kazimierz Foremny

Thursday, March 13, 2025 Multi-intention

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

Friday, March 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. Protection of Unborn Children
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Francis King
+ Shui-Lin Wang
Normita Gimena

4:30 p.m. + Matthew & Thomas Meagher

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. Thank you to Jesus
9:30 a.m. + Onorio D'Andrea
11:00 a.m. Wedding Anniversary of
Hermie & Beth Marquez

Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat

March 14 to March 16, 2025 at

St. Augustine's Seminary

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 14 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 16 (2 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration online: at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, visit: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Senior Residence Masses – March 2025

Friday, March 14th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 19th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.
Monday, March 31st – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

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
7:30 p.m. – Mass

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.

Springs of Hope

Virtual Meetings held second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Springs of Hope is a space where couples journey together on the challenging path of infertility. These encounters serve as a vessel for a deep renewal in our relationships with our spouses, selves and God. It accompanies those struggling with infertility by offering a place where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness. The group is firmly rooted in the spirituality of the Catholic Church, including its teachings on marriage, reproductive technologies and the dignity of the human person. We affirm the goodness and beauty of the couple and work to help marriages blossom even when experiencing seasons of infertility or loss. By focusing on Christ rather than conception, we can enter more deeply into the mystery of God and His divine plan for marriage and our lives.

CONTACT: Springs of Hope

EMAIL: suzanne.lozinski@gmail.com

WEBSITE: <https://rhfertilitycare.com/support-group>

Coins for Life 2025

Coins for life boxes will be out at the back of the church. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 8, 2025. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.

Journey through Lent

We are pleased to announce that the *Journey through Lent* video series, which includes reflections on the readings for Sundays in Lent including Palm Sunday, is available. It is a joint project between three CCCB offices (the *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis).

The videos are available on the CCCB Website.

English: www.cccb.ca/lent French: www.cecc.ca/careme

Muffin Mondays for Seniors

Hawthorn School – 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto

As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Mondays. Enjoy complimentary coffee, snacks, & a performance at **3:15 PM on the following Mondays: April 14, May 12 and June 9.** Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or qyu@hawthornschool.com for more information.

CGL Circle

Building Faith, Friendship, Fun, and Formation

The Catholic Girls League (CGL) had its first meeting on February 27, 2025, with 14 girls and volunteers. The evening featured fun activities like handwriting, origami, and friendship bracelets.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. New members welcome! Register online: <https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/en/parish-groups/catholic-girls-league/>

Registration Fee: No fee, but cash donations to cover refreshments and activities are appreciated.

For questions, email Gene: stedward75cgl@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

ShareLife – Parish Results

St. Edward's Parish had a record year in their ShareLife Campaign results. The parish goal was set at \$121,000, yet \$121,109.83 was raised to date. Thank you to all for your generous support of the Archdiocesan campaign and congratulations!

First ShareLife Sunday for 2025 is **March 30th**. Our parish goal is \$122,000 for 2024. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you again for your support.

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