

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

Jeswyn Devas - *Secretary* Gerry Robin - *Accountant* Clare Koo - *Custodian*

Weekday Masses

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

First Friday of the Month

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Josie Paladino - Secretary

Adoration/Benediction

Parish Ministries

55+ CLUB - 416-222-5139

CATECHISM COURSE(S) - Msgr. Pat O'Dea

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Monica Figueredo

stedwardcwl@gmail.com

GOOD SHEPHERD - Margaret Hawkins

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Grand Knight, Kim Pacis

Kim.pacis@kofc.org

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Monica Figueredo

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - 437-388-4960

YOUTH MINISTRY - Maribeth Go

stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

Liturgical Ministries

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LECTORS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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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
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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

WHAT'S OUR WEDDING feast? Where in our lives are we striving for that recognition and praise? Whom are we trying to impress? And why? These are huge questions. Challenging ones that – with time, thought and prayerful reflection – likely reveal rich insights from God about ourselves.

Be it in our work, parish, neighbourhoods or homes, we long to be noticed for the good we do. It's natural to enjoy someone's gratitude and feel seen, appreciated and affirmed. It's nice when our kindness is recognized and reciprocated. But when the good we do is done for that accolade, it's a sure sign that the weed of pride has taken root. We will feel snubbed, dismissed or overlooked because we aren't getting the attention we think we deserve. In time, the garden of our heart is overrun with outrage (why not me?), envy (why them?) or apathy (why bother?). These choke the growth and limit the fruitfulness of all the good we can do.

Weeding pride is uncomfortable, difficult and ongoing work, but it's so worth it. Thankfully, our God is the God of comfort – not the comfortable. He is with us, eager to help us flourish. So today, let us get on our knees, humble our hearts, and ask God to show us our weeds, thankful that with God we'll cultivate more of what's truly good and beautiful. (Reflection of Caroline Pignat of Living with Christ)

Ordination to the Diaconate

Matthew Tulio, our former seminarian-intern, along with Matteo Bertozzi, Moonjun Alphonse Choi and Victor Valdès will be ordained to Transitional Diaconate, by **The Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, on Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.** All are welcome.

EDGE/LifeTeen Volunteer Applications Now Open!

Do you feel called to walk with our youth in their journey of faith? Applications to serve in EDGE (Middle School) and/or LifeTeen (High School) are officially OPEN!

Whether you're a returning volunteer or interested in joining for the first time, we invite you to apply and discern how God may be calling you to serve in this ministry. To apply, please use the following links: **EDGE**

Application: https://forms.gle/opexcdGQgTicuHoRA

LifeTeen

Application: https://forms.gle/WbynzKPD5qdr1kB29



Monday, September 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Christopher Pereira

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m.

+ August Lerch

+ Henry Kruk

+ Martin & Milton Poon

+ Michael Fanous

Wedding blessings for Mirae & Thomas More Paik

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Siuwah Tam

Thursday, September 4, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m.

Birthday Wishes for Anna Kang & Family Wedding blessings for Mirae & Thomas More Paik

+ Martin & Milton Poon

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Susana Kim

Saturday, September 6, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Boaretto Family

Special Intention for Donald & Enid Coelho

+ Martin & Milton Poon + Marykutty Mattam

4:30 p.m. + Giuseppe Morra

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Regina King

9:30 a.m. + Luigi Pagnani 11:00 a.m. + Emily Doherty

Sacrament of the Sick in Hospitals

In the event a family member is in a hospital and needs the Sacrament of the Sick, please note, especially if times of emergency, there are Roman Catholic Priests assigned to a hospital ("On-Call Chaplain"). Simply request the nursing staff to contact the Chaplaincy to ask for a Catholic priest, even if for Confession and/or Holy Communion.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND OF AUGUST 30/31

Fr. Prince Michael will be the homilest at all the Masses the weekend of August 30-31, in order to highlight an appeal for an international mission. Each year, the Church invites us to hear about a particular mission territory and to support them by our prayers and financial help. Special envelopes will be made available in the pews and at the back of church. Parishioners are welcome to return them the following weekend if you wish. Thank you for your generous support of the missions.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? R.C.I.A. CLASSES START WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2025

We have already received a number of applications/registrations for this year's R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults course) which formally starts on **Wednesday**, **September 24**, at 7:00 p.m. (those registered are asked to be present for 6:45 p.m. for sign-in and social).

For those wishing to register for the course, please visit our parish website and locate the section on "Registration Forms" and download the RCIA application form. Please fill in and return to the parish office or scan and send it as an email (stedwardtheconfessorno@archtoronto.org). One of the priests will contact you for a meeting to ensure all paperwork is in order. If you simply prefer to contact the parish for an interview, first, before filling in the forms, to learn more about the program, simply call the parish secretary to leave a message. The contact information is: 416-221-9131. Copies of the RCIA form are also available at the parish office.

Please note that the RCIA class will begin **Wednesday**, **September 24**th, and will be held each Wednesday night to Easter and to be held for a few more weeks even after Easter. Persons who register for the course are free to discern the faith through learning, reflecting and prayer, and worship at Mass. A full schedule will be provided at the first class.

CGL Circle – Faith, Friendship, Fun & Formation

Talk, Dance & Pizza at the CGL!!!!

On the evening of June 26th, the members of the Catholic Girls' League (CGL) and volunteers gathered for our CGL celebration. This celebration marked our very successful 5 months at St. Edward's Parish. We started the first CGL meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025 with a few CGL girls and the CGL circle of girls keeps growing with love.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 25, 2025 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

New Members Welcome. Register online:

https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/en/parishgroups/catholic-girls-league/

More information: Gene at: stedward75cgl@gmail.com

Office closed Monday, September 1, 2025 For The Labour Day Holiday

"COR" - A MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Msgr. Pat is pleased to announce that he and the Knights of Columbus will introduce a new program in the parish, entitled COR" (Latin for "Heart" and the root of the word "Courage"). This program is open to all men of the parish and will be centered on prayer, formation, and fraternity. Cor is a simple concept. It brings men together to refocus on Jesus Christ through a sacred time of prayer and formation. Men do not often get the opportunity to come together in a men's group to pray, and reflect on their faith and how it impacts their life decisions. How does it work? In order not to disrupt the family life, the meetings will be held early on Saturday mornings, from 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. A light breakfast meal will be served at the beginning, and then a time for a focus on a particular topic, followed by sharing in small groups and prayer.

The Knights will host the event, but it is for the general population of men, and one does not need to be a Knight. They are simply hosting it. We will host this gathering on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7 - 8:30 a.m. This would leave time for men who have other commitments or family events to come early and have the rest of the day free for such personal or family obligations. Msgr. Pat will speak more to this new initiative at a weekend Mass in September. Let us pray that the men of the parish, young and old, may see this as a means of enriching their faith as fathers, husbands, single men in the church.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Children's Ministries

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Little Lambs resume on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at the 9:30 a.m. mass. Children's Liturgy (ages 4-7), located in the parish hall, features prayers and the Gospel reading tailored for young children's understanding and attention. Little Lambs (babies to age 4), located in the church basement, invites families to share God's word in an interactive setting. Children and families will receive a blessing at the beginning of Mass and will return at the Prayers of the Faithful. Please note that a caregiver must accompany their child to the Little Lambs program.

We are also looking for enthusiastic and interested volunteers to help us with both programs as Youth Assistants (ages 13-18) and Teachers (ages 18+). Please contact Melissa Shek (melissa_shek@yahoo.com) for the Children's Liturgy or Julie Tai

(littlelambs.stedward@gmail.com) for Little Lambs. All volunteers will be screened in advance.



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