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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*

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Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe how fast the summer months have flown by! I hope you had a relaxing and peaceful summer, perhaps simply spending more quality time with family and friends.

Although some of the programs at St. Edward's took a break over the summer, St. Edward's still remained quite busy and active. While the regular schedule of daily Masses, confessions, baptisms, Holy Hours, weekend Masses, and senior home masses continued, summer also produced a steadier schedule of weddings, preparation meetings for the RCIA, and many other events. Some of these included the International Picnic and Barbecue, which drew over 400 people, the Corpus Christi Procession, and the Totus Tuus Summer Camp, which was a great success and filled to capacity. During the camp, we also celebrated daily Mass for the youth. A highlight of the summer was also the outdoor Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15). A special initiative this year, given the designation of the parish as a Pilgrim Parish for the Jubilee Year of Hope, we welcomed a number of pilgrims from various parishes for mass and confessions. More pilgrims are expected throughout the rest of the year. It continues to be a unique pleasure for Fr. Andrew, and I, to host the pilgrims, to provide a history of the parish, and to celebrate the sacraments with them. Some came in bus groups, others in smaller groups and even some came individually. Among those visiting in recent weeks: the Hispanic Catholic community, the Chinese and Filipino communities, and the Toronto council, Development and Peace. Some pilgrims even travelled from the States!

The Knights of Columbus and I also designed a new spiritual program for the men of the parish, entitled "COR" which will begin in October. More details will be announced shortly.

This weekend, in recognition of the canonizations, in Rome, of both Blessed Carlo Acutis, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, we will have special prayer intentions. As you know, St. Edward's was privileged this summer to host relics of both future saints during a weekend Mass. Many people came forward to be blessed. This weekend, let us join in prayer with the universal Church as Pope Leo XIV canonizes these two young saints, wonderful models of faith especially for the youth.

As we begin this new school year, I wish to invite your prayers for all the students, teachers, principals and staff of our parish schools as we engage another year of studies and faith formation. As you know, our parish schools include: St. Antione-Daniel, St. Cyril, St. Edward the

Confessor, and Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. The principals, and I, met the last week of August to plan the school Masses and events for the coming year. It is important to note that both Fr. Andrew, and I, celebrate Masses on a regular basis in all our schools. I am very grateful for the warm and engaging relationship with the schools. It is an important aspect of our ministry to build on the family of faith between the home, the parish, and the schools. I feel blessed to have such wonderful principals, vice-principals, and teachers in our parish schools. I am also grateful for their support and encouragement in supporting our efforts in youth ministry as we connect students from the school with the parish programs such as EDGE and LIFE TEEN.

Finally, I wish to congratulate our former seminarian-intern, Matthew Tulio, who will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, September 13, at St. Michael's Cathedral-Basilica. The Ordination Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Deacon Matthew will then attend, same day, the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass at St. Edward the Confessor, to give thanks for your support during his internship year. His plan, at the moment, is to also attend the Sunday Masses. You are welcome, following the Saturday evening Mass, to the parish hall for a time of social and to congratulate Deacon Matthew.

The other exciting news, related to vocations, is that His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Archbishop of Toronto, is appointing a new seminarian-intern, John Xerri, to St. Edward's Parish, for the coming year. John is from Malta. His seminary in Malta, and St. Augustine's Seminary, in Toronto, have worked out a special year of internship for John, with the approval of His Eminence. More details will follow, but I wish to thank His Eminence, and the Rector of St. Augustine's Seminary, Fr. Scott Birchall, for their trust and confidence in sending seminarian-interns to St. Edward's Parish. It is indeed a unique blessing to have the witness of these men who speak of God's transforming presence in their lives. It helps us to look at how God is there for us as well.

In closing, let us pray for one another in this Jubilee Year of Hope. God bless you!

Msgr. Pat O'Dea

Providers of Casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries

Good Shepherd Refugee is having a 'Volunteer Appreciation Night (Dining and Entertainment) Thursday, September 18th, from 6-9 pm, in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. Toronto. Please let Margaret know - (mj.h@sympatico.ca) if you are able to attend.



Monday, September 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Martin & Milton Poon
+ Consolacion Casaldan
+ Monica Grammad
+ Edgar Reduta
+ Ernesto Grammad

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Paul Alemao

Thursday, September 11, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Lai Kwan & Yet Wai Wong
+ Chun Hu Ngo
Blessing & Good Health for the Kan Family

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Alexander Guarnes

Saturday, September 13, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Tiffany & Sean Drennan
+ Newa Flora Muanabat
+ Harvin Kay Villamor
+ Alberto Abaygar

4:30 p.m. + Patrick Saldanha

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Hyeong Jin Kim
9:30 a.m. + A & L D'Angela & Family
11:00 a.m. + Jolanta Ciesielski

Frank Cardinal Leo Appointed

Member of Vatican's Dicastery for the Clergy

On August 28, 2025, it was announced that Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, has been appointed by Pope Leo XIV as a member of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Clergy. The appointment does not impact Cardinal Leo's ministry as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto.

"The Dicastery for the Clergy deals with all matters relating to priests and deacons of the diocesan clergy, with regard to their persons and pastoral ministry, and everything needed for the fruitful exercise of the latter. In these matters, it provides suitable assistance to the Bishops. The Dicastery is responsible for promoting all that concerns the training of future clerics by issuing appropriate norms, such as the Ratio Fundamental Institutionis Sacerdotalis and the Ratio Fundamental Institutionis Diaconorum Permanentium, as well as other documents regarding ongoing formation."

We pray for His Eminence and all those appointed to the Dicastery for the Clergy. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit in their discernment to support priests and deacons throughout the world.

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.ca) for the Children's Liturgy or Julie Tai

(littlelambs.stedward@gmail.com) for Little Lambs.

All volunteers will be screened in advance.

CGL Circle – Faith, Friendship, Fun & Formation

Our next CGL meeting is

Thursday, September 25, 2025 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

New Members Welcome. Register online:

<https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/en/parish-groups/catholic-girls-league/>

More information: Gene at: stedward75cgl@gmail.com

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. Or – feel free to contact the office directly at **416-221-9131**. Copies of the RCIA form are also available at the parish office.

55+ Club

The 55+ Seniors Group will resume on Wednesday, September 10th. Knitters will meet at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, and Seniors will meet from 12:30 – 3:00 pm. All are welcome. Please contact Lorena Chioran (416-398-0973) if you have any question.



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