



# 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.*  
John Xerri – *Seminarian*

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

## Parish Ministries

**55+ CLUB** - 416-222-5139

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

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** - Monica Figueredo  
[stedwardcwl@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardcwl@gmail.com)

**GOOD SHEPHERD** - Margaret Hawkins

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Grand Knight, Kim Pacis  
[Kim.pacis@kofc.org](mailto:Kim.pacis@kofc.org)

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - Monica Figueredo

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - 437-388-4960

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - Maribeth Go  
[stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

## Liturgical Ministries

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS)**

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY**

## Parish Schools

St. Edward

St. Cyril

St. Antoine Daniel

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

## Address

1 Botham Rd., North York, ON M2N 2J6

18 Kempford Blvd., Willowdale, ON M2N 2B9

160 Finch Ave. W., Willowdale, ON M2N 2J2

36 Greenfield Ave., Toronto, ON M2N 3C8

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416-393-5255

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CALL TO righteous behavior is at the core of today's readings, but we first glimpse unrighteous behavior. Those at ease in Amos' time created class distinctions that violated the Covenant and took advantages of others for their own gain. Their music-making was not for the Lord, as was David's. They took neither God nor the Scriptures to heart.

The rich man of today's Gospel is no different. Even after death, he views Lazarus as of less value and at his service. The rich man's way of living has so formed his heart that he appears unable to turn towards God and become truly repentant. Despite his seemingly selfless attempt to warn his brothers, he never expresses sorrow or remorse.

The chasm between Hades and heaven suggests a continuity between, life now and in eternity, and it has a finality about it that surely makes us uncomfortable. Which of us has not ignored or avoided a person in need, or failed to live a good life?

We are not told whether Lazarus would have helped the rich man, had the chasm not been impassable. The Scriptures tell us, however, that Jesus Christ was rich, but became poor, a chasm-crossing that has allowed us to gain eternal life with him. And so, we live in gratitude.

*(Reflection of Christine Mader of Living with Christ)*

### Message from John

My name is John Xerri and I am 25 years old. I was born in Gozo Malta, and I live in Gozo's smallest village, whose population does not exceed 500 people. I enjoy reading, and playing the piano.

I had never wanted to become a priest. When I was younger I wanted to become a doctor. I entered the University of Malta. When Covid struck and we had to go home, I had the chance to stay with my thoughts. My time alone forced me to face several existential questions that I had struggled to ignore over the years. Over the months that followed, I found a spiritual director and together we discerned my vocation. I eventually applied for the propaedeutic year and was admitted in 2021. I started my seminary formation in the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the diocese of Gozo in 2022. Now, three years later, I have just embarked on a new adventure, and I will be spending these coming months with you all.

I look forward to meeting you, and I ask that you keep me in your prayers. See you soon,

John



### Monday, September 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Consuelo Pabalan

### Tuesday, September 30, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Jean Brooks  
Blessings for the Grotto Group Members

### Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Sr. Theresina Kim

### Thursday, October 2, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ching-Yock & Ho-Leung Lo  
Birthday Wishes for Angel Jeong

### Friday, October 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Ella Pereira

### Saturday, October 4, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Blessings for the Grotto Group Members  
+ Isidro, Hipolito & Juan Chin

4:30 p.m. + Yvonne Dourado

### Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Julie Fernandes  
9:30 a.m. + Marie Callaghan  
11:00 a.m. + Patricia Anne Morrison

### COR PROGRAM

#### A NEW SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH

Msgr. Pat would like to invite the men of the parish to attend a new spiritual program designed to assist men to grow in faith and fellowship. The program is called "COR" (from the Latin, meaning "Heart"). The meeting time is early on a Saturday morning, to allow less disruption of family life. Topics vary, but are meant to assist men in sharing together on mutual interests and themes related to Christian life. There is no need to sign up or to feel obligated to attend all the meetings. The program will run in the parish hall on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**.

#### Schedule as follows:

**7:00 a.m.** - Hall Doors Open;  
Gathering time for social/coffee/refreshments

**7:30 a.m.** - Themed Talk and Spiritual Discussion  
**8:30 a.m.** - Concludes with Prayer

### 55+ Club

The 55+ Seniors Group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm. Knitters & crocheters from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Lorena Chioran at 416-398-0973 for more Information



## Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of October 11-12, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

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You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

### ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? R.C.I.A. CLASSES

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](mailto: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.

### **October 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Collection – Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation**

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 70% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$3.1 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. The second collection on the weekend of **October 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>** provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit:  
[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!

### **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive: Weekends of October 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



Along with our monthly "Neighbourhood Link" North York Food Drive we will have our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Good Shepherd Ministries. We will be collecting non-perishable food items the weekend of **October 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>** for the Good Shepherd Ministries. Your donation will help make it possible for them to continue to offer nutritious meals to those in need.

**Urgently needed items are: canned meats, canned fruits, canned tuna & salmon, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, ground/instant coffee, breakfast cereals, pasta & sauces, cookies and crackers, tea, jams, sugar & rice.**

### **The 111<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

For the 111<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants & Refugees, the theme announced by His Holiness is "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope." In His message, Pope Leo XIV highlights the resilience of migrants and refugees who give witness to hope amidst very difficult circumstances. He reminds us that those who welcome migrants and refugees can also reflect this same hope. His message ends with a call to entrust all those who journey, and all those accompany them to the protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants.

### **Youth Ministry**

The EDGE and Life Teen Ministry begins next Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>. EDGE will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Life Teen will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Registration Forms available in the lobby of the Church or contact Maribeth Go at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

### **Children's Ministries**

We are looking for volunteers to help us with Children's Liturgy of the Word and Little Lambs programs as Youth Assistants (ages 13-18) and Teachers (ages 18+). Please contact Melissa Shek ([melissa\\_shek@yahoo.ca](mailto:melissa_shek@yahoo.ca)) for the Children's Liturgy or Julie Tai ([littlelambs.stedward@gmail.com](mailto:littlelambs.stedward@gmail.com)) for Little Lambs.

All volunteers will be screened in advance.

### **Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound**

Our parish is looking for more Eucharistic Ministers for this spiritually rewarding Ministry. We invite parishioners to join this Ministry. You would have to complete an online course with the Archdiocese of Toronto which starts every Thursday from October 23 to December 4 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. To register

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/ds2lrZuvS4SUI-T3aHLsvw#/registration>



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