

# St. Edward The Confessor Church

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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

*Heavenly Creator,*

*In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.  
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.  
Keep their faith strong as they await relief.  
And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

*Amen*

Dear Parishioners:

I wish to extend my best wishes and prayers as we celebrate both Thanksgiving Day, on Monday, October 13, as well as the Feast Day of St. Edward the Confessor, the patron saint of our church. What a happy coincidence that both fall on the same date this year. It makes for a great celebration indeed! The Mass will be celebrated on Monday morning, Thanksgiving Day, at 8:30 a.m. This way, we also give thanks for the gift of our parish community and the many ways in which we experience the love of God in and through one another. I am very grateful to be your Pastor and also grateful for your prayers, support and encouragement. I also thank God for our Associate Pastor, Fr. Andrew Taylor, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), John Xerri (our new seminarian-intern), Deacon David Quail, and the staff of the parish for their wonderful ministry to the parish. Happy Thanksgiving Day and Happy Feast Day of St. Edward the Confessor!

This past week, I celebrated Mass at each of our three parish schools, and the high school (the week prior). As well, I celebrated Mass at one of our senior residences. At each location, we celebrated the theme of "Thanksgiving" in preparation for Thanksgiving Day. I give thanks for the gift of our youth and the gift and presence of our seniors, who have long served the church. What a joy to be with them.

During this past week, we also celebrated the funeral liturgies for the late Betty Currid and Joseph Callaghan. My sympathy to the families. May this Thanksgiving remind us of our gratitude to all who have gone before us in faith. Let us also pray for the sick, and those in need who count on our prayers. Prayers are very powerful. As you know, at the end of each Mass, we offer 3 Hail Mary's for those who have died and for those who may die in the coming week. It is a beautiful action to offer such a prayer of comfort for those about to meet the Lord. In this month of October, we are especially reminded to pray the rosary, a powerful devotion that unites us to our Blessed Mother and her son, Jesus Christ.

As I close my reflection, I wish, in particular, to thank all of you for your generous financial support of the parish, and the various second collections in support of the many activities and outreach ministries of the Archdiocese. As well, your support of the needs of the Canadian Church and Missions, and international missions is so inspiring. Thank you.

This weekend, members of the Finance Council will offer a summary report of the financial statement of the parish for the last fiscal year (2023-2024), as well as the financial report of the first 6 months of this current year (January - June 2025). The good news is that the parish has

approximately four million dollars invested with the Archdiocese, and continues to remain financially stable in its current day-to-day income and expenses, even given the greater demands on parish activities and programs. Over the past year, expenses related to repairing part of the roof of the church was directly covered by investments through our Family of Faith funding. This week, we begin and repair of the brick columns in the parking lot as well as brick work repairs to the outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. Obviously, the funds that are invested will be used towards future projects related to the interior of the church.

A copy of the financial statements will be included as a special insert in the bulletin this weekend. Also included will be an itemized report of the second collections taken up in 2004 and in 2025 (to date).

In conclusion, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. Please know of my prayers and gratitude for your presence and support, and ministry, at St. Edward the Confessor Parish.

God bless you.

Msgr. Pat O'Dea

### **Youth Ministry**

The EDGE and Life Teen Ministry began 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.

### **Development & Peace**

The Toronto Council of Development and peace will make a Jubilee Year pilgrimage in Toronto, visiting various pilgrim churches, and concluding with a visit to St. Edward's Church, on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. They will join with us for the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Following Mass, they will meet for a social in the parish hall. Those interested in attending must RSVP at: [torontodevp@gamil.com](mailto:torontodevp@gamil.com)

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, October 13, 2025

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Cecilia Kang

### Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Elissa Lee  
Blessings for Angela & George Chu's 30<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
Blessings for Jasmine Carvalho & Family

### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Tracy Lo & Terry Ho

### Thursday, October 16, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Boaretto Family  
Special Intention for Theresina Kim  
Birthday Wishes for Theresa Braimah  
+ Cecilia Ilagan

### Friday, October 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Domenico Castelli

### Saturday, October 18 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Constance Craig  
+ Chan Shee & Cheong Hing  
+ Mary Cheong & Wing Ho

4:30 p.m. + Birthday Wishes for Andrew Wong

### Sunday, October 19, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Sandhya D'mello  
9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino  
11:00 a.m. + Andrew Moor

### FEAST OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Monday, Thanksgiving Day, October 13<sup>th</sup> also is the Feast Day of St. Edward the Confessor, the patron saint of our parish. We shall celebrate this Feast at the morning Mass (8:30 a.m.). Mass is also live-streamed through the parish website. All are welcome!

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

The men of the parish are invited 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. 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. The next meeting is **Saturday, October 18<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

### **Registrations for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation**



#### **First Communion Parent Registration Night: Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at Church**

(Parents need to bring a copy of the child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate)



#### **Confirmation Parent Registration Night: Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Church**

(Parents need to bring a copy of the child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate)

Registration Forms will be provided at the meeting, following a brief talk by Msgr. Pat. **At least one parent has to be present. Child does not need to be present.**

**Registration Forms will NOT be provided online, as the Parent Meeting is necessary in order to review the process, discuss the materials, and assign dates.**

**Dates for First Communion and Confirmation will be announced at the Registration meeting.**



### **St. Edward's CWL General Meeting**

We invite all women in the parish to join us for our next General Meeting: **Thursday, October 16, 2025.**

Starting with a Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by a talk from Eileen Sampson – RMT who has learned over the years how the body, mind and spirit mechanisms work and how to improve physical, mental and emotional health.

To sign up as a member or any questions email [stedwardcwl@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardcwl@gmail.com) (Monica, President CWL)

### **NEW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG ADULTS – MARRIED OR SINGLE**

#### **REAL LIFE - REAL FAITH**

St. Edward the Confessor invites all young adults, married or single, aged 18-39 years of old, to attend a special gathering, entitled "Real Life - Real Faith" on Saturday, October 25, 2025, in the parish hall, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This new ministry invites young adults to grow in faith, meet others, and get real about being Catholic today. Please also consult the poster on the lobby bulletin board to access the bar code to RSVP.

*Parish Office closed Monday, October 13, 2025  
For Thanksgiving*







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