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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*
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Parish Ministries

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Sunday of Advent

HOW OFTEN IN these next few weeks will we hear the question "Are you all ready for Christmas?" Gifts, baking, parties...so little time, so much to do. In today's readings, we hear the same question but in a much broader, more profound context. Simply put, are we ready, not just for Christmas Day, but for the coming of Christ into our lives?

As Christians, we are a people who live in hope, knowing that, while this life isn't going to last forever, there is something even more wonderful awaiting us. This doesn't mean that we are to live our lives detached from this world. Today's Gospel speaks of people eating and drinking, grinding meal, working the fields. Ordinary people living ordinary lives. And it is precisely into this very ordinariness that Jesus comes.

When Jesus tells us to stay awake, He's not just pointing to the end of time. He's also inviting us to live in the present moment, to be attentive to the many ordinary ways He enters our daily lives. Perhaps it's the newly arrived immigrant fearing her welcome in an unknown land. Maybe it's the recently widowed neighbour dreading his first Christmas alone. As we prepare to celebrate the wonder of God coming to us as a baby we open ourselves anew to the many opportunities to welcome Him in our midst each day. *(Reflection of Teresa Whalen Lux of Living with Christ)*

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, Saturday, Dec. 6th.**

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

Thank You

The Good Shepherd Ministries would like to express their thanks for your generous support of our Thanksgiving food drive. Because of you, they were able to continue to serve more than 900 meals. Through your generosity, they have been able to live out their mission of gratitude.

May God bless you and your families for your continued commitment to helping those in need.



Monday, December 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Amoroso Family

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Eric Mullaney Sr.
Happy 90th Birthday to Luigia Colussi
Intentions of Tracy Lo & Terry Ho

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Eric Mullaney Jr.

Thursday, December 4, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Michael Paul
+ Joe & Olga Stoyko
Special Intentions of Romit Fernandes

Friday, December 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Leung/Szeto Family

Saturday, December 6, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Judy Fernandez
+ Isidro, Hipolito & Juan Chin
+ Diane Pedley

4:30 p.m. + Eustace Pereira

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Brian Wong
9:30 a.m. + Deceased Family of Onorio Carlesimo
11:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Pereira Family

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY December 8, 2025

In addition to the morning Mass, at 8:30 a.m., there will be an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12, 2025

Besides the regular 8:30 a.m. morning Mass, we shall have an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the parish hall. There will be music and food. Come and celebrate this annual feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ShareLife Awards Grant to St. Edward's

ShareLife has generously granted \$25,000 to St. Edward's Society of St. Vincent de Paul to address food insecurity in our neighbourhood. These funds will be used to partner with local charity NeighbourLink in providing two food banks in Willowdale. NeighbourLink purchases fresh, healthy food to supplement the canned and boxed food generously donated by our parishioners and other churches in Willowdale. The SSVF is grateful to ShareLife and each one of you for your generosity in helping us show God's love to our neighbours in need.



Young adults from ages 18-39 are invited to join us this Saturday, November 29th, for Mass, a talk, and a social. Mass will be in the Church at 9:00 AM, and the talk and social will follow. The Talk will be entitled *Awkward Conversations: Christian Morals in a Secular World*. Participants are asked to register using the QR code.

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Seniors' Christmas Luncheon For Dec. 3rd is fully booked. We thank all who will be assisting with the luncheon and to all the seniors for their great witness of faith and service to the Church over the years. May God continue to bless them in their faith and in their continued service.

SAVE THE DATE

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 2025 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Children's Christmas Pageant

St. Edward's Church will again present the traditional Children's Christmas Pageant at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve for the 39th year.

We invite all families with children from 4 to 14 years, to be a part of the Pageant.

If your child or children are interested in being part of this exciting tradition, please meet us in the Little Lambs Room (downstairs) on Tuesday Dec. 9th, at 5:30 pm.

For more information or questions email Connie Marsh at: conniejeanmarsh@gmail.com

Day of Confessions

On **Monday, December 15th**, we will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas. Msgr. Pat has set the following schedule for confession times at St. Edward's Parish (extra priests will be here to assist).

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Offertory envelopes for 2026 are available in the lobby. The boxes are in alphabetical order by last name. Please check your name and address on the box. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office – 416-221-9131.



ANGEL TREE

Our annual parish Angel Tree program which assists needy families in our community at Christmas, is more urgent than ever before, due to continuous rising costs which have made meeting basic needs unaffordable for many families.

As in past years, we are organizing the Angel Tree in the foyer and will have tags identifying the age and gender of children from needy families we will be assisting at Christmas.

This year, we shall be helping:

- families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish
- outreach assistance to the homeless served by the Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto
- families served by the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

In order to empower the parents to provide a meaningful gift to their children, St. Vincent de Paul requests the giving of store gift cards, whereas the Catholic Children's Aid prefers gifts as mentioned on the tags. For Good Shepherd, gift cards are indicated on the tags; we will use the gift cards to shop for warm winter clothing to be sent down to Good Shepherd for distribution to those in need.

How to get a Tag

You can get tags from the two Angel Trees this weekend **Nov. 29th /30th**.

How to Return the Tag

You may return your gifts or gift cards with the tag attached on this weekend **Nov. 29/30 or next weekend Dec. 6/7**. A gift box for returns will be located on a table by the parish office or place your gifts under the Angel Tree. Please return your donation no later than **12:00 noon on December 7**.

THE OTHER MAJOR CHRISTMAS DRIVE

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember we have the special St. Vincent de Paul collection on the weekend of **December 6th/7th**, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas. This particular collection also assists the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish to maintain their funding for their important ministry throughout the year, and not simply at Christmas. Thank you, also, for remembering the poor with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby.

This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful. May God bless all our special efforts in helping those in need.



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