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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*

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Parish Ministries

55+ CLUB - 416-222-5139

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Monica Figueredo
stedwardcwl@gmail.com

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2nd Sunday of Advent

ADVENT! JUST AS children's eyes sparkle and their hearts sing with anticipation of this season of light in the darkness, so our adult hearts can become sparkling clean to welcome the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire. And it is John the Baptist who still leads the way,

When John the Baptizer was in prison and sent his disciples to Jesus, Our Lord hailed him as "Elijah who is to come: and note that no prophet had arisen who was greater than John. What was the message of this humble desert-dwelling evangelist?

Today's Gospel proclaims John's message. Because the kingdom of heaven is at hand, we are to repent – to suddenly become completely new. And, as John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to be baptized, our lives need to bear fruit worthy of repentance. Finally, we are to ponder the advent – the drawing near, past, present and future – of the One who baptizes with Holy Spirit and with a fire that lights up this season of humanity-transforming event of the incarnation of Jesus who is God Saves, may we – adults in the faith – be found with sparkling hearts that are truly repentant and producing fruits worthy of repentance.

(Reflection of Beverly Maug 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, December 20th

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

SAVE THE DATE

Children's Christmas Party

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

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.



Monday, December 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

7:00 p.m. + Efrosyni Penkleous

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Mary Sestito

+ Eric Mullaney Sr. & Jr.

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Anthony Pillai

Thursday, December 11, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Darrin, Joanne & Florence Wilkie

+ Bruno Fabbruzzo

+ Domingo & Elena Cabalza Abuzo

Blessings for Raul Duran

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. Blessings & Good Health for Sr. Theresina Kim

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 13, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Geraldine Oray

+ Satendra Ganjoo

+ Helen Stewart Coleman & John Martin Moore

Intentions of Chan Mee Chin & Family

4:30 p.m. Birthday Wishes for Therese Leung

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mariani Family

9:30 a.m. + Vincenza Ruggiero

11:00 a.m. Protection of the Unborn Children



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12, 2025

In addition to 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.

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.

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

Youth Contests 2026!

The Catholic Women's League of St. Edward the Confessor Parish invites all youth to grow in faith, build confidence, and share their gifts! Contests include the:

1. Mary Matthews Public Speaking (Grades 7-8)
2. Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry (Grades 7-12)
3. Jean McCann Service Award (Ages 15-18)
4. CWL Michael's Scholarship.

Registration deadline: Dec. 11, 2025.

Contest and submission dates run Feb.-May 2026.

Questions or more details on how to apply:

Email Gene: stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Website: cwltoronto.ca

Catholic Girls League

The Catholic Girls League (CGL) will meet on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025 – 6:15 p.m. – 8:30 a.m. The evening will include a movie and reflection on our Saint of the Month. Girls ages 10 – 16 are invited to join us.

Please register at:

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

For questions, email Gene:

stedward75cgl@gmail.com



Young Adults from ages 18 to 39 are invited to attend our upcoming Advent Retreat. Information and registration are available using the QR link.



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.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025

4:30 p.m.

(with Children's Christmas Pageant)

7:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th, 2025

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 27th, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 28th, 2025

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.



Thank you to all who helped in any way with the annual Seniors' Christmas Lunch. The event was sold out. A special thanks to the members of the social committee, and the volunteers from the various other organization in the parish.



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