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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.*
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Parish Ministries

55+ CLUB - 416-222-5139

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent

AMONG THOSE BORN of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” During Advent, we recall Christ’s birth and anticipate Christ’s coming at the end of time. Not only did Jesus come into the world some 2,000 years ago: He is with us still, through the Holy Spirit. We might feel called to ask: why did Jesus choose to become a human being?

Both the first reading and the Gospel today help us answer this question: God wants to heal us. Jesus came to heal us. More than the physical, Jesus wants to heal us of our weaknesses and sin: to purify, sanctify and glorify us. He comes to raise humanity to Himself.

When Jesus praises John the Baptist in today’s Gospel, He then says that even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John. That means each of us, members of the body of Christ who hope to join Him in His kingdom, will be *greater than John the Baptist*. The beauty that He has in store for us is beyond our imagination!

Our eager hope as we approach Christmas is a very personal one. We await Our Lord’s work in us: the healing He has wrought, is working and will continue to work in us. (*Reflection of Gabrielle Tonelli 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, January 17th**

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



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas party will be held this Sunday, December 14, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Doors to the hall will open at 12:00 p.m. This is open to all children and their families. No cost for the event.



Monday, December 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Lerru Desamero

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Irene Maranan
+ Maria Teresa Agostino
Thanksgiving – Merced Family

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Bozena Potasiewicz

Thursday, December 18, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Peter Boaretto
+ Teresa Rodrigues
+ Mary Ng
+ Novita
+ Kim-Ya Poon
+ MIC Sister Lucy Virginia Hung

Friday, December 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. + James & Margaret Smith

Saturday, December 20, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Beatrice Duran
Birthday Wishes for Jeannine Pereira
+ Francisco & Bertha D’Souza
+ Francisco & Carmeline Fernandes
+ MIC Sister Lucy Virginia Hung
+ Souls of Hong Kong Tai Po Fire
+ Helen & Lazara Nituda

4:30 p.m. + Catherine Chang in Thanksgiving to God

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Tesa Family
9:30 a.m. + August Lerch
11:00 a.m. + Stefania Piatek & Family

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.

SHARELIFE – DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

Your love is helping put food on the table... Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish’s ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Through your support for ShareLife and the Food Security Grants, you are ensuring that food finds its way to the tables of those who need it most.

ANGEL TREE



Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Program, which assists the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish and St. Clare's parish, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed before Christmas. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas. A more detailed report will be presented once all deliveries have been made.

**Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year
Sunday, December 28, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.
Feast of the Holy Family**

You are invited to attend the closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28th at 11:00 a.m. The celebrant will be Msgr. Pat O'Dea. All are welcome.

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: January 2, 2026

Contest and submission dates run Feb.–May 2026.

Questions or more details on how to apply:

Email Gene: stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Website: cwltoronto.ca

Annual Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

St. Edward's Parish will again present the true story of Christmas, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve!

Thank you to all those who signed up as we look forward to the presentation of the true Christmas story.

As the first meeting for Pageant practice had to be cancelled, we will now meet on Tuesday December 16, at 5:30pm. Please email Connie Marsh if you have not already at: conniejeanmarsh@gmail.com.



Offering 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.





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